

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY HALL
ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 1.10PM.

PRESENT

J. Duxbury, G. Gibb, R. Molloy, R. Squire, M. Pinner, N. Higgs, P. Connors, S. Mathews.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor)
D. Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

K. Gibson, R. Gibson, J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)

R. Molloy / R. Squire - Carried

BUSINESS

B. Chinn opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”***

R. Squire / S. Mathews - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Discussion took place on Transit New Zealand’s shared funding response on the upstream spur. At this stage, Transit New Zealand indicated that it would be unlikely to attract funding under current funding restrictions. At this stage, no immediate work is proposed for the upstream area.

W. Moen explained that he had left a set of aerial photographs with Kevin Gibson.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2005. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$136,407.48.

Moved: ***“That the financial report for the 2004 / 2005 year be adopted”.***

G. Gibb / R. Squire - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

No matters were arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$0) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$26,400.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

Moved: *“That the Works Report covering the 2004 / 2005 financial year be adopted and the 2005 / 2006 works proposals be approved.”*
J. Duxbury / G. Gibb - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *“That the present committee, namely:
Chris Brooks
Kevin Gibson
Sheena Mathews
be retained as the committee for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”*
S. Mathews / G. Gibb - Carried

Moved: *“That Kevin Gibson be elected as the spokesperson for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”*
S. Mathews / G. Gibb - Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. S. Mathews asked if new subdivision properties were included in the rating district. W. Moen explained that once the sections received titles that they would automatically be included in the rating district by Quotable Values.

Moved: *“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2006 / 2007 financial Year be \$35,000 + G.S.T.”*
S. Mathews / G. Gibb - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

P. Connors outlined Transit New Zealand’s view on the funding ratios for the Franz Josef area and pointed out that Transit New Zealand were not the only beneficiaries for the downstream left bank protection works. He also pointed out that the ratepayers should consider absorbing these works into the rating district, however, stating that no consensus was required at this meeting. He also pointed out that the area would not attract preventative maintenance funding as there was only 5 millions dollars allocated annually nationwide. D. Horn advised that the rock bridge abutments had been topped up and that the bridge was essential to the continued life of the town. Neville Higgs felt that the levels of protection were adequate at the present time. G. Gibb explained that downstream works could be outflanked if the upstream Transit works failed as a result of non maintenance. It was generally agreed that no major changes had taken place in the river patterns over the last year but that a watching brief should be kept on the river at all times. P. Connors felt that locals may not agree with the level and design of the Transit works. Most of those ratepayers present did not share Transit New Zealand’s remedial works designs. Other speakers included R. Squire, R. Molloy and S. Mathews.

W. Moen detailed the cross section information that was being recovered progressively over the past 5 years and pointed out that extra design work was required to ascertain the current service potential of the stopbanks. He explained that there might be some outside funding available to the Regional Council for this work. D. Horn suggested that some of the financial requirements for this work probably should come from general rates as well as possible funding from the utility holders such as Transit.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.55 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer

5 December 2005