

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY HALL ON 15 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 09.00 AM.

#### PRESENT

M. Fokkes, G. Gibb, C. Brooks, W. Jones, R. de Graaf, K. Gibson, C. Roy, T. Gibb, I. Hartshorne

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council  
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson, (Councillor)  
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

#### APOLOGIES

A. Miller

*K. Gibson / B. Chinn - Carried*

#### BUSINESS

D. Davidson 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 16 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*K. Gibson / B. Chinn- Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen provided an update on the surveying and engineering design work for the stopbank upgrade. The banks involved are the south side bank, the camping ground bank and two on the right side. W. Moen stated that the cost of the design work is \$3,000 it is ratepayer funded. W. Moen advised that he does not yet have the costings to hand but \$9,000 has been spent to date on surveying work and topping up. This design is to raise the bank back up to the 100-year standard as currently it is to below a 50-year standard. Discussion ensued regarding the current height of the stopbank. W. Moen gave a detailed description of what is required in order to bring the stopbank up to the 100 year standard, he will send a copy of the design to the rating district spokesperson, Mr K. Gibson. W. Moen will report back to the rating district once the design is finalised to ascertain whether or not to proceed with the upgrade as special meeting maybe required.

**Moved:** *"That the Franz Josef Rating District proceed with the design work for the upgrade of the stopbanks."*

*G. Gibb / K. Gibson - Carried*

#### FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. The opening balance for the year was \$278,272.83 and the current credit balance is \$263,688.58.

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".*

*C. Roy / C. Brookes - Carried*

## **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. \$50,400 worth of works were carried during the reporting period.

As a result of the inspection carried out on 30 July 2009 an estimated \$22,500 worth of works were identified for the 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 period. W. Moen advised this work has been tendered out but not yet started as it is arranged to coincide with work scheduled in the Lower Waiho area. W. Moen clarified that the two new spurs to be put in are on the right bank beside the church. These spurs are designed to keep the river out of this corner.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved.***

*K. Gibson / M. Fokkes – Carried*

## **RATES 2010 / 2011**

W. Moen advised that last year's rate strike was \$35,000 and the recommended rate strike for this year is \$100,000 (GST Excl). This would give a balance of \$270,000 at the beginning of the 2010 / 2011 year. In view of works required for the coming year it is suggested that the rate strike for this year be increased to \$100,000.

M. Fokkes stated that there is a leak in the stopbank near the helipad area and he hopes that the Helicopter Company will pay for the repair of this leak.

R. de Graaf stated that it would be hard for people to come up with \$100,000. He stated this is a lot of money to come up with especially in view of the recession. He stated that this is triple of last year's rate strike. W. Moen stated that the rating district might have to consider taking out a loan. S. Moran advised that either way the rating district would be hit with both a maintenance rate and a loan repayment and if the works are going to be paid out of the maintenance account then the money needs to be put back into the maintenance account. Discussion ensued with the advantages of having money in the account highlighted along with the process followed if a loan is raised. G. Gibb suggested the option of paying half this year and half next year, which means \$50,000 this year and \$50,000 next year for the rate strike.

**Moved:** ***"That the recommended rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year be \$50,000 GST Excl"***

*G. Gibb / C. Roy – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current members of the rating district committee. Tim Gibb and Ian Hartshorne were nominated onto the committee and Alex Miller was removed from the committee.

**Moved:** ***"That the present committee, namely:***

***Chris Brooks  
Kevin Gibson  
Chris Roy  
Grant Gibbs  
Tim Gibb  
Ian Hartshorne***

***be appointed as the committee for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

*K. Gibson / M. Fokkes - Carried*

**Moved:** ***"That K. Gibson be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

*C. Roy / G. Gibb - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.28 am.

### **Action Points:**

- W. Moen to send design to rating district spokesperson (K. Gibson)