

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHSIDE HOKITIKA RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ROOMS ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 7.40 PM.

PRESENT

P. Oliver, N. Gallop, H. Hamilton, R. Bostwick, M. Montagu, R.G. Montagu, S. Gordon, S. McCallum

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

B & D. Bostwick, Cr D. Davidson

N. Gallop / H. Hamilton - 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 Thursday 19 October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

N. Gallop / H. Hamilton - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen updated the meeting on the matter of exposed bridge piles in the Hokitika River. C. Ingle from WCRC has written to LINZ, OnTrack and Transit regarding this matter. LINZ has advised that responsibility for the removal of the piles is with OnTrack. Council will advise the Rating District Chair when final discussions and conclusive. W. Moen spoke to the Telecom service agent who advised that most had been covered by sand build up. N. Gallop advised that one is still exposed. H. Hamilton advised that none of these have been covered with sand. S. Moran advised that it seems as though it is OnTrack who should be doing something about this matter. S. Moran stated that there was no condition on the consent requiring the removal of the piles if it was pre 1991 and the Resource Management Act. S. Gordon advised that the bridge was opened in 1991. W. Moen agreed to inspect this area at low tide and GPS the area of concern. S. Gordon stated that this issue should not be in the minutes as it is not a rating district issue.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$5,043.93.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2006/ 2007 year be adopted".*

S. Gordon / S. McCallum - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

P. Oliver asked what staff time was spent on. W. Moen advised this was for time to attend meetings, annual inspection and preparing reports.

WORKS REPORT

There were no works carried out during the 2006 / 2007 financial year. An inspection was carried out on the 26th of July this year. H. Hamilton reported that there was slumping on the top of a spur. W. Moen advised that 300 tonne of rock is required to top up the top spur. It is estimated this would cost around \$8,400 also an allowance of \$2,000 for possible maintenance work.

S. Gordon asked if there is a minimum tonnage for the stockpile, W. Moen advised that it is important to have rock on hand in case of an emergency, he advised to have a minimum of 4-500 tonne on hand at all times. S. Moran advised that WCRC promote this advice to all rating district schemes.

H. Hamilton asked if the works required are put out to tender. W. Moen confirmed this. S. Moran confirmed that all works are in consultation with the Chairman of the Rating District. W. Moen spoke of the importance of having money in reserve and recommended the meeting to always consider this factor. Extensive discussion regarding the \$2,000 for possible maintenance expenditure took place with both W. Moen and S. Moran offering advice on future works and the importance of having funds in place. S. Moran ensured that the meeting fully understood what they were agreeing to.

Moved: ***"That the Rating District accepts the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved and the associated works implemented."***

H. Hamilton / S. Gordon - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That H. Hamilton be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year and that all members of the Rating District be members of the Committee."***

N. Gallop / P. Oliver - Carried

RATES 2008 / 2009

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. W. Moen drew attention to the revised Asset Management Plan recommendation of an average of \$10,000 rate strike per year.

S. Moran clarified that all works are exclusive of GST.

W. Moen reminded the rating district that whatever rate or nil rate the rating district recommends to Council that this is only a recommendation and Council can adjust this if it is felt it is not high enough or suitable. H. Hamilton calculated that the rating district would be \$800 in the red if a rate were not struck. R. Montagu spoke of land values and in the increase of land prices since works have been implemented. There was general discussion around the topic of land values and the rating scheme in general.

Moved: ***"That the recommended rate strike for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year be \$5,000.00 (GST Exclusive)."***

S. Gordon / S. McCallum - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

H. Hamilton asked W. Moen when the works would be carried out. W. Moen thought they would be complete by the end of October.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 PM.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
20 September 2007