

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KANIERE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KANIERE HALL
ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2003, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

G. Linklater, P. McLaughlin, H. Collett, A. Fraser, G. Provis, M. Orchard

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

J.Wood, D. Davidson, P. Ewen (Councilors)
R. Lowe, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, D. Horn (West Coast Regional Council)

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 10 April 2002, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***

H. Collett / P. McLaughlin - (Carried)

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen again outlined previous concerns at the cost of LAPP premiums and advised that Council had decided to pay all rating district premiums in the future. It was generally felt by councilors that as the protection of these works was in the regional interest, the cost of insuring these assets should be met by the region as a whole.

A. Fraser sought clarification on the upstream boundary of the scheme.

H. Colett pointed out that the works ended at the bottom of the eastern hill.

W. Moen explained that the scheme was an erosion scheme only.

H. Collett felt that there was no threat from flooding at this stage.

A. Fraser felt that there might be some problems with surface drainage during a flood event.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2002 financial year.

Moved: ***“That the financial statements for the 2002 period ending 31 December 2002 be adopted”.***

P. McLaughlin / H. Collett – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That H. Collett be re-elected as Spokesperson for the 2003 / 2004 financial year”***

M. Orchard / G. Provis - Carried

RATES 2003 / 2004

Discussion took place on the perceived rate level for 2003 / 2004.

D. Davidson asked if any damage was evident.

G. Linklater explained that he was not concerned at this point.

He felt that increased development of farmland upstream, created increased downstream flows, which could generate problems in the future.

W. Moen explained that the Asset Management Plan annualised maintenance figure for the Kaniere Rating District was \$8,500 and pointed out that \$20,000 was not a really adequate reserve in an emergency situation.

H. Collett felt that \$20,000 was adequate and said that if extra money was required in a hurry, ratepayers would find the extra.

R. Lowe again explained that any rate figure supplied from the Annual General Meeting was only an indication, as Council made the final decision on the rates level.

Moved: “That a rate strike of \$2,000 + G.S.T. be set for the 2003 / 2004 financial Year”.

H. Collett / P. McLaughlin - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Wood spoke on the quarry issue pointing out that the quarries were now running on a break – even basis.

He also mentioned that some of the unprofitable, under utilised quarries had been relinquished.

R. Lowe outlined the particular quarries and explained that none of these were in the vicinity and mentioned that Council's quarry operations had not been economic over the past 2 years due to a lack of major floods.

J. Wood asked staff to outline the Southside Rating District scenario.

Both R. Lowe and W. Moen emphasised that the area upstream of the southside erosion was not involved in the proposed rating district.

H. Collett asked if the meetings had to be held annually.

W. Moen believed that as a rate strike had to be determined every year, it was necessary to have a meeting to gauge ratepayers' views.

John Wood discussed the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. David Horn, outlining his extensive local government experience.

A Fraser asked who was responsible for roadside drains, given the increased burden on these, by upstream development.

Staff advised him, that it was a District Council function.

J. Wood advised that submissions on the Draft Land and Riverbed Plan had closed, however many submissions had been received and other Council staff were collating these for further submissions.

D. Davidson gave a brief outline of the problems associated with “humping and hollowing” if left uncontrolled.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Wayne Moen
Senior Engineering Officer.