

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KANIERE RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE St JOHNS ROOMS, STAFFORD STREET, HOKITIKA ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 6.35 PM.

#### PRESENT

M. Orchard, J. Jones, G. Linklater, H. Collett, M. Dyne, K. Burrows, K. Apperley, A. Tacon, I. Mitchell

#### IN ATTENDANCE

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

#### APOLOGIES

A. Dyne, P. Burrows

*H. Collett / G. Linklater - Carried*

#### BUSINESS

Cr Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

**Moved:** *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 15 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*H. Collet / M. Orchard - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen advised that D. Diedrichs's side road was used for access to the area where the survey work was done.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2013. He advised that at the start of the reporting period there was \$59,226.18 in the account. He advised that outgoings were \$6,639.75 with the survey costs coming in slightly cheaper than anticipated. The closing balance as at 30 June this year is \$58,369.02.

#### WORKS REPORT

W. Moen spoke to the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He advised that just over \$3,000 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period with \$2,137.50 being spent on survey work. W. Moen carried out an inspection in August and no maintenance works were identified. W. Moen advised that further increased erosion that has taken place upstream of the existing works and it is recommended that remedial works be considered as escalation of erosion is occurring in the upper unprotected part of the scheme. W. Moen advised that he included a paper in the agenda that outlines the proposed works and costs for this work. W. Moen suggested that \$3,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

C. Ingle advised that the focus is now more on maintenance works rather than capital works in the works report and that is why there is a separate report on the proposed capital works, which is the big issue. C. Ingle stated that under the Local Government Act council has particular responsibilities to maintain assets. He stated that maintenance is a necessary, but rating districts do have discretion over new capital works.

### **RATES 2013 / 2014**

Cr Davidson advised that the recommended rate strike is \$10,000. H. Collett moved that the rate strike is \$5,000. M. Dyne seconded this. C. Ingle explained the prudent reserve to the meeting and advised that all rating districts have now been encouraged to have a prudent reserve. This is to cover for when there might be a flood event when significant damage is done to the rating district's assets. C. Ingle advised that a prudent reserve for the Kaniere rating district is around \$40,000.

### **PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS**

W. Moen displayed a map of the area where the proposed works are located. C. Ingle stated that the river is slowly eating away in this area. M. Dyne spoke of historic photos that he has and stated that he feels it the river could also build up and go back out again. W. Moen stated there is a large channel in the back of this area. Cr Davidson asked the meeting if they wished to proceed with the works or leave it for another 12 months and review this again. C. Ingle stated that should the river get into the old river channel there would be cause for concern. W. Moen advised that four metres have been lost in around ten months. A. Tacon commented that this is cyclic and that there would be lots of changes. Extensive discussion ensued. M. Dyne moved that the work is put in abeyance for a year and relooked at. G. Linklater is keen for this work to be completed. C. Ingle advised that if a loan was to be taken out it would need to be for over \$100,000 and would result in a rate rise of at least double of what is being paid now. M. Orchard stated that another option is to keep adding to the rating district account and that way they are earning interest and not paying interest.

**Moved:**        *"That the erosion protection proposal is placed in abeyance for another year and considered again next year. "*

*M. Dyne / K. Apperley  
G. Linklater against*

M. Orchard asked for further discussion on this motion. C. Ingle stated that the main concern is that if the proposed works need to be done as emergency works at any time, it will cost a lot more. C. Ingle advised that if the works are done via a tender process then a much better price would come in a lot cheaper.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The names of the current committee and spokesperson were read out. Cr Davidson asked if all were still available, this was confirmed. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

A speaker asked if survey work was done on the true boundary. W. Moen advised that this was an approximate boundary. He said that the boundary could be picked up but this was a levels survey and if the works were to go ahead then further survey work could be done.

Cr Davidson thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

**Action Points**

- Monitor the distance to the river from the survey line and if the river get to within 20 metres of the line, call an urgent meeting of the rating district.