

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL LIBRARY
ON THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

I.Lodge, B.Lodge, H.McNabb, K.Nail, D.Straight, H.MacBeth,
G.Volkman, G.May, K.Storer, R.Sampson, T.Arcron, B.Langford, D.Simkin, P.Langford, B.
Jojnes, Q.Jamieson, P.Murray

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
J. Clayton (Councillor)
C.Ingles (CEO)
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

P.Sampson
R. Scarlett, (West Coast Regional Council)

R.Sampson / G.Volkman - Carried

BUSINESS

J. Clayton 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
Tuesday 8 November 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of
that meeting.”*

D. Simkin / B.Jones - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that the minutes had been written 3 weeks ago and comments regarding stock damage to the stop banks may have changed noting repairs had since been made.

General discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of said repairs and access through private land and payment of future repairs. Also the need to prohibit stock on the stop bank.

Speakers included: R. Sampson, K. Storer, H. McNabb, D. Straight

W. Moen used as an example the Riverbed near the bridge where if this were fenced off it would prohibit use for the farmer. Therefore it was better to erect a firm crossing keeping it well maintained. The council would visit and assess together with the committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006. This left the account with a current up-to-date credit balance of approximately \$220,000.00

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

K. Storer / H. McNabb - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen remarked that the cost of the latest survey was paid for with General Rates.

C. Ingle explained that Council has funds for cross sections but as for all rating districts this would not be enough and in future these costs would be split 50/50 with the Rating District. These were anticipated every 2-3 years.

W. Moen further explained how this information was used eg. to monitor gravel movement etc

The cross sections done in June were the basis for the report but there had been no comparisons & analysis done to previous years due to the cost of such work. The raw data was there if analysis was required in the future.

A Report had been done in a joint venture between the Buller District Council and WCRC. It had been paid for with General Rates and although presented at the recent BDC meeting, WCRC had agreed to discuss its findings first with this meeting and then with BDC. The report was only draft and not everyone had seen it as yet. It was agreed to talk further about it in general business.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He outlined that no works had been carried out during the period and outlined a proposed allowance of \$5,000.00 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 and associated works implemented.”*

B. Jones / B. Langford - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Kevin Storer

Darryl Simkin

Brian Jones

Dick Straight

Graham Maw

Bevan Langford

be retained as the committee for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”

B. Langford / B. Jones - Carried

Moved: *“That K. Storer be re- elected as the spokesperson for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”*

B. Langford / B. Jones - Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Speakers included: D. Simkin, W. Moen, J. Clayton and B. Jones

Moved: ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2006 / 2007 financial Year be \$19,000 + G.S.T.”***

B. Langford /B. Jones - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen pointed out to those present that in his opinion as a river engineer that it was essential that water levels at high flood events be recorded by locals in order to more clearly ascertain the service potential of the current stopbanks in the township area.

He also again expressed concern at the potential threat to the area, given the silty nature of the stopbank material and the apparent lack of adequate freeboard during average flood events.

W. Moen also 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. J. Clayton suggested that some of the financial requirements for this work probably should come from general rates, as there was a regional benefit.

D. Simkin expressed concern at the apparent uncooperation of those farmers who continued to allow cattle access to the stopbanks.

W. Moen outlined his concerns and suggested that in other similar rating district areas there was generally accepted rule that no cattle be allowed on the stopbank to prevent further damage.

Other speakers included: J. Clayton, B. Langford and D. Simkin.

Moved: ***“That a letter be sent to the 3 affected landowners, expressing the Rating District’s concern at the apparent lack of co-operation in reducing stock damage to the banks.”***

D. Simkin / B. Langford - Carried

Ratepayers asked that a tenure map be prepared to show the boundary overlays on the affected land. Another suggestion was that a single “hotwire” on top of the stopbank would help.

It was explained to those present that the Operations Manager, R. Lowe, was ceasing employment with the Council. The ratepayers asked that a vote of thanks be made to him for his past services.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
6 December 2005