

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KONGAHU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE LITTLE WANGANUI HOTEL
ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 1.15PM.

PRESENT

B. Jones, G. Volckman, R. Hedgman.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
J. Clayton, (Councillor)
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

K. Kees, D. Horn (West Coast Regional Council)

G. Volckman / B. Jones - 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 Monday 1 November 2004 ,be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”***

G. Volckman / B. Jones - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

It was acknowledged that Council’s consent staff had failed to notify all submitters of the conditions of the granted resource consent for the continued spraying of the Kongahu swamp area. The consent documents had since been sent to the Chairperson for his information.

Aerial spraying quotes for the February 2005 work was outlined in the works report.

W. Moen pointed out that Department of Conservation had indicated general support for a minor cleanout of the estuarine outlet below the road bridge.

G. Volckman raised the issue of continued land development upstream of the rating district area and advised Council that it needs to keep close interest in the proposed development. J. Clayton felt that some contingencies should be in place in the development phase to contain sediment runoff.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2005. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$34,004.04.

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

G. Volckman / B. Jones - 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 2004 to 30 June 2005.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$3,808.50) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$8,500.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2004 / 2005 financial year be adopted, the 2005 / 2006 works proposals be approved and the projected works implemented if required.”***

G. Volckman / R. Hedgman - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That G. Volckman be re-elected as the spokesperson and that the committee comprise of all ratepayers for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”***

B. Jones / R. Hedgman - Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Speakers included: G. Volckman, B. Jones and R. Hedgman.

Moved: ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2006 / 2007 financial Year be \$7,600 + G.S.T.”***

G. Volckman / R. Hedgman - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

B. Jones indicated that the spraying of the drains had to be an annual event. He also felt that a cleanout of the lower drainage area was probably required.

Moved: ***“That a cleanout through B. Jones’ property (approximately 2 hours) be carried out. B. Jones to organise excavator to clean out this section.”***

G. Volckman / R. Hedgman - Carried

B. Jones reported a considerable sediment build up and willow infestation in the lower reaches of the scheme. He explained that under flood conditions the access road acted as a natural spillway for flood waters. G. Volckman suggested that spaying the willows may help. B. Jones agreed to contact the Buller District Council for assistance and will report back to Council if further help is required.

G. Volckman acknowledged the long service contribution by R. Lowe and asked that the rating districts appreciation be conveyed to him.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

Wayne Moen

River Engineer
6 December 2005