

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KONGAHU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE LITTLE WANGANUI HOTEL
ON THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM.

PRESENT

B. Jones, G. Volckman, H. MacBeth, L. Kees,

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

R. Scarlett, R. Hedgeman,

B.Jones / J.Clayton - 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.”***

B.Jones / J.Clayton - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

B. Jones reported on the build up of gravel and bush along the riverbanks of Granite Creek. He explained that tree branches needed pruning as they were hanging in the water and restricting flows.

It was reported that if this work needed to be carried out B. Jones agreed to organise this work.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006. This left the account with an up-to-date credit balance of approximately \$39,630.09.

Moved: ***“That the financial report for the 2005 / 2006 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 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$3,984.00) and the clearing of the Blackwater Outlet / Otumahana Lagoon (\$747.50) had been carried out since June 2006. Apart from the spraying no other works were identified for the next year

so a proposed allowance of \$8,500.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2006 / 2007 year was outlined.

Moved: *“That the Works Report covering the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted, the 2006 / 2007 works proposals be approved and the projected works implemented.”*

G. Volckman / L. Kees - Carried

RATES 2007 / 2008

L. Kees questioned the need to keep increasing the account balance as he couldn't see any work needed costing \$40,000.

B. Jones countered that there was work required on Granite Creek with its bed rising an estimated 1.5m over the last 2 years as a result of a large slip further up stream.

H. MacBeth asked what Resource Consents were currently in place here.

C. Ingle said that Council would need to check if there were any in place for the Rating District.

B. Jones understood that he had a consent in place and asked Council staff to check this. He was agreeable for this to be transferred to the Rating District if appropriate.

General discussion ensued on what type of work would need to be done and the effects of those works further downstream and out into the coastal marine area.

A range of possible solutions were also discussed.

These included the erection of a weir to catch debris coming down the Granite Creek.

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Speakers included: G. Volckman, B. Jones and L. Kees.

Moved: *“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2007 / 2008 financial Year be \$7,600 + G.S.T.”*

G. Volckman / L. Kees - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *“That G. Volckman be re-elected as the spokesperson and that the committee comprise of all ratepayers for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”*

L. Kees / B. Jones - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

G. Volckman suggested that, if possible, the aerial spraying of the Scheme be carried out earlier.

W, Moen agreed to contact Kevin Anderson to check availability of helicopters.

G. Volckman said that the Scheme would be prepared to pay the extra hours involved in travelling there rather than waiting for the annual Nelson / Golden Bay link-up.

Concern was raised on the retention of riparian strips, and it was suggested that planting of these might improve channel stability.

L. Kees opposed this theory and commented that vegetation needed to be removed in order to give unimpeded access to the channels.

It was also mentioned that it was the general responsibility of each individual landowner to ensure the banks and channel were kept clear at all times to ensure the continued effectiveness of the drainage scheme,

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
24 November 2006