

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL, KOWHITIRANGI ON FRIDAY, 6 APRIL 2001 COMMENCING AT 11.30 P.M.

#### PRESENT

R. Cagney, J. Michell, R. Love, W. Diedrichs, M. Paterson, P. Cook, D. Amberger, K. Nolan, S. Anderson, G. Hobi, W. Von Ah, S. Keenan, D. Amberger, G. Monk, K. Nolan, F. van den Boomer, M. Von Ah

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council  
B. Duckett, J. Clayton & D. Davidson (Councilors)  
R. Lowe & W. Moen (Staff)

#### APOLOGIES

C. Harris, B. Parker J. Kalin, W. Godfrey, B. Godfrey, J. Paterson, A. Cook.  
T. Day (West Coast Regional Council)

#### BUSINESS

B. Duckett opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

**Moved;**            ***“That a minute’s silence be observed to respect the recent obituaries of: C. Amberger, R. Paterson, B. Lange & J. Dimmick.”***  
S. Keenan/ K. Nolan – carried

A minute’s silence was observed.

**Moved:**            ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 5 May 2000, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***  
P. Cook/ G. Hobi – Carried

#### MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that he had written a letter, on behalf of the Kowhitirangi Rating District committee, to B. Godfrey, outlining their lack of communication over access at the upper end of the scheme.

G. Monk was concerned at the situation given that the land in question was DOC lease and that all ratepayers fronting the Hokitika River made access available for river control purposes, as everyone benefited from the work.

S. Keenan spoke briefly on the concepts of the new proposed revised classification.

W. Moen also spoke in general terms and answered questions.

He advised the meeting that he would get back to them once the information was in a final draft format.

## FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2000 financial period from 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000.

**Moved:**            ***“That the Financial Reports for the 2000 financial period ending 31 December 2000 be adopted.”***

*S. Keenan/ W. Von Ah – Carried*

## MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen outlined the works that were currently being carried out by Colin Thompson Contracting.

S. Keenan pointed out that the final section of continuous rockwork on the Vine Creek outlet was being completed in partnership with the Vine Creek Rating District and also highlighted that an extra 200 tonnes “top-up” was required on the lower rock retard on P. Cook’s frontage

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Moved:**            ***“That S. Keenan be re-elected as Chairperson for the 2001/2002 financial year.”***

*G. Monk/ K. Nolan – Carried*

**Moved:**            ***“That the committee be re-elected for the 2001/2002 financial year”.***

*S. Keenan/ K. Nolan – Carried*

## RATES 2001/2002

S. Keenan felt that as the Rating District account reflected a “healthy” balance, a lower “one-off” rate should be made for this financial period.

W. Moen outlined the current works estimate and the Asset Management Plan requirements.

**Moved:**            ***“That the rates strike for the 2001/2002 financial year be set at \$10,000 + GST.”***

*S. Keenan/K. Nolan – Carried*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

K. Nolan asked for clarification on the new proposed classification.

W. Moen outlined the proposal and explained that the committee was working closely with the Council to ensure a smooth transition.

K. Nolan commented that it was unacceptable that the Department of Conservation would not pay any money into the maintenance of the scheme, yet obtained benefit from the works.

**Moved:**            ***“That the classification, as outlined by W. Moen and endorsed by The committee, be approved for final ratepayer consultation and Special order process.”***

*S. Keenan/ M Paterson - carried*

K. Nolan asked if a hook groyne was being built on the south side of the Kokatahi River.

W. Moen pointed out that minor rock "topping up" of existing works and a series of small 50 tonnes spurs were being built along Havill's frontage to prevent further erosion, but no extensive works were being carried out.

K. Nolan also stated that he was not happy with the pest destruction rate, as he paid approximately \$300 per year yet received no service.

R. Lowe pointed out that contractors had been employed to carry out the works and if any area had not been poisoned, he needed to know as soon as possible, so that the situation could be remedied.

D. Amberger agreed with K. Nolan

R. Lowe explained that contractors from outside the West Coast had supplied the lowest tender and he would follow up the protocols of notifying each landowner before trapping or poisoning on individual properties.

D. Amberger asked if TB was found on a neighbouring property, could the adjacent landowner be notified.

R. Lowe stated that to date he was not aware of any recent reactors in the area.

R. Lowe also pointed out that all landowner approvals had to be obtained before contractors could enter individual properties. This was included in the contracts.

B. Duckett thought that if a 3- way liaison occurred, i.e. landowner access agreement, notification on the starting day, and notification when leaving, it would clear up a lot of misunderstanding.

M. Paterson said that all properties had been covered, and that all random monitoring had been carried out to RAHAC's standards.

S. Keenan asked what the criteria for letting contracts were.

R. Lowe explained that: price, experience, past history, quality assurance and documentation all were part of the decision-making criteria.

He also pointed out that in some past cases, the lowest tender had been rejected, because it was generally felt that the contractor could not complete the job effectively for the price tendered.

B. Duckett outlined her concerns at the apparent direction that Central Government was taking towards river works.

In her view, the government was withdrawing all financial support for damage suffered as a result of flooding and/or erosion.

Government would, however, still support damage incurred by earthquake or volcanic activities.

R. Lowe explained that this would have an effect on LAPP Fund premiums as local government would have to fund any damage in full, rather than the 40% share at present.

This would have the effect of raising local premiums by approximately 30% in the coming year.

J. Clayton felt that rural Councils had been "sucked in" to the LAPP Scheme and were now being left "high and dry."

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.20 p.m.

W. Moen  
Senior Engineering Officer

