

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE MUELLER COMPLEX, FRANZ JOSEF**  
**ON 14 NOVEMBER 2014, COMMENCING AT 11.04 AM.**

**PRESENT**

C. Brooks, L. Richards, P. Dennehy, R. Molloy, N. Frendrup, C. Frendrup, K. Frendrup, L. Frendrup (Franz Dairies), J. Stone, R. Richards

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
P, McDonnell (Councillor), S. Challenger (Councillor)  
M. Meehan, W. Moen, P. Birchfield, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

R. Quaife. L. Molloy

**BUSINESS**

Cr Challenger 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 12 September 2013, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

*R. Richards / R. Molloy - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

R. Molloy stated that the term of the loan should be ten years and not 20 years. M. Meehan stated that he would talk to Council's accountant and confirm the term and the interest rate for the loan and write to the rating district with this information.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2014. He advised that the opening was just under \$27,000. He advised that the majority of the costs incurred during the reporting period were for the construction of the stopbank and connecting the Rubbish Dump and Milton and Others stopbanks. M. Meehan advised there has been a small amount of maintenance costs incurred. He advised that the maintenance account is currently in a small deficit. M. Meehan advised that there is \$10,000 planned for proposed maintenance works. He stated that \$50,000 is expected into the account from rates but if not much is spent this year then the account will soon be back in the black. The closing balance is \$13,702.14 in deficit.

**WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014. He reported that just over \$303,000 worth of works was carried out during the reporting period. R. Richards asked when rock spurs would be placed on the new bank. W. Moen stated that he will wait to see what the river does before deciding where to put new spurs.

R. Richards stated he would like to see this marked out. R. Richards is concerned that this might not be done soon enough and the river could cut in before the spurs are built. W. Moen stated that it is best to wait to see what is likely to happen and then place rock where it is actually needed. Discussion took place on rock supplies and the direction the river is currently taken. R. Molloy stated that the moraine loop has replenished the rock supply in this area very substantially. M. Meehan stated that C. Brooks made a good point in not wanting to use the rock in this area for spurs on the new bank as it would be good to keep this rock in case the Rubbish Bank stopbank needs topping up or strengthening. W. Moen stated that if anyone notices any problems with the stopbank they need to contact him or the Spokesperson as soon as possible in case work is required.

W. Moen reported that he carried out an inspection on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 and no works were identified.

## **RATES 2015 / 2016**

Cr Challenger advised that the recommended rate strike is \$50,000 which will bring the account back up into the black. He asked the meeting if they would like any discussion about keeping the rate strike at \$50,000 or if they were going to consider extra works would they be interested in increasing this figure. L. Richards queried if the \$50,000 was with no extra works. M. Meehan confirmed this and stated that the loan is on top of this. M. Meehan checked the minutes of the December 2013 Council meeting. The minutes clearly say *"that Council secures a loan on behalf of the Lower Waiho rating district for \$260,000 and that the term of the loan is for ten years"*.

M. Meehan advised that he is awaiting a phone call from the Corporate Services Manager confirming this. M. Meehan advised that the theory behind keeping the maintenance rate strike at \$50,000 is that it has been at \$100,000 in the past but with the loan on top of that, it is another cost and this almost takes it to the \$100,000 anyway. R. Molloy stated that times are pretty tough at the moment and he would like to see the rate strike stay at \$50,000

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

T. Jellyman read out the names of the present committee. Cr Challenger asked if anyone has left the area of if anyone present would like to come onto the committee.

**Moved:** ***"That the present committee be all those present namely:***

***Lee Frendrup  
Neil Frendrup  
Lorraine Richards  
Robin Richards  
Chris Brooks  
Richard Molloy  
Peter Halford  
John Stone  
Peter Dennehy for the 2014 / 2015 financial year."***

**Moved:** ***"That R. Molloy is elected as the spokesperson for the 2014 / 2015 financial year."***

**Moved:** ***"That Robin Richards be elected as the deputy spokesperson for the 2014 / 2015 financial year."***

*C. Brooks / P. Dennehy – Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

M. Meehan advised that the Council has updated all the Asset Management Plans for all rating districts including the Lower Waiho rating district.

M. Meehan advised that Council has put out a draft Bylaw to communities. He advised that intent of the bylaw is to control what happens on stopbanks in the region, to restrict planting on stopbanks which has been a problem in the northern Buller region. There are also rules around

stock grazing on stopbanks. M. Meehan advised that submissions are open until January 2015. He offered information handouts to the meeting.

R. Molloy asked if the Rubbish Dump Stopbank is on DoC land. W. Moen confirmed that this stopbank is not on DoC land, it is just outside of Mr Tripe's boundary. R. Molloy stated that there is a gentleman's agreement in place with Mr Tripe for access to this area. M. Meehan stated that the bylaw protects Council for maintenance to stopbanks should there be a problem with access.

R. Richards asked if the LAPP fund has been replaced. M. Meehan advised that Council is now self-insuring through its Catastrophe Fund, it adds \$50,000 each year and it now has a balance of over \$700,000. M. Meehan advised that LAPP fund was exhausted with the Canterbury earthquakes. He stated that the initial \$500,000 came from Council's investment fund.

R. Richards asked what is going to happen with Canavan's Knob rating district. M. Meehan advised that the money (just over \$30,000) is still sitting in the rating district account. He stated that Council may need to consider where to from here with this rating district next year.

R. Molloy asked what is happening with the south side of the bank near the motels. M. Meehan stated that this is a complex issue and Council is working closely with Westland District Council and central government to come to an arrangement to see the motel moved from its current site. NZTA are also involved as there is a private residence in this area as well. M. Meehan advised that he has spoken with NZTA and there is the ability to widen the bridge and realign the stopbank. This is expensive and unlikely to be done unless it is an emergency. M. Meehan stated that Council has expressed to NZTA that we see it as a high priority and Council would like to see this progressed.

Discussion took place on progress to date with the north bank. M. Meehan advised that W. Moen has been working closely with Electronet, NZTA, Scenic Circle Hotel and Westland District Council around the emergency works that are being done in this area. M. Meehan advised that these parties and the Franz Josef rating district are working together to put together a long term plan for this area. Extensive discussion took place. M. Meehan advised that this would be discussed further at the Franz Josef rating district meeting this afternoon.

A speaker raised the matter of the state highway bridge being washed out in a flood event. M. Meehan advised that NZTA is aware of the situation but it is yet to go up their priority list.

Cr Challenger invited the meeting to take copies of the information supplied by M. Meehan.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.52 a.m.

**ACTION POINT:**

- M. Meehan to write to all members of the rating district to inform them of all aspects relating to the loan.

**Note:**

17.11.14: M. Meehan checked with R. Mallinson, Council's Accountant. R. Mallinson confirmed that the term of the loan is 10 years with a maturity date of 30 June 2023.