

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE ST JOHN'S ROOMS, FRANZ JOSEF
ON 13 OCTOBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 11.05 AM.

PRESENT

R. Richards, N, K, & L. Frendrup, G. Berry (on behalf of T. Bruning)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. McDonnell (WCRC Councillor), S. Challenger (WCRC Councillor)
Westland District Council
B. Smith (WDC Mayor), D. Havill (WDC Councillor)
R. Beal, B. Russ (Staff)

APOLOGIES

G. Tripe, C. Ashton, T. Bruning, M. Meehan

R. Richards / K. Frendrup - Carried

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 9 November 2016, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

R. Richards / K. Frendrup - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Action points were updated. It was agreed that the rate strike would be discussed later in the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2017. He advised that the opening was \$15,615.13, total revenue was \$86,924.54, total expenses for the year were \$57,156.21 and the closing balance is \$45,383.46. The loan balance is \$180,900.00.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. B. Russ advised that emergency works were carried out on the Rubbish Dump to Rata Knoll stopbank as this stopbank does not have any rock protection on it. B. Russ advised a flood event caused damage to this area. He reported that \$16,955 worth of works was carried out during the reporting period.

B. Russ reported that he carried out an inspection in September with the spokesperson and advised that \$20,500 worth of works were identified, this includes \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance. He stated that this work has not been done yet because river training work in the Franz Josef rating district is being considered and this could affect this area of the river. B. Russ

explained this work in detail to the meeting. He advised that if rock is needed in a hurry this may be brought off the Franz Josef rating district but he would need to check first.

RATES 2018 / 2019

It was noted that the prudent reserve for this rating district is \$120,000 and the recommended rate strike is \$84,000. Cr Challenger advised that at the start of the 2018 / 19 financial year the balance in the rating district account is likely to be \$74,000. Discussion took place on the rate strike. N. Frendrup suggested holding off striking the rate until the Tonkin & Taylor report is to hand in case this influences what is required. R. Beal advised that the assets in place still need to be maintained. Extensive discussion took place on matters relating to the Tonkin & Taylor report and the previous history of the area. Cr Challenger advised the meeting that it is prudent to maintain the rate strike at \$84,000 in order to build up the prudent reserve.

B. Russ answered questions relating to river channelling and bulldozer work. He advised that in some rivers this works, but in the Waiho River it would cost a lot of money as a huge amount of gravel would need to be moved, and even after a relatively small flood, the work would be back to square one again.

Extensive discussion took place on the future options for Franz Josef. A speaker advised that a community meeting will be held within the next two weeks. He stated that the Franz Josef Working Group (local working group) is to be upgraded to include people from the south side and a few from the north side. It was stated that the working group will work through two options and work out what these two options are. He stated that they will not be in favour of letting the river go south. G. Berry advised that staff from Tonkin & Taylor were taken over to the south side of the river and went past every property on the south side of the river. R. Beal advised that a letter from Council will be sent out to the Franz Josef community next week, which will advise of the release date of the Tonkin & Taylor report. Further discussion took place on the possible options for Franz Josef in the future along with options for the Waiho River.

It was agreed that the rate strike would remain at \$84,000 for the 2018 / 2019 financial year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Challenger read out the names of those currently on the committee. Cr Challenger asked those present if they would like to remain on the committee and if anyone else present would like to join.

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

***Lee Frendrup
Neil Frendrup
Robin Richards
Chris Brooks
Peter Halford
John Stone
Peter Dennehy
Dean Frendrup
K. Frendrup for the 2017 / 2018 financial year."***

Discussion took place on the election of spokesperson. Cr Challenger stated that in an area like Franz Josef it is important to have people on the ground who can contact Council staff as and when required if there are concerns regarding the river. R. Richards stated that he has kept a careful eye on the river for years now. B. Russ agreed and stated that it is important to have a local contact as it costs the rating district money each time he comes down to check the river. Discussion took place and it was agreed that N. Frendrup would be the spokesperson.

Moved: *"That N. Frendrup is elected as the spokesperson for the 2017 / 2018 financial year."*

K. Frendrup / R. Richards – Carried

Moved: *"That Robin Richards be elected as the deputy spokesperson for the 2017 / 2018 financial year."*

N. Frendrup / K. Frendrup - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Challenger stated that the outcome of the Tonkin & Taylor report will be interesting. He stated that it is important to maintain correspondence and liaison between both rating districts so that all parties are aware of what is happening.

Discussion took place on likely outcomes in the event of an earthquake. Cr Challenger advised that there are no tall buildings in Franz Josef and the main problem will be a large amount of gravel entering the river which will then cause aggradation. He stated this will happen to all rivers on the West Coast. B. Russ agreed with this, and noted that rivers will be problematic for a long time to come following a large earthquake.

Cr Challenger thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

ACTION POINT:

- Circulate the Tonkin & Taylor report to both rating districts.