

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE MOKIHINUI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE MOKIHINUI COMMUNITY HALL
ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM

PRESENT

G. McLean, B & J. Climo, B. Morgan, M & B Jary, S. Olliver, Michelle Hawes, Mick Hawes, R. Bennett, L. Van Diepen, N. Schaffer

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
T. Archer (Councillor)
C. Ingle (CEO)
T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

W. Moen (sick), R. Scarlett (away on council business)
C & J. Pretty, M. Smith, P & C. Batchelor, R. Scoll, A. Hawes, V. McLean

N. Schaffer / M. Hawes - Carried

BUSINESS

T. Archer opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He advised that the Council Engineer, Wayne Moen was sick and unable to attend. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 16 October 2009, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

B. Morgan / S. Olliver – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cr Archer spoke to this report. He advised that the closing balance to 30 June 2010 is \$11,131.00 in the rating district account.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2009 / 2010 year be adopted"***.

R. Bennett / B. Climo – Carried

WORKS REPORT

Cr Archer spoke to this report. He advised that there were no works carried out in during the reporting period. Cr Archer advised that W. Moen carried out an inspection on the 21st of July 2010 and as a result of this inspection \$4,500.00 worth of works were identified. B. Morgan advised that the proposed works are to top up slumped rock on the downstream section of the

stopbank. This is for 150 tonnes of rock at \$30.00 per tonne. It was noted that a rock source for this area is yet to be identified.

C. Ingle advised that the normal practice is to call for tenders for the job and whichever contractor wins the tender will have to find a rock source. It was noted that there is rock handy to the area.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2009 / 2010 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2010 / 2011 works proposals be approved.**

B. Morgan / L. Van Diepen – Carried

RATES 2011 / 2012

Cr Archer advised that with the proposed works and the rate of \$11,467 previously struck for the 2010 / 2011 year the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2011 / 2012 year is likely to be \$19,000. It is recommended that the same rate be struck as last year.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2011 / 2012 financial Year is \$11,467 (GST Excl) per the agreed uniform charge (i.e. 43 units @ \$300.00 GST Incl)."

B. Climo / R. Bennett – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Archer noted that the members of the Ratepayers Committee consist of the same people that are members of the rating district committee. J. Climo advised that B. Mumm should have been included last year as he is a member of both committees. J. Climo moved that the same committee be re-appointed for this year. Cr Archer asked if there were any additions or deletions to this but there were not any.

Moved: ***"That Brian Morgan be re-elected as the spokesperson and that the committee comprise of Joan Climo (Secretary), Michelle and Alan Hawes, Mick Hawes, Brian Mumm and Basil Climo for the 2010 / 2011 financial year."***

J. Climo / N. Schaffer - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Archer explained the purpose of an Asset Management Plan to the meeting. He stated that this document identifies all the assets and infrastructures that the rating district has and is protecting. Cr Archer advised that K. Carmine offered to prepare the asset management plan for the rating district. W. Moen has supplied a significant amount of information to K. Carmine but there is still further work to be done on this.

Cr Archer advised that W. Moen informed him that there needs to be a resolution from this meeting to determine the level of service to be expected on the existing infrastructure and whether or not the rating district wishes to maintain the existing river and coastal protection works at its current level or if the rating district wishes to improve these protection works. The meeting advised that K. Carmine is currently in Australia. Cr Archer asked the meeting if they wished W. Moen to complete the Asset Management Plan. C. Ingle stated that it is almost 80% complete and it would not cost much for W. Moen to complete this task.

Moved: ***"That Council staff provide the balance of the input required for completion of the Asset Management Plan."***

B. Climo / B. Morgan – Carried

Moved: ***"That a vote of thanks be extended to K. Carmine for his work on the Asset Management Plan."***

J. Climo / S. Olliver – Carried

Cr Archer invited B. Morgan to speak on the level of service required for the rating district. B. Morgan stated that the works need to be maintained so that extra rock is put in as necessary.

Moved: ***"That service level of the current infrastructure be maintained at the status quo."***

B. Morgan/ B. Climo – Carried

B. Climo stated that he feels that rating district is sitting on their hands hoping that the dam is going to go ahead. He feels if the dam doesn't go ahead then sooner or later further protection works will need to be put in. B. Climo would like to investigate whether or not the Stockton rock is hard enough and suitable for use for future works. It was agreed that the rating district committee would look for a suitable local rock source and the rock would be stockpiled near the mouth of the river. Cr Archer stated that there are quite a few talented local people at Stockton that would be able to inform the rating district as to whether or not the Stockton rock is suitable.

A speaker asked if everyone is paying his or her \$300 into the rating district. C. Ingle stated that if people were not paying their rates then the council's debt collection agency would follow this up.

C. Ingle explained the tender process for work and advised that W. Moen will put out the tender for the works and hopefully, in the meantime, the rating district will have found a rock source for these works.

B. Morgan asked who controls the area around the bay and estuary area that is starting to get covered in gorse and broom. He is concerned that this could become a fire risk. He asked if DoC controls this or the Regional Council. C. Ingle asked who owns this land. It was noted that this is probably government land. Cr Archer stated that Council has a pest management strategy in place to control noxious weeds and if this land is DoC land then they could be asked to remove these noxious weeds. B. Morgan advised that to date the rating district have been doing this spraying and paying for the spray themselves but the job has now become too big and it was felt that it needs to be included in a weed spraying programme by whoever owns this land. It was agreed that C. Ingle would have a look at this area at the conclusion of today's meeting.

Cr Archer thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.02 p.m.

Action Point

- C. Ingle to check landownership in the river mouth area and see who controls the weed growth in this area.