

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE INAGURAL MEETING OF
THE NEIL'S BEACH RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE MURRAY'S RESIDENCE
ON 21 OCTOBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM.

PRESENT

S. Metcalf, J. Menzies, J & A. McInroe, A. Piercy, D. Meyer, M. Robson, D. Hedges, M. Lyon, P. Maynard, M. Deans, J. Hare, H. Van Hale, M & L. Hallinan, T. Anderson, L. Scott, J. Sutton, N. Terpstra, C & N. Hughes, T. Barnett, J. Murray.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. McDonnell (Councillor),
R. Beal (Operations Manager), B. Russ (Engineer)

APOLOGIES

L. Holiday, A. Hooper, R. Manera, S. Bell, J. Davison, P & G. Robson, A. Murray, G. McInroe

BUSINESS

Cr McDonnell opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

SURVEY RESULTS

R. Beal advised that the outcome of the survey was 61% in favour of the proposed works.

EMERGENCY WORKS

B. Russ advised that \$15,000 was spent to construct a 100m long sacrificial bund; this work will be funded by the rates.

FORMATION OF RATING DISTRICT

R. Beal explained the function of a rating district to the meeting. He stated that a rating district will provide short to medium term protection options to the community, it will also provide a mechanism to develop a long term strategy and consultation for the community. The meeting agreed that a rating district would be formed.

RATES STRIKE 2017

R. Beal advised the meeting that the rate strike has been set at \$21,200. R. Beal agreed to work out a prudent reserve for the rating district.

Moved: ***"Council note the intention to strike a rate of \$21,200 in March 2017".***

M. Deans / J. Sutton – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *"That the committee, be namely: G. Robson, M. Deans, S. Metcalf, J. Murray, J. Sutton, J. Hare be appointed as the committee for the 2016 / 2017 financial year."*

Moved: *"That Jim Murray be elected as the spokesperson for the 2016/ 2017 financial year with Mandy Deans elected as deputy spokesperson."*

GENERAL BUSINESS

Erosion protection options were discussed which included beach nourishment, the location of the mouth of the Arawhata River and a rock seawall.

All present agreed that in the short term no further erosion protection works will be carried out and the erosion be monitored by the rating district.

Discussion took place on obtaining resource consents from Council. WCRC will obtain a resource consent which covers the completed emergency works and proposed beach nourishment.

Discussion took place regarding how the financial side of the rating district works, with the following being discussed:

- Loan draw down
- When interest rates go up and down, how does this affect our rates
- How does GST work
- Loan period
- Cost of resource consent and filing costs

Flooding of the pond area between the houses and the erosion line was discussed. It was agreed that B. Russ will look at options to prevent these ponds from flooding during heavy rainfall events.

Discussion took place on Rating Classification A & B.

Moved: *"That the West Coast Regional Council gets the necessary resource consents in place."*

J. Hare / D. Meyer Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

Action Points:

- Council staff assist with resource consents for future works.
- Answer questions regarding financials
- Drainage options for ponds