

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
NELSON CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE NGAHERE FIRE STATION
ON THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2003 COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT

G. Hill, T. Hill, G. Foster, T. Kendrick.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Shannahan, P. Ewen (Councilors)

R. Lowe, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

M. Savage, J. Clayton, D. Horn (CEO)

BUSINESS

D. Shannahan opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He also informed those present that the West Coast Regional Council had appointed a new Chief Executive Officer – Mr. David Horn and outlined his considerable experience in local government.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 3 April 2002, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***

G. Hill / G. Foster – Carried.

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen outlined the developments within the LAPP Fund and explained that the West Coast Regional Council were now meeting the cost of the LAPP premium which rating districts had previously paid. It was pointed out that given the overall regional benefits of the river control works, the Council had decided that the ratepayers as a whole should contribute the fees, not just those directly affected.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2002 financial year.

Moved: ***“That the Financial Report for the 2002 financial year be adopted.”***

G. Foster / T. Kendrick – Carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE / SPOKESPERSON

Moved: ***“That G. Hill be re-elected as Chairperson of the Rating District for The 2003 / 2004 financial year.”***

T. Kendrick / G. Foster – Carried.

RATES 2003 / 2004

W. Moen outlined the balance of the rating account and also pointed out the liabilities under the Asset Management Plan, explaining that the suggested annualised rating level indicated a rate of \$20,000

Discussion took place on the \$49,000 credit balance and it was decided by those ratepayers present that the rate should carry on the same as last year.

Moved: ***“That a rate of \$15,000 + GST be struck for the 2003 / 2004 financial year”***

T. Kendrick / G. Foster – Carried .

GENERAL BUSINESS

D. Shannahan opened discussion.

R. Lowe explained that as the operation of the Council’s quarries was on a break – even basis, not profit generated and given the low use of rock in the 2002 / 2003 year, Council had been forced to increase the quarry charge to \$6.00 per tonne.

P. Ewen confirmed that it was essential to guarantee all ratepayers on the West Coast, a ready supply of rock and which was available on a “level playing field” basis to all contractors.

W. Moen, with reference to T. Kendrick’s previous meeting’s comments on the apparent lack of rock on the quarry floor at Kiwi Quarry at crucial times, asked if the ratepayers felt conditions had improved.

It was agreed, by all present, the situation had improved.

W. Moen pointed out that the new reclassification of the Nelson Creek Rating District had been completed and was now in operation.

This has now removed the anomaly associated with the Savage’s residence.

T. Kendrick felt that as a result of the downstream dredging operations, the creek appeared to be flowing more consistently.

It was suggested that the island below the road bridge be cleared of vegetation to allow better flows.

W. Moen said that he would check up on the legalities of the island clearance and report back to the Chairperson with his findings.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30pm

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer