

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**OKURU RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE OKURU HALL**  
**ON 12 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING AT 3.05 PM**

**PRESENT**

G. Brown, G. Anderson, A. Anderson, R. Snow

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
B. Chinn (Councillor), D. Davidson (Councillor)  
M. Meehan, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

D. Gordon, A. Gordon, The Thornbury's, C. Sinclair

*G. Anderson / A. Anderson - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

Cr Davidson 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 15 September 2010, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

*R. Snow / G. Anderson - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2011. He advised the current credit balance is \$41,363.94 in the account.

**Moved:**        ***"That the financial report for the 2010 / 2011 year be adopted".***

*A. Anderson / G. Brown – Carried*

**WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the 2010 / 2011 works report and advised that there were no works carried out this financial year. W. Moen advised that P. Birchfield (Engineering Officer) inspected the works on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and advised that no works were identified. W. Moen advised that \$5,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance in case there is any work required during the financial year.

## RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2010 / 2011 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2011 / 2012 works proposals be approved.**

*R. Snow / G. Brown – Carried*

## RATES 2012 / 2013

W. Moen advised that with the rate of \$10,000 previously struck for the 2011 / 2012 year the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2012 / 2013 year is likely to be \$48,000. W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike for 2012/ 2013 is \$10,000 (GST Excl). G. Brown proposed that the rate strike be amended to \$5,000. R. Snow stated that he is happier with \$10,000 because he feels that if there was a blowout to the wall the amount in the kitty at the moment might not be enough. W. Moen explained the advantages of having money in the kitty in the event of emergency works being required. He stated that once there is more money in the account then the rate strike could be relaxed. A. Anderson stated that the mouth of the river has moved 150 metres to the north in the last month. R. Snow asked if the money in the account could be pulled away for other projects. W. Moen confirmed that the money is the rating districts and is not for anything else outside of the rating district. G. Anderson stated that the mouth is on the move and it could take 6 – 9 months for the mouth to get past the wall and this could cause problems if there was a storm. G. Anderson stated that the seawall could handle a flood but if there is sea action against the wall then this is risky. A. Anderson stated that it will be interesting to see what happens with the mouth over the next year. G. Brown withdrew her motion.

## RECOMMENDATION

***"That the rate strike for the 2012 / 2013 financial Year is \$10,000 (GST Excl)."***

*R. Snow / G. Anderson – Carried  
G. Brown abstained from voting*

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current rating district committee.

**Moved:** ***"That the committee for the 2011 / 2012 financial year now consists of:***

***G. Anderson  
A. Anderson  
A. Gordon  
C. Goom  
R. Snow  
S. Johnston***

*G. Brown / R. Snow – Carried*

**Moved:** ***"That G. Anderson be re-elected as the spokesperson with A. Anderson elected as Deputy Spokesperson for the 2011 / 2012 financial year."***

*G. Brown / R. Snow – Carried*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen read a letter from MTP Limited who are members of the rating district. The letter states that MTP remains committed to progressing their resource consent and will pay for their own works if required. R. Snow asked what would happen if the river mouth does shift north

and starts carving into their land as this could then come around the end of the seawall. W. Moen advised that the rating district would need to decide what to do about this at the time. W. Moen stated that there are people north of the seawall whose properties are unprotected and they are paying into the rating district and they may wish to have protection at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.20 pm.