

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RAFT CREEK RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL, KOWHITIRANGI ON FRIDAY, 5 MAY 2000 COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

Tony Watson (Landcorp), Colin Provis, John Stet & Allan Andrews.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

B. Duckett & D. Davidson (Councillors)

R. Lowe & W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Alison

BUSINESS

B. Duckett opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on Friday, 30 April 1999, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."*

A. Andrews/R. Lowe - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained to the meeting that at the time of the 1999/2000 rate strike the dual rating district situation had been realised. This was due to the fact that a rate has not been struck for over 10 years on the scheme.

It was pointed out to those present that a decision not to strike a rate was the only decision given the above situation.

W. Moen also pointed out that at a meeting of ratepayers held on 27 April 2000 it had been agreed to reclassify the area into one rating district.

A. Andrews raised a question regarding the resource consent fee in the 1998/1999 financial year.

W. Moen explained that only one resource consent had been applied for and that this consent covered the whole of the Raft Creek for cleanout purposes.

A. Andrews sought information on the service fees.

B. Duckett explained that all rating districts incur administration costs regardless of the amount of work carried out in one particular period.

Other speakers included R. Lowe and W. Moen.

A. Andrews felt that the resource consent fees had been doubled until the financial statement was explained in detail by W. Moen.

A. Andrews was not happy to accept the financial statements until his concerns with the service fees and resource consents had been resolved.

W Moen explained that the service fee component of \$767.50 for the 1997/1998 financial year and \$797.56 for the 1998/1999 financial year was mostly his time involved in preparing a draft reclassification around May to August 1999. This indicated a "carry-over" of service fees between the two financial years.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 1998/1999 financial year and the 6 month transitional period from 1 July 1999 to 31 December 1999.

Moved: ***" That the Financial Reports for both the 1998/1999 financial year and the six monthly transitional period ending 31 December 1999 be adopted."***
J. Stet/C. Provis - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***" That John Stet be reappointed as the Chairperson/Spokesperon of the Raft Creek Rating District for the 2000/2001 financial year and that all ratepayers form the Committee."***
A. Andrews/C. Provis – Carried

RATES 2000/2001

Moved: ***" That a nil rate strike be set for the 2000/2001 financial year."***
J. Stet/A. Andrews – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

John Stet commented, that in his opinion, the rating district did not gain any advantage from being a party to the LAPP Fund.

R. Lowe outlined the past "pay-out" in Karamea and the current situation on the Poerua River.

Both B. Duckett and D. Davidson felt that Raft Creek should withdraw from the LAPP Fund.

R. Lowe pointed out that the LAPP Scheme required 12 months notice of any withdrawal from the scheme. He explained that the scheme was set up for urban areas and did not really address the rural situation.

He also stated that the Scheme would have to pay up to June 2001.

A. Andrews believed that the original rating district covered only Raft Creek, not internal drains. He felt the original memorandum presented to the ratepayers in the 1960's included only the main creek. He also asked that no further work be carried out until the situation was clarified.

Moved: "That the Raft Creek Rating District withdraw from the LAPP Fund."

J. Stet/C. Provis – Carried

B. Duckett felt that many ratepayers had signed up with the LAPP Scheme due to the fact that a Government financial input was an incentive. Now that that incentive had become vague, the perceived advantage had been lost.

D. Davidson added, that in his view, the LAPP Scheme was not applicable to rural ratepayers.

R. Lowe pointed out that premiums would need to be paid up to June 2001.

A. Andrews outlined his views on the current scheme.

He felt that the new classification should reflect the intent of the original scheme as presented back in the 1960's, that is, that the works should only be covered in the Creek itself, not on adjacent drains.

He asked that an "original memorandum" presented to the original ratepayers could be located and given to the committee.

W. Moen said he was unaware of such a document, however, would search the original scheme material.

A. Andrews asked that no works be carried out until the situation was clarified.

Those present discussed future works and recommended that the committee undertake a general inspection of the creek to work out a clean-out strategy for the future.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.00 a.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer