

RAFT CREEK RATING DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT THE LANDCORP RAFT CREEK FARM SETTLEMENT RESIDENCE, WHITES ROAD, KOKATAHI, ON THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2002 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.

Present :

John Stet, Bill O'Reilly, Colin Provis, Allan Andrews, Stephen Wright

Apologies :

Russell Alison was away and unable to be contacted.

Business :

Wayne Moen welcomed all present and thanked everyone for making themselves available at short notice.

He then outlined the previous discussions over the last 3 years from the Rating District, which indicated that a more compact and useable classification be set up in order to carry out long overdue works on the Raft Creek channel.

Wayne outlined the 3 options as presented; i.e. a classification based on: land value, land area or capital value. He explained that under the various options, different properties would pay varying proportions or percentages of a set rate strike over the area.

He also explained that the previous Raft Creek Rating District covered, not only the maintenance of the Raft Creek channel, but also the maintenance of many internal drains and tributaries of Raft Creek and Whites Creek.

Allan Andrews disagreed and felt that the original rating district only included the main Raft Creek channel.

Wayne spoke on the original proposal as sent to NAWASCO, which included all maintenance. He also explained that the current asset management plan for the creek, which included drain maintenance, verified this.

Stephen Wright felt that maintenance and a cleanout of the creek was long overdue. Wayne advised that the creek channel should be cleaned out on a rotational basis commencing at the road bridge.

Colin Provis thought that the outlet into the Hokitika River was critical and willow clearance in the area, by spraying, should be undertaken.

Everyone agreed that this be undertaken, when the spraying season was due.

John Stet felt that the land area basis was probably the fairest basis.

Moved:

“ That a new Raft Creek Rating District classification, based on a land area basis, as presented, covering the maintenance of the Main Raft Creek channel, be adopted.”

(John Stet / Bill O'Reilly)

Unanimous

2002 / 2003 RATES

Discussion ensued on a possible rates strike for the coming year.

Stephen Wright felt that as outstanding works were required and only a limited amount of money had been accrued due to a past reluctance to strike a rate, it was time that a serious attempt be made to address the potential problems.

W. Moen explained that it would be beneficial to all to plan for a 5 to 10 year cycle of creek maintenance over the entire length of the channel.
All present generally agreed with this concept.

Moved:

“ That a rate strike of \$10,000 + G.S.T. based on the new classification, be adopted for the 2002 / 2003 financial year.”

(Stephen Wright / B. O’Reilly)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved:

“ That all ratepayers form the committee and that John Stet be reaffirmed as Spokesperson / Chairperson of the Raft Creek Rating District.”

(B. O’Reilly / A. Andrews)

Moved:

“ That in John’s absence, Colin Provis be the contact person.”

(A. Andrews / B. O’Reilly)

Wayne Moen undertook to contact the Chairperson or his substitute before the end of June to organise an overall site visit to ascertain works requirements in the coming year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.30 am.

Wayne Moen
Senior Engineering Officer