

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
REDJACKS CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT NGAHERE FIRE STATION
ON TUESDAY, 3 APRIL 2001 COMMENCING AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT

R. Norris, R. McLaughlin, C. Levy, M. Gibson, A. Birchfield

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
J. Foster (Councillor)
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Lowe, J. Clayton and M. McLaughlin

BUSINESS

W. Moen opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 26 April 2000, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

R. McLaughlin/ C. Levy – Carried.

MATTERS ARISING

C. Levy asked if any works had been carried out in the vicinity of Donaldson’s claim. W. Moen said that nothing had been done, however an inspection would be carried out shortly to ascertain any work requirements.

A. Birchfield mentioned that the creek was still scouring in the area below the rail bridge. This effectively meant that the gravel was passing through the system and preventing a buildup further upstream.

R. Norris verified that in his view, the degradation was continuous

C. Levy also asked that a close watch be kept on Timberland operations in the upper catchment areas.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2000 calendar year.

Moved: *“That the Financial Report for the calendar year 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000 be adopted.”*

R. Norris/ M. Gibson – Carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Moved: *“That R. Norris be re-elected as spokesperson for the Rating District.”*

R. McLaughlin/C. Levy – Carried.

RATES 2001/2002

Moved: *“That the 2001/2002 rate strike be set at \$5,000 + GST.*

R. Norris/ A. Birchfield – Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

General discussion took place on the degradation of the channel in the vicinity of the rock weir.

A. Birchfield felt that the lowering of the channel was doing a good job in reducing gravel levels upstream of the rail bridge.

There was some concern that Tranzrail were unaware of the depth of the piers on the Redjacks Creek rail bridge.

A. Birchfield was very concerned at the Council's policy of specifying rating district rock to be extracted only from Council's quarries. He mentioned that rock could be recovered more economically from Mr. John Perkins' property at Bell Hill.

W. Moen pointed out that it was Council's policy and that all the Council's quarry operations were carried out on a regional basis, rather than a localized one.

J. Foster explained that the \$4.00 per tonne quarry charge, was an across – the – board average over all West Coast quarries and that the Council's quarry operations were run on a “break even” basis, not a profit making venture.

W. Moen explained that the quarry operations were designed to benefit all ratepayers, by offering a “level playing field” for all contractors. It was generally felt that monopolies could cause an escalation in future rock prices if the Council quarries were relinquished.

A. Birchfield did not agree.

W. Moen advised A. Birchfield to make a submission to the Council's annual plan as that was the only way to try and change Council policy on such an issue.

W. Moen also explained the Council's tendering process which ensured that the ratepayers received the lowest possible price from the conforming tenderers.

R. Norris asked that the drain behind the houses be cleaned out this financial year.

W. Moen to approach the Grey District Council for the usual 50% contribution towards this work.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5.30 p.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer