

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RED JACKS CREEK RATING DISTRICT HELD AT NGAHERE FIRE STATION ON 8 OCTOBER 2012, COMMENCING AT 4.35 PM.

PRESENT

R. Norris, R. McLaughlin, C. Levy, S. Norris, C. Whitcombe

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

I. Cummings, A. Birchfield, A. Robb (Councillors)

M. Meehan, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

C. Norris

R. McLaughlin / R. Norris - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Cummings 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 10 October 2011, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2012. He stated that a lot of work has been done since this report was written and therefore further costs have been incurred. M. Meehan advised that at the start of the financial year there was \$22,597.42 in the account and as of the end of June this year the balance was \$16,967.13. M. Meehan advised that the account is not now as healthy as it was.

Moved: *That the financial report for the 2011 / 2012 year be adopted".*

C. Levy / S. Norris - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. He advised that last year \$8,748 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen reported that following an inspection carried out on the 12 July 2012 \$28,870.20 worth of works were identified. He suggested that \$6,000 be allowed for unforeseen works so this would bring the total works to \$35,000.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Works Report covering the 2011 / 2012 financial year be adopted.

2. That the 2012 / 2013 works proposals be approved.

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin – Carried

RATES 2012 / 2013

W. Moen advised that at the beginning of the 2012 / 2013 financial year there is likely to be \$13,500 (GST Excl) in deficit. W. Moen suggested that the rate strike is increased to \$10,000 which is double of what it is now in view of the recent expenditure. C. Levy is not in favour of this as it is the same group of people that have to pay and they are not sure how much money they are going to get from Grey District Council. It was noted that it is likely that this will be around \$14,000. C. Levy stated that the rating district did not start the problem and until the bulldozers were put in the creek was perfect. C. Levy stated the problem started when the creek was cleared at Osborne's property. M. Meehan suggested that the rate strike could be \$5,000.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2013 / 2014 financial Year is \$5,000 (GST Excl)."

*R. Norris / R. McLaughlin – Carried
Cr Birchfield is against*

Cr Birchfield stated that he is against the rate strike being \$5,000 he feels it should be \$10,000 in order to build up the kitty. C. Levy stated that there are a lot of poor people in the area who cannot afford to pay rates and that they should not have to have an increase in rates because of someone else's muck up.

W. Moen advised that consideration is being given to extending the rating district in the future. He stated that this would mean there would be more people paying into the scheme.

Grey District Council Letter

M. Meehan advised a letter was received from Grey District Council (GDC) regarding the rating district's application for financial assistance for the flood protection works. M. Meehan advised that an on site meeting was held with GDC and NZTA and GDC resolved at their council meeting, to contribute \$14,000 on proviso that the rating district:

1. Supports NZTA's / GDC consent application for emergency works.
2. Does not unreasonably object to future works upstream of the extended Red Jacks Creek Flood Scheme Rating District area.
3. Agrees to maintain flood protection works with the rating district and as part of these works agrees to ensure vegetation and gravel build up with the rating district area is kept to a minimum at all times.
4. The rating district is extended to include from the State Highway 7 bridge to below the Red Jacks Creek Bridge (which is the areas of works carried out recently by NZTA and GDC).

5. Agrees that GDC and NZTA becomes a member of the Red Jacks Flood Scheme Rating District.
6. The source of rock to be determined by quality and price.

M. Meehan advised that point four is the most important as this included the area that the work has been done in. He advised that the extended area includes quite a few properties. M. Meehan advised that in the past GDC, Kiwi Rail and NZTA have contributed to the rating district and these parties have a vested interest in the rating district. M. Meehan advised that staff will need to work out what GDC's, Kiwi Rail and NZTA's contributions will be ongoing. M. Meehan agreed with R. McLaughlin when she stated that all parties involved would need to work together to see what is best for the river. M. Meehan advised that the contributions are important as there is quite a bit of work going on upstream and work needs to be put as to how the work is going to be paid for longterm. It was noted that work is required on Wally Delaney's property. M. Meehan advised that consultation needs to be done so that the changes to the rating district boundaries can be put through Council and the changes can be made via the annual plan process and people can then make submissions on it. M. Meehan advised that if NZTA and GDC are brought into the rating district then this will increase the size of the rating district and increase the rate take and it is better have these parties on board. W. Moen stated that a system needs to be put in place so that what has happened in the past never happens again. C. Levy stated that the riverbanks used to look nice and now they look terrible. W. Moen advised that the rating district would need to spend more money than they have in the past. M. Meehan advised that the consultation that will be done shortly will involve the rating district committee and then the next step will be to make sure that council is happy with the way forward. Cr Robb asked how many extra properties are likely to become part of the rating district. W. Moen responded that there are likely to be around six more members of the rating district including GDC. Discussion took place on the rate strike. Cr Robb advised the meeting to keep their rate strike at \$10,000 per year once there are more parties paying into the account.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R. McLaughlin stated that she would nominate R. Norris once again as she feels he is doing a very good job for the rating district.

Moved: *"That R. Norris be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2012 / 2013 financial year and all present make up the committee of the Rating District for this year".*

R. McLaughlin / C. Levy – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

Action Point

- M. Meehan to arrange a meeting once the reclassification has been worked through.