

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RED JACKS CREEK RATING DISTRICT HELD AT NGAHERE FIRE STATION ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 4.30PM.

PRESENT

R & S. Norris, R. McLaughlin, C. Levy, P. Donaldson, L. Whitcombe, J. Matthews

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

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

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

APOLOGIES

C. Norris.

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 8 October 2012, 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 2013.

M. Meehan advised that at the start of the financial year there was \$16,976.13 in the account and at June this year the balance was \$11,672.96 in deficit. M. Meehan advised that close to \$29,000 worth of works were done over the year. M. Meehan advised council made an application to the Ministry of Civil Defence on behalf of the rating district following the 2010 flood event. M. Meehan advised that the Red Jacks rating district was granted just under \$15,000. He advised that this money was paid into the rating district account over the weekend and will give the rating district a positive balance of just over \$3,000.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He advised that \$28,870.20 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen reported that following an inspection carried out on 9 August 2013 no works were identified. He suggested that \$6,000 be allowed for unforeseen works.

RATES 2012 / 2013

M. Meehan advised that the recommended that the rate strike is \$10,000. He stated that when the rate strike was being worked out the rating district was still in around \$11,000 deficit. He advised that even with the money from the Ministry coming into the account the account balance is still very low and it needs to be built up. It was noted that the council set the rate for \$10,000 last year. R. McLaughlin stated that \$10,000 rate strike is too much for the rating district.

P. Donaldson stated that he is annoyed that \$16,000 was spent on Foster's left bank when this area is not in the rating district. R. Norris stated that he discussed this with W. Moen at the time. It was noted that as a result of the work done by OPUS and Grey District Council there is more water than ever coming down from the top of the catchment and causing problems in this area. C. Levy stated that he is annoyed that the rating district has had to pay for work due to the OPUS works.

Grey District Council Contribution and Proposed Extension of Rating District

M. Meehan drew attention to the report regarding Grey District Council's contribution and proposed extension of the rating district. M. Meehan advised that a reclassification of the rating district has been put to council and was put out to public consultation and there were submissions received against this. M. Meehan stated that fair submissions from landowners were received who should not have been included in the rating district. He stated that submissions were also received from NZTA. M. Meehan advised that council rejected the reclassification because more work was required on this. M. Meehan advised that a Memorandum of Understanding is being pursued between NZTA, GDC and Kiwi Rail to include cost sharing arrangements for work undertaken within the scheme. M. Meehan advised that he will be seeking the costs for any work done upstream from the road bridge to be shared evenly between NZTA, GDC and the rating district and in between the road and the railway line is where Kiwi Rail would fund work and downstream of this area it would be the rating district that pays for work. Extensive discussion took place with the meeting becoming quite heated at times. W. Moen stated that the culvert on Osborne property is the problem as it is not big enough. He stated that this culvert needs to be made bigger and realigned and this would solve the problem. W. Moen advised that the resource consent for this work is yet to be signed off. M. Meehan stated that the work has been done, it cannot be undone and as a way forward a MOU is the best outcome. M. Meehan advised that once the MOU is agreed to it is likely that GDC will provide the \$14,000 worth of funding for the rating district. M. Meehan advised that once the rating district gives permission for this to happen then and the consent is signed off then the MOU will be brought back to R. Norris to discuss with the committee then there will be another \$14,000 in the rating district account.

Cr Robb advised the meeting that they have to sit down with GDC and get the MOU underway so that they get a resolution so that the rating district can move forward and get something that they are happy with. He stated that the rating district must move forward and get back to operating in a good way and so that the assets in the scheme are protected. Cr Robb encouraged the rating district to give a little, sign the resource consent, and get some terms in the MOU that the rating district will be happy with so that they can move forward. Cr Robb advised the meeting that M. Meehan is very clear on what the rating district wants and when he meets with GDC he will pass this information on to them.

M. Meehan advised that the reclassification work that was done to expand the rating district needs to be reinvestigated. W. Moen was proposing to take the rate strike to capital value which in some cases rates were going to quadruple and this would be

unfair. M. Meehan advised that this needs to be looked at again and it needs to be right and fair.

Further discussion took place on the rate strike. Cr Robb stated that council's role is to make sure that the assets that council look after are looked after properly and serviced. Council needs to make sure that the rate strike is going to maintain the asset for the future. It was agreed that the rate strike would be \$10,000 this year and consider lowering it to \$5,000 next year. M. Meehan stated that once the rating classifications are relooked at then it might be possible to extend the rating area.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *"That R. Norris be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2013/ 2014 financial year and all present make up the committee of the Rating District for this year".*

R. McLaughlin / J. Matthews – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.12 pm.

Action Point

- Discuss remediation with GDC, NZTA and ensure that R. Norris is present and to sign off resource consent.
- M. Meehan to meet with the parties (GDC, NZTA and Kiwi Rail and R. Norris) to discuss the MOU and to work towards getting the MOU signed.
- M. Meehan relooks at rating district classifications.