

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
RED JACKS CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT NGAHERE FIRE STATION
ON 27 OCTOBER 2015, COMMENCING AT 4.30PM.

PRESENT

S. Norris, C Levy, P. Donaldson, J. Matthews, P. Rennie, S. Partridge

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, A. Robb (Councillors)
M. Meehan, P. Birchfield, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Norris, C. Norris, W. Delany, R. McLaughlin

P. Donaldson / C. Levy - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Robb 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 25 November 2014, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."

P. Donaldson / P. Rennie - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

M. Meehan addressed the action points from the previous meeting.

A speaker asked why the January meeting didn't eventuate. M. Meehan advised that this relates to the issues with Grey District Council (GDC) and he stated that the only progress he has been able to make is a commitment from GDC to pay \$2000 per year into the rating district. M. Meehan advised he has been unable to get the capital contribution from GDC even though the conditions requested have been met. M. Meehan advised that GDC was invited to today's meeting but they are not here and they have not agreed to pay the \$14,000. C. Levy stated that nobody has actioned this. Cr Ewen stated that this matter has been brought up at every Council meeting. M. Meehan advised that he has had monthly meetings with GDC trying to get this over the line and WCRC has done everything it can to get the capital contribution from GDC. P. Birchfield confirmed that the capital contribution came from The Mayor as R. Norris had suggested that the Mayor be approached. M. Meehan confirmed that in good faith this council signed off on the resource consent as this was one of the conditions. M. Meehan advised that WCRC has been unable to get an MOU in place with GDC and this is why there was no meeting in February. P. Donaldson expressed his dissatisfaction with this situation. Cr Robb advised that meeting that M. Meehan and P. Birchfield have made every effort to get the money from GDC. Cr Robb suggested that the Mayor is approached to progress this matter. M. Meehan advised that P. Birchfield worked through the conditions on the resource consent; WCRC signed off on the resource consent, and has been trying to work through the MOU. M.

Meehan advised that if the resource consent wasn't signed off then that was a condition that wasn't being met in order to get the \$14,000 from GDC. Cr Birchfield confirmed that this is correct. M. Meehan suggested that he gives all the information he has on this to R. Norris and R. Norris meets with the Mayor directly. M. Meehan reminded C. Levy that he did not have a MOU to present to the rating district in January as he was still trying to get the resource consent signed off. It was noted that GDC passed and carried the resolution to pay the \$14,000 to the rating district at their meeting.

Cr Robb reminded the meeting that they received \$15,000 from the Ministry of Civil Defence following the 2010 flood event. He stated that WCRC staff put a claim into the Ministry on behalf of several rating districts who all received funding following this flood event. GDC now pay \$2000 into the rating district every year, which wasn't happening prior to 2010. Cr Robb stated that hopefully the rating district will also get the \$14,000 back from GDC. He advised the meeting to move forward and make this happen. Extensive discussion took place on the history of the creek and what has happened in this area over the years. S. Norris expressed her thanks to P. Birchfield for her work in getting contractors engaged to do the work that was required and for getting this done at a good price for the rating district. C. Levy stated that currently the creek is looking good. M. Meehan encouraged the meeting to work with GDC and NZTA to progress this matter and to get a good end result. Cr Robb stated it is important that the rating district to moves on and works at a political level to get a result.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2015. He advised that the rate take was reduced to \$5,000 following last year's meeting. M. Meehan stated that the main cost was staff time at \$905. M. Meehan advised that the closing balance in the rating district account at the year ending 30 June 2015 is \$9,528.99.

WORKS REPORT

P. Birchfield presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. She advised that work carried out by Fosters Contracting Ltd overlapped into the new financial year, some of the staff time was associated with this work. P. Birchfield advised the R. Norris contacted her to inform her of another couple of sites that require topping up with 80 tonne of rock at number # 9 which is not urgent. P. Birchfield spoke of an area behind R. McLaughlin's property that proved troublesome for trucks to get to. It was agreed if necessary some gravel would be placed in this area.

P. Birchfield reported that \$5,000 has been allowed for unforeseen works. She advised that the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2016/2017 financial year is likely to be \$300 in deficit. This figure includes the cost of the works to be done this year and the \$2,000 contribution from GDC.

RATES 2016 / 2017

M. Meehan advised that the recommended that the rate strike is \$5,000. Cr Birchfield commented that the rating district needs to pay a little bit more in rates. S. Norris suggested that the rate strike is increased to \$8,000. Cr Robb asked everyone for their opinion. Cr Robb asked for a show of hands and \$8,000 was agreed to.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was agreed that the status quo would remain for this coming financial year.

Moved: ***"That R. Norris be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2015/ 2016 financial year and all present make up the committee of the Rating District for this year".***

C. Levy / P. Rennie – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Robb asked the meeting if they wished to continue having a meeting every year. He stated that quite a few rating districts don't now have an annual meeting. Cr Robb advised that council staff check with the rating district's spokesperson to ascertain whether or not a meeting is required. M. Meehan advised that about half of council's rating districts don't have an annual meeting. He stated that a letter is sent out with the minutes, financial reports and works reports, and if a meeting is required then this would be arranged.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.25 pm.