

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**RED JACKS CREEK RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT NGAHERE FIRE STATION**  
**ON 15 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 4.35 PM.**

**PRESENT**

R. & S. Norris, C Levy, M. Bell, P. Rennie

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, (Councillors)  
R. Beal, P. Birchfield, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

C. Norris, W. Delaney, Cr Robb (away on Council business)

*P. Rennie / R. Norris - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

Cr Birchfield 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 27 October 2015, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

*P. Rennie / C. Levy - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising. R. Norris stated that the rating district is grateful for the contribution from Grey District Council.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2018. He advised that the opening balance was \$26,401.40, there were \$110.00 worth of expenses during the financial year. He reported that the closing balance at 30 June 2018 was \$37,580.32.

**WORKS REPORT**

P. Birchfield reported that there were no works carried out during the 12-month period; 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

P. Birchfield advised that as a result of a discussion with R. Norris several areas were identified that may require maintenance work in the future. A total of \$16,240 worth of work has been identified. P. Birchfield advised that the spraying will be done in a few weeks' time.

P. Birchfield advised that \$2,000 has been allowed for weed spraying of the stopbank and \$5,000 has been allowed for unforeseen works.

P. Birchfield advised that the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2018/ 2019 financial year is likely to be \$32,718.73. This figure includes the \$2,000 contribution from Grey District Council.

### **RATES 2019 / 2020**

P. Birchfield advised that the recommended that the rate strike is \$8,000. All present agreed that the rate strike.

### **Agreed Level of Service**

R. Beal advised that Audit NZ have requested that agreed level of service is discussed at each rating district meeting this year. He stated that this has been one of the findings following the inquiry into the Edgecumbe flood event. P. Birchfield advised that she cannot provide service levels for this scheme as it has never been quantified. She stated that following a flood in 1986, sections of stopbank were built to contain a flood of 411 cumecs which at that time was estimated to be a 1 in 50 year return period flood. P. Birchfield advised that cross sections have been done but not longitudinal cross sections, therefore the height of the stopbanks is unknown. She stated that having longitudinal cross sections done would provide some assurance. P. Birchfield advised that Council will pay for 50% of this survey work. She offered to get costings for the survey work and report back to the rating district.

### **Willow Tree Loss**

J. Ellis advised that willow trees have been part of the NZ landscape for close to 180 years. They have been used for bank protection, shelter and timber, and as a tool for erosion, and flood protection. It was agreed that willows are useful for this rating district. J. Ellis spoke of the Large Willow Aphid which was found in NZ in 2013 and is now well established NZ wide. He stated that the aphid has killed willows in the North Island and there is evidence of it throughout the South Island, including the Grey Valley. J. Ellis advised that Hon Shane Jones, Regional Development Minister, has set up an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years. Government funding is available to communities via the Provincial Growth Fund. J. Ellis advised that the planting of riverbank species is important to and these alternative species could be used to for flood flow retardation, debris capture and to reduce debris raft formation against bridges as well as being a potential source of timber in future. J. Ellis advised that the root mass of willow trees is being destroyed and the cavity is rotting away with the damaged trees then being taken away by the river. C. Levy stated that he has seen the aphid on willows in this area.

R. Beal stated that further information will be forthcoming via the Weedbusters newsletter and once the annual meetings have been held throughout the region, depending on interest, then a combined application will be made to this fund. All present agreed that they would like to be a part of this initiative.

### **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 2018/ 2019 financial year and all present make up the committee of the Rating District for this year".*

*P. Rennie / S. Norris – Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

P. Birchfield spoke of the area below the railway bridge which is not included in the rating district. She stated that the asset management plan could be adjusted or a reclassification of the rating district could be considered. It was noted that Mr Delaney has property in this area and he has been paying in to the rating district for a long time. It was agreed that P. Birchfield would speak to Mr Delaney regarding this matter.

**Moved:** *"That the Red Jacks rating district makes a combined application to the Shane Jones billion dollar tree fund".*

*R. Norris / S. Norris – Carried*

Cr Birchfield asked the meeting if they wished to have a meeting next year. It was agreed that a meeting would be held in 2019.

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

## **Action Points**

- P. Birchfield to set a prudent reserve for the rating district.
- P. Birchfield to get costings for cross section survey work.
- P. Birchfield to speak with Mr Delaney regarding work below the railway bridge.

## **Council Infrastructure Insurance Details**

Information provided by R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager)

Council exited LAPP in 2011 following the Canterbury earthquakes, as it was going to be unaffordable to continue.

We then established a designated Catastrophe Fund, which has grown to \$1M.

As from 1/11/17 WCRC Infrastructure is covered under the AON Lloyds scheme. We are in a grouping of South Island Councils (Nelson, Tasman, Buller, Grey, Westland, WCRC, Queenstown Lakes, Environment Southland) with total programme cover of (now) \$300M.

WCRC carries cover of \$35 million and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1 million Catastrophe Fund. The excess is \$250,000.

See details of actual cover below taken from the actual Policy wording: The infrastructure cover includes (quoting direct from Policy).

"Materials damage natural catastrophe insurance" including:

Earthquake, Natural landslip, Flood, Tsunami, Tornado, Windstorm, Volcanic eruption, Hydrothermal and geothermal activity, Subterranean Fire, And Business Interruption resulting from them.