

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE TARAMAKAU SETTLEMENT SCHOOL ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 1.08 PM.

#### PRESENT

M. Stewart, S. Langridge, P. Stevenson, A. Stewart, D. Groot.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council  
P. Ewen, (Councillor)  
S. Moran, W. Moen, T Jellyman (Staff)

#### APOLOGIES

John Stewart, Cr Andrew Robb

*S. Langridge / A. Stewart - Carried*

#### BUSINESS

Cr. Ewen opened the meeting and welcomed those present.  
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

**Moved:** *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 17 September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*S. Langridge / M. Stewart - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

M. Stewart spoke of 100 year flood events and queried as to whether a number should be put on it. He asked if a flow rate could be put in a suitable place on the river in order to measure levels from each flood event. S. Moran offered to check with NIWA as to what is already in place by the William Stewart Bridge. S. Moran advised that by identifying a few cross sections, in the event of a flood, the high water level can be recorded and used to assist flood analysis.

#### FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$32,408.85. W. Moen drew attention to the quarry fee of \$1,546.67 (GST Excl) which was inadvertently not on charged against the rating district account. This figure will show on next year's report.

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the 2007 / 2008 year be adopted".*

*M. Stewart / A. Stewart – Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the financial minutes.

## **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$50,922.50) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$74,985.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2008 / 2009 year which includes \$20,000 for additional average maintenance. W. Moen advised that he carried out inspections on 28 July 2008 and 26 August 2008.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2007 / 2008 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2008 / 2009 works proposals be approved.**

*S. Langridge / P. Stevenson – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was agreed that all positions would roll over for this year.

**Moved:** ***"That the committee will comprise of all current ratepayers."***

*M. Stewart / A. Stewart - Carried*

**Moved:** ***"That M. Stewart be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."***

*S. Langridge / A. Stewart – Carried*

**Moved:** ***"That S. Langridge be appointed as Deputy Spokesman for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."***

*M. Stewart / A. Stewart – Carried*

## **RATES 2009 / 2010**

W. Moen stated that with the rates coming in for this year and the works for the coming year this would leave approximately \$2,500 in the account.

Cr Ewen stated that Council encourage all rating districts have a positive balance. He advised that if emergency works are required and there is money in the kitty then work can commence straight away.

S. Moran confirmed the importance of setting the rate above the annual maintenance fee and to build up funds to a realistic figure in view of previous costly works in this rating district.

W. Moen advised that if there are funds in the account then delays in seeking funds are avoided and works can be started.

S. Langridge stated that he is in favour of the recommended rate strike for this year in view of the fact that there is only \$2,500 in the account.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

***"That the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year is \$60,000 (GST Excl)."***

*M. Stewart / S. Langridge – Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cross Sections: W. Moen advised that there are a couple of low spots on the stop bank by the hook. This area needs to be raised in order for it to be brought up to a 50-year flood level. S. Moran advised that information from the cross sections that were previously done was used as these were considered to be still current. W. Moen stated that survey and designs need to be done. M. Stewart asked if it worth surveying 1.5 kms and how much would this would cost. It was agreed that W. Moen will get a costing from Chris Coll to survey the bank and get a price per kilometre and also for the whole area and report back to the rating district.

**Moved:** ***"That W. Moen obtain prices for both the full survey and 1.5kms of the stopbank and report back to the rating district."***  
*S. Langridge / A. Stewart – Carried*

W. Moen asked the meeting where to get rock from for future works, the quarry or paddocks. M. Stewart asked if the quarry should be relicensed.

S. Langridge stated that he is not prepared to reopen the quarry if it is not going to be worthwhile, he is waiting for a contractor to inspect the area.

S. Langridge stated that there is plenty of rock in the area.

M. Stewart asked what is happening with the two old railway wagons. It was agreed by all present that they would be offered for sale to members of the rating district. S. Langridge and M. Stewart expressed interest in purchasing on culvert each.

**Moved:** ***"That the two old railway wagons be sold to S. Langridge and M. Stewart for \$1000 each."***  
*D. Groot / P. Stevenson – Carried*

There being no further rating district business to be discussed, the meeting closed at 2.08 pm.

## **Action Point**

- S. Moran to check with NIWA as to what is already in place by the William Stewart Bridge.
- W. Moen to get price from Chris Coll for survey of stopbank all and 1.5 km and report back to RD.