

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE TARAMAKAU SETTLEMENT SCHOOL ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 1.35 PM.

#### PRESENT

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE

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

#### APOLOGIES

J. Stewart, Cr A. Robb

*M. Stewart / S. Langridge - 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 18 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*M. Stewart / P. Stevenson - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

S. Langridge asked what is happening with NIWA and the flood gauge in place at the William Stewart Bridge. S. Moran advised that the information is downloaded quarterly and is available roughly every five months. S. Moran advised that WCRC is able to relate the levels back to a particular event if a flood is marked out on the gauge at the time and if the date of the event is known. M. Stewart stated that this is useful information. S. Langridge asked if a mark on the piles at a particular time then NIWA should be able to tell how much water is coming through that section at the time. W. Moen suggested that if cross sections are done then the velocity of the water going through could be gauged. S. Moran advised that there is a possibility of putting a staff gauge on but all it would do would give an indication as to how high the river is, more accurate information would be available once NIWA have downloaded the data and processed it. Someone would need to note dates when the river has been high to enable accurate results. S. Langridge asked if the recent floods have been analysed, S. Moran responded that results revealed that both were no more than 20 year flood events. S. Moran advised that the biggest cost involved would be putting the gauge onto the bridge. W. Moen reported that the price for the survey of the stopbank requested at last year's meeting was \$6,5000 + GST. M. Stewart suggested putting this on the back burner for this year in view of money being tight. W. Moen asked S. Langridge if there has been any development with the quarry. S. Langridge responded that there is plenty of rock around and is mindful that if the quarry is opened up then royalties would need to be increased to cover costs. S. Langridge stated that not all rock needs to come from a quarry, as there is plenty in paddocks. W. Moen suggested to the meeting that they might want to consider stockpiling rock in case of emergency works. S. Langridge stated that there is already 500 – 600 tonnes dug out. S.

Moran stated that it is more convenient if the rating district buys the rock that way if rock is required for emergency work then it is already bought and paid for by the rating district. S. Langridge confirmed he is happy to stockpile the rock. Discussion ensued as to how much how is stockpiled, it is estimated that there is approximately 2000 tonnes stockpiled for emergency. It was agreed that W. Moen would ascertain how much rock is stockpiled and get back to S. Langridge with the figures and the exact location of the rock. S. Moran suggested that the rating district engage a contractor to stockpile the rock on their behalf. S. Langridge stated that careful consideration would need to be given to the price paid to contractors for stockpiling rock. W. Moen stated that \$2.50 per tonne would be a rough figure to recover rock out of the ground and to stockpile the rock. It was agreed that W. Moen would get prices from contractors for the stockpiling of rock with a view to having 2000 tonne of rock stockpiled behind the hook.

## **FINANCIAL MINUTES**

S. Moran drew attention to the annual quarry fee. He reminded the meeting that the fee from 2007 / 08 was left out of last year's report and that is why there are two fees in this year's report. W. Moen advised that the closing balance is approximately \$4,757.14.

**Moved: "That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".**

*S. Langridge / M. 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 2008 to 30 June 2009. W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection on 10 August 2009. Projected works for aerial spraying are \$10,000 and \$20,000 has been allowed for unforeseen maintenance. M. Stewart asked W. Moen if a price has been obtained for the aerial spraying. W. Moen advised that a price is not yet to hand but he is hoping to combine this job with Inchbonnie rating district's aerial spraying. Discussion took place on what area is sprayed and who pays for it. It was agreed that M. Stewart would work out the areas to be sprayed and pass this information onto W. Moen. W. Moen will then work out the payment for each individual. M. Stewart stated that he feels there may be the need to put one or two spurs out from Dymac Farms Limited area and also some work at the Hook Groyne. W. Moen stated that he would inspect this area in about a week or so to confirm if this work needs to be carried out. S. Moran advised it would be prudent to add this work to the proposed works report for 2009 / 2010. He advised with the proposed works in the Dymac area then the account could already be in deficit. Discussion took place on the cost of this work.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved.**
- 3. That the proposed work at Dymac Farms Limited be included in the 2009 / 2010 works proposals.**

*S. Langridge / A. Stewart – Carried*

## **RATES 2010 / 2011**

W. Moen stated that with the rates coming in for this year and the works for the coming year this would leave approximately \$36,000 (GST Excl) in the account.

D. Groot asked what is the urgency for the groyne work in the Dymac Farms area. S. Langridge stated that the work that Nelson Cook has carried out on his property has altered the meander pattern of the river and this needs to be sorted out as the river is now cutting in on his property. S. Langridge is concerned that this work further up the river is now affecting this rating district and his property. It was agreed that D. Groot would send a letter to WCRC expressing the rating districts concern with the works carried out further up the river. Discussion took place regarding the cost of the proposed works would have on the rate strike. W. Moen advised that in view of these extra works then the rate strike for the coming year needs to be carefully considered. S. Langridge stated that he feels that the rate strike can stay at \$60,000 as long as everyone is clear that if there is an event then they need to pay up for this. W. Moen stated that in view of the extra work then the account could go into overdraft fairly quickly. M. Stewart stated that this work needs to be timed so that it is completed before next spring's floods.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

***"That the rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year is \$60,000 (GST Excl)."***

*S. Langridge / M. Stewart – Carried*

W. Moen stated that had he have been aware of the extra work required in the Dymac Farm area at the time of writing this report, his recommendation would not have been \$60,000 but close to \$100,000. Cr Ewen stated that Council would not be keen on any rating district having a negative balance and advised that if this happens then an extra meeting for this rating district would be called.

M. Stewart wondered if it would be worthwhile talking to landowners from Inchbonnie to ascertain what is now happening with the river. W. Moen stated the changes in the river might relate to illegal works carried out by new landowners further up the river as these works may have been carried out without a resource consent. S. Moran explained the usual procedure when someone applies for a resource consent and the impact of not applying for consent can have on others. S. Moran advised the meeting that should they see illegal works in their area they need to contact Council as soon as possible in order to avoid damage. W. Moen stated that sometimes an aerial inspection is warranted but this is costly.

## **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."***

*P. Stevenson / A. Stewart - Carried*

**Moved:** ***"That M. Stewart be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

*P. Stevenson / A. Stewart - Carried*

**Moved:** ***"That S. Langridge be appointed as Deputy Spokesman for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

*P. Stevenson / A. Stewart - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

W. Moen advised that the cross section work that was carried out in June of this year revealed that there is an overall depletion of 132,00 cubic metres between the top and bottom cross section. There is general erosion at the bottom end of the stopbank and a build up under the access road on the main stopbank and a general build up to the Old Christchurch Road up to the end of the sand.

M. Stewart asked if there have been any prospective buyers visiting council to discuss the rating district; in view of the fact that Dymac Farms Limited is for sale. S. Moran confirmed that a Real Estate Agent had visited him and he provided a copy of the contract to be signed by ratepayers relating to emergency work. S. Moran also emailed the real estate agent information relating to rating districts.

There being no further rating district business to be discussed, the meeting closed at 3.00 pm

### **Action Point**

- W. Moen to ascertain how much rock is stockpiled and get back to S. Langridge with the figures and the exact location of the rock.
- W. Moen to get a price from contractors for the stockpiling of rock.
- S. Moran to investigate staff gauge.