

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
VINE CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 11.03 AM.

PRESENT

B. Godfrey, N. Monk, B. Godfrey, J. Michell, P. Cook, W. Diedrichs, D. Robinson, G. Monk

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Davidson, B. Chinn (Councillors)

C. Ingle, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

B. Patterson

B. Godfrey / N. Monk - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Davidson 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 Thursday 19 October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”*

P. Cook / N. Monk - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen advised that the surveying of cross sections has been carried out. The next step would be to have this information analysed so planning for future works can be determined. W. Moen advised that the average cost for the analysis is around \$10,000 and he recommended that this be done. There is also concern regarding growth on top of the stopbank. W. Moen has concerns with the grazing of stock on the top of the stopbanks and those farmers on both sides of the creek need to be told that this is not acceptable. N. Monk advised that he had a phone call from Barry Paterson regarding this; N. Monk advised Barry Paterson that the problem is standing of stock on this area and not grazing. C. Ingle drew attention to Council's new policy on stock crossings, but that policy is there to protect against effects on water quality. Council also has concerns with stock standing on stop banks as this could weaken these structures. N. Monk added that low level grazing of stop banks is acceptable as it keeps them clear of weeds but he did not want to see stand off pads on these stopbanks. Cr Davidson advised that flexibility is important but major structural damage needs to be avoided. P. Cook advised that stand offs are only used for three months of the year.

W. Diedrichs explained his grazing practice and asked if there was a policy for stand off areas on the other side of the road. W. Moen advised that his concern was for the stop bank. Cr Davidson asked W. Moen if the resource consent covered the upper area, W. Moen confirmed that it does.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$77,358.38

Moved: *“That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted”.*

N. Monk / J. Michell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

He outlined that no works had been carried out during the period. An inspection was carried out on the 27th of July and again on the 24th of August.

A proposed allowance of \$66,350.00 for maintenance expenditure for the following 2007 / 2008 year.

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved and any associated works be implemented.”***

G. Monk / N. Monk - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That the present committee, namely:***

J. Michell

G. Monk

B. Godfrey

T. Burden

N. Monk

be retained as the committee for the 2007 / 2008 financial year.”

D. Robertson / N. Monk - Carried

Moved: ***“That J. Michell be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year.”***

D. Robertson / N. Monk - Carried

RATES 2008 / 2009

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. P. Cook asked if this figure was obtained before or after the quote for future works was obtained. W. Moen confirmed that it was obtained before the quote was received but this is still adequate and he suggested that it stay at \$45,000 for this year.

Moved: ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year be \$45,000 + GST.”***

N. Monk / P. Cook - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Diedrichs voiced his concern with the dumping of rubbish on the top of the bank. W. Moen agreed to follow up this matter. W. Diedrichs requested the something is done to tidy the area landward of the bank for 100m or so up from the road. The area downstream of the road looks tidy but upstream it needs work. W. Moen agreed to inspect the area with the committee when a digger is on site.

W. Moen tabled a letter from W. Diedrichs wanting to know what the situation was when the Vine Creek Rating District was started. He would like to know where the spoil is to go and if a variation to the resource consent is required. W. Moen agreed to follow up on this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.35 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
September 2007