

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WAITANGI-TAONA RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2003 COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT

R. Williams, W. Nolan, D. Sealby, I. O'Brien, J. Purcell, M. Nolan, E. Nolan, A. Show, R. Squires (DOC).

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
J. Wood (Councillor)
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

M. McBride, D. Dennehy, T. McBride, A. Nolan, P. Northcroft, V. Northcroft
J. Clayton, R. Lowe, D. Horn, D. Davidson (West Coast Regional Council)

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 17 April 2002, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."*

J. Wood / W. Nolan - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

J. Purcell pointed out that he had been present at the previous A.G.M.

W. Moen promised to amend the previous minutes accordingly.

J. Wood explained that the Council had decided that the LAPP Fund premium was of regional significance and therefore, in the future, the fee would be paid for out of general rates.

Discussion again took place on the buildup of gravel in the Waitangitaona River.

W. Moen agreed to find out when the last cross sections were carried out by Transit NZ and would supply the chairman with the results when they became available.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2002 calendar year for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002.

Moved: *"That the Financial Report for the 2002 calendar year commencing at 1 January 2002 and ending 31 December 2002 be adopted."*

D. Sealby / R. Williams – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that the reduced Westpower contribution was due to a reduction in last year's rate strike.

He also pointed out that the second instalment the previous year's was to be yet added to the total account and this would bring the account up to approximately \$159,000.

All agreed that this was a reasonable healthy situation.

W. Nolan felt that the scheme could not be complacent, as the surplus could be spent in one flood event.

He also felt that the area was overdue for some major floods and urged caution when setting a rate for the coming year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That R. Williams be re - elected as Chairperson / Spokesperson of the Waitangi-taona Rating District for the 2003 / 2004 financial year."***
W. Nolan / J.Purcell – Carried

Moved: ***"That the committee for the 2003 / 2004 financial year remain as the status quo, comprising of the following:***
P. Northcroft
W. Nolan
R. Williams
J. Purcell
D. Sealby"

W. Nolan / R. Williams – Carried

RATES 2003 / 2004

Further discussion took place on a realistic rate strike for the coming year.

W. Moen reminded those ratepayers present that the Asset Management Plan recommended an annualised rate of \$15,000.

He also indicated caution when lowering a rate strike.

W. Nolan again also urged caution, as he felt the account needed to be relatively "healthy" for future problems.

He outlined the results of the recent joint inspection, which recommended the extension of 3 major deflector groynes at an approximate cost of \$60,000.

The proposed work involved extending the 3 spurs by approximately 100 metres each and rocking the 3 extensions.

It was felt by W. Moen, W. Nolan and R. Williams, that the river should be kept as far away from the main bank as possible.

Moved: ***"That a reduced rate of \$10,000 + GST be again struck for the 2003 / 2004 financial year."***

W. Nolan / T. McBride – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Wood felt that the Council quarrying operations were now on a better financial footing and advised that a plentiful supply of rock was present in all the quarries.

W. Moen outlined the future life of the existing quarry, pointing out that there was adequate rock to serve the area for years to come.

W. Moen explained that new resource consents would be required for the proposed works and would prepare these and lodge them as soon as practical.

J. Purcell sought an estimate of the proposals.

Moved: “That the proposed works, as outlined, be carried out as soon as the resource consent was granted.”

D. Sealby / R. Williams – *Carried*

R. Squire asked that DOC be kept informed of the proposals.

W. Moen agreed to keep him informed.

R. Squire from the Department of Conservation outlined the Department’s activities in controlling the willow growth in the riverbed.

He explained that the Department had been spending between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per year on helicopter spraying of willows in the area.

W. Nolan expressed his satisfaction at the results DOC was achieving on the willow eradication programme and looked forward to continued work from the Department.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.15a.m.

Wayne Moen
Senior Engineering Officer