

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**WAITANGITAONA RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY HALL**  
**ON 15 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

V. Northcroft, P. Dennehy, P. Northcroft, W. Nolan, G. Purcell, D. Straight.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson (Councillor)  
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

D. Nolan, D. Bowater, K. Straight

*P. Northcroft / P. Dennehy - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

B. Chinn 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 16 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

*W. Nolan / D. Davidson - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. He advised that the current credit balance is approximately \$187,177.76.

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

*W. Nolan / P. Northcroft - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

P. Dennehy asked if the \$580.00 survey fee was for cross sections. W. Moen thinks this is for a cross reference from last year's survey figure which was low and he would check this out.

## **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection on 30 July 2009 as a result of this inspection \$27,100.00 worth of works were identified. Included in this figure is \$12,000 which has been allowed for unforeseen maintenance work. W. Moen advised that the contract for the works is underway now but is yet to be completed.

W. Nolan stated that the aerial spraying went well and cleared the groyne nicely. He advised that some spot spraying this year would be helpful.

W. Moen advised that four tenders were submitted for the current work and the successful tender came in at \$15,250.00. W. Moen confirmed that rock is being charged at \$20.00 per tonne, \$11.00 per tonne out of Whataroa quarry and the rock is being carted for \$9.00 per tonne. Rubble is charged at \$15.00 per tonne, there is a \$2.00 per tonne royalty and it is being carted for \$13.00 per tonne.

W. Nolan advised that he wasn't happy with the state that the road was left in following previous works but it has since been graded and he is now pleased with it.

W. Nolan expressed his concern following a big flood last year which missed the last bank that rock had been put on but headed around a corner and into the lagoon area, a bow wave was pushed into the bank. W. Nolan is concerned about how much pressure this bank could take as usually in a flood event the water hits the last bank and goes into the lake.

W. Nolan suggested that extra 100 metres be put in as he feels this would provide a security blanket over the whole lagoon. He doesn't think the river would go further out to come around this. W. Moen has provided an estimate of approximately \$418,000 to do the whole job including rock and geo fabric. W. Nolan stated that he and P. Northcroft are considering just doing the second half of the bank with rock, geo fabric and rubble to halfway across, they estimate this would cost \$267,000. W. Nolan stated that the lagoon is building up and creating a bigger lake in this area. He feels that by putting the wall up at the end of the bank and putting a culvert into the creek to drain any water coming off will take the pressure off this area. W. Moen advised that if the existing last retard is to be extended by 100 metres he suggests that it be fully rock and not just rubble used as this area could take quite a hammering. W. Nolan gave a rough estimate of \$70,000 for this work. W. Moen advised he would need to visit the area prior to putting out a contract for this additional work.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved with the 100 metre extension to the last retard subject to costs being confirmed and agreed to by the Rating District Committee.***

*W. Nolan / D. Straight - Carried*

## **RATES 2010 / 2011**

W. Moen advised that with the proposed works and the rate of \$20,000 struck for the 2009 / 2010 year the balance in the rating district account is likely to be \$190,000. W. Moen stated that the recommended rate strike for 2010 / 2011 is \$15,000 but that it would be wise to put extra money aside for the additional works. W. Moen feels that in view of the unknown subsurface he feels that a fabric base is required for the stopbank to sit on, he stated this job could be done cheaper but this could be risky. W. Moen clarified that the rate strike for this current year was \$20,000.

W. Nolan stated that the bank is in good condition. He stated that rockwork might be necessary in the Richardson Road area and with the extra works required this year, he feels that rate strike might need to be a little bit higher this year. W. Moen advised that in view of the extension to the bank and the extra work required this could leave \$160,000 in the

account. W. Moen feels that the rating district needs to consider building this account up now and a rate strike of around \$50,000 needs to be considered. S. Moran advised that it would be prudent to put money aside now; he explained the process on raising a loan for the rating district. S. Moran advised that the interest rate maybe around 6%. Cr Davidson advised that meeting that a rate strike of \$35,000 should be considered. W. Moen stated that if the full extension of the bank is to be contemplated within the next 2 – 3 years then some large contributions are going to be required one way or another, whether it is a loan or a special rate. P. Northcroft stated he would rather put away money for this now and is in favour of a rate strike of \$30,000.

G. Purcell spoke of the effect the river could have on the road. Discussion took place on when the works should start and also the advantages of increasing the rate strike for the coming year.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

***"That the rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year is \$30,000 (GST Excl)."***

*P. Northcroft / W. Nolan – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

B. Chinn read out the names of the current committee. He asked for any additions or changes to the committee. W. Nolan suggested that the status quo remain for the committee.

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

***P. Northcroft***

***W. Nolan***

***G. Purcell***

***D. Bowater***

***D. Straight***

***be retained as the committee for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

*W. Nolan / P. Northcroft - Carried*

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

*G. Purcell / D. Straight - Carried*

B. Chinn complimented W. Nolan on the effective job he does as rating district spokesperson and thanked him for his work. W. Moen concurred with this and also passed on his thanks.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

D. Straight requested that the stockpile of rocks at the site where his son Keegan died be left in place as a mark of remembrance to Keegan. W. Moen confirmed that he is aware of this request and he has made sure that contractors are also aware.

D. Straight raised the matter of the riverbed lease, he stated that since the willows have been sprayed there is a lot less grazing area and he is not getting the same amount of value for money out of this lease. S. Moran advised D. Straight to get a valuation on this land and to get back to W. Moen on this matter. W. Nolan agreed that a huge amount of grazing has been lost. S. Moran advised that if this is a grazing lease then the valuation of this lease is affected. It was agreed that S. Moran would follow this matter up with R. Mallinson. Discussion took place regarding the loss of a fence during a recent flood as to who replaces it. It was agreed that the rating district committee would follow up on this matter.

W. Moen advised that a gateway under the bridge was severely damaged by contractors. He asked the meeting what would they would like to be done about this. W. Nolan advised that he has repaired the gate himself.

W. Nolan asked if the rating district can dictate where gravel is taken from. W. Moen stated that contractors should be getting resource consents for the taking of gravel from riverbeds. S. Moran advised that to some extent WCRC can tell contractors where to get gravel from. W. Moen advised the meeting to contact him if they have any concerns so that he can follow up on this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.18 p.m.

**Action Points:**

- W. Moen to check survey figure of \$580.00 and advise W. Nolan of result.
- S. Moran to follow up D. Straight's lease of riverbed land.
- S. Moran follow up on gravel takes by contractors.