

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS
ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

N. R. Adamson, R. J. Berry, R. Hodgkinson, D. Lane, A. B. Harris, J. F. Harris, R. Squire, L. Molloy, B. Thomson, A. Campbell, J. Sullivan

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

B. Chinn, (Councilor)

S. Moran, W. Moen, R. Palten (Staff)

APOLOGIES

G. Black, M. Molloy

D. Davidson & J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)

N. Adamson / L. Molloy - 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 Tuesday 1st November 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”*

A. Harris / A. Campbell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

S. Moran reported that cross sections were required on a regular 2-3 year basis. He explained that limited money was available for all rating districts and as with other rating districts these costs would be shared equally between the Rating District and the Council.

General discussion to this ensued.

Speakers included R. Hodgkinson, N. Adamson, L. Molloy and B. Thomson

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006. This left the account with a current up-to-date credit balance of approximately \$330,176.50.

Moved: *“That the financial report for the 2005 / 2006 year be adopted”.*

R. Berry / N. Adamson - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period: 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$97,229.30) and as a result of an inspection carried out on 22 August 2006, outlined a proposed allowance of \$76,400.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2006 / 2007 year.

Discussion ensued questioning the estimated costs of gravel and rock.

W. Moen also suggested that the Rating District should consider stop separating the maintenance and capital work.

It was decided to meet with the Committee prior to the next meeting to discuss this and reach a decision.

The additional need for maintenance on Evans Creek was raised.

W. Moen agreed to carry out an inspection and to cost the 300-metre section in question.

Speakers included: R. Berry, B. Harris, J. Sullivan, and B. Thomson.

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted and the 2006 / 2007 works proposals be approved with the addition of any possible work requirements on Evans Creek.”***

M. Hayes / R. Berry - Carried

RATES 2007 / 2008

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Speakers included: R. Berry, J. Sullivan and B. Thomson.

Moved: ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2007/ 2008 financial Year be \$40,000 + G.S.T.”***

J. Sullivan / B. Thomson - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R. Berry and A. Harris announced they wished to stand down from the committee and were not standing for re-election.

R. Hodgkinson was nominated

L. Molloy / J. Sullivan – Carried

N. Adamson was nominated

R. Berry / A. Harris – Carried

Moved: ***“That nominations closed.”***A. Harris / R. Berry – Carried

Moved: ***“That the following members, namely:
R. Berry (Advisor) (N. Adamson / A. Harris)
N. Adamson
L. Molloy
J. Stewart
A. Campbell
R. Hodgkinson (L. Molloy / J. Stewart)***

be elected as the committee for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”

L. Molloy / N. Adamson - Carried

Moved: ***“That A. Campbell be elected as the spokesperson for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”***

N. Adamson /B. Thomson - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen introduced his report on the final costings of reopening the Wanganui Quarry Access Road.

He also read a letter that Council had received from Glenys Black regarding access to the quarry through her property.

General Discussion ensued regarding the possible impact this had on the future rock supplies for the area.

Speakers included: J. Sullivan, R. Berry, B. Thomson, L. Molloy, A. Campbell, R. Squire, A. Harris

There was also discussion about the state of Harold Creek, which appeared to flood and run through properties.

It was asked if the creek could be excavated from downstream of the State highway bridge to Robinson Road as it was currently being dug out further upstream in T. Sullivan's property.

W. Moen agreed to contact OPUS and Transit NZ.

It was pointed out by W. Moen that the council had no provisions for this work, but was able to carry out the work if the Rating District was prepared to pay for it.

Moved: ***“ That the downstream section of Harold Creek be included in the Wanganui Rating District for maintenance purposes.”***

L. Molloy / D. Lane – Carried

General discussion followed regarding who was responsible for what and the previous sub-standard work carried out by contractors.

Moved: ***“That a letter be sent from the committee to Transit asking them to maintain the channel of Harold Creek either side of the State Highway bridge.”***

L. Molloy / R.

Berry – Carried

Further discussion ensued regarding the Rating District paying for the aerial weed control on the stop banks.

It was once again re-enforced that stock were not permitted on the stop banks due to the damage they caused.

Speakers included: L. Molloy, R. Berry, A. Harris, and R. Squire

L. Molloy requested to know what the status of the Rating District Committee was, the reason it was formed and its powers in the case of a major flood.

He also asked what, if any, liability they held and who would allow them to carry out emergency work.

W. Moen outlined the situation, clarifying that the committee was effectively a sub committee of Council and as such was bound by the rules of Council.

No works were to be carried out without the permission of the Council's River Engineer, however W. Moen confirmed he was always available for the spokesperson to contact him and they should have his cell phone number.

S. Moran was available as a back up should it be required.

W. Moen reiterated that as long as he knew what work was going to be carried out he had no problem with it.

In the past it had been difficult, for charge out purposes, to find out where the work had been done, how much rock had been carted, and where it had been carted from.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
27 November 2006