

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 7.35 PM.

PRESENT

R. Hodgkinson, L. Molloy, M. Molloy, A. Campbell, J. Sullivan, B. McGrath, JW. Arnold,
K. Garland, J. Stewart, T. Denham, G. Robertson

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

J. Muir, C. Lucas, N. Adamson

J. Stewart / M. Molloy - 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
Wednesday 18th October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct
record of that meeting."***

A. Campbell / M. Molloy - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen read the letters to the meeting that have been sent to Opus and Transit NZ regarding Harold Creek and the amount gravel traveling down the drainage system and the potential effect on neighbouring properties. W. Moen agreed to phone Opus to chase this matter up. J. Sullivan stated the rating district would spread the gravel around. Discussion ensued as to the quality of workmanship. W. Moen explained the tender process for works.

There was general discussion regarding the cost of the access road and how it was to be repaid. S. Moran reported that the rating district had advised him that they would not consider paying a lump sum payment for the road until the access agreement signed with Glenyse Black. Part of the current price for rock is to assist with payment and maintenance for the road. S. Moran stated that the rating district requested that a road be put in to gain access to the quarry. He advised it would be unfair for the general ratepayer to have to pay for the road rather than the rating district, as the quarry is predominantly used by the rating district. The current \$2.50 charge on the rock that comes out of the quarry goes toward paying the cost of the road. S. Moran confirmed that the royalty agreement has two years to run prior to it being renegotiated.

Discussion took place regarding the inclusion of the road easement surveying costs of \$7,232.11 with M. Molloy initially seeking that cost be held in abeyance until the access agreement is signed and there is some security of access. J. Stewart asked what will happen when the five years is up. S. Moran explained that what they are signing is a permanent easement and the review is on the royalty price from 1 January 2004 for a five

year term. The easement will be registered on the title once it is signed. The bridge requires certification every five years also.

Intense discussion ensued regarding the quarry and rock prices. S. Moran explained the tender process for works and advised that the quarry is there primarily to serve the rating district. S. Moran spoke of costs involved with the running of the quarry including OSH requirements, bunding, widening of the road, licence fees, resource consent, monitoring by DoC and WCRC. He advised that the cost of rock in the past should have been higher to assist with the running of the quarry. W. Moen confirmed that the Wanganui quarry is a very expensive quarry to run and has been heavily subsidised over the years. J. Arnold confirmed that this is a very difficult quarry to work in. Discussion on other site sources for rock took place.

Cr Davidson noted that running this quarry is costly and in the future other options should be looked at, he asked for direction from the meeting to take back to council on their behalf. Cr Davidson suggested looking around for other sites and getting as much rock out as possible and to stockpile it. **There was general agreement that this should be considered as an option.** J. Stewart asked for a summary on what has been spent on the quarry. S. Moran explained that this is ring fenced and that monies go toward licences and to DoC for the concession. J. Stewart asked for a balance sheet, S. Moran agreed to supply this but asked that they bear in mind the subsidisation by ratepayers to this quarry over the years, over the last 7 – 10 years there have been losses of \$100,000 approx. J. Arnold asked when did quarries start to stand alone. W. Moen answered only in the last couple of years.

J. Arnold asked if the quarry inspector is happy with this quarry. S. Moran advised that the quarry inspector said there is no maximum face height. J. Arnold asked for this in writing. S. Moran advised that the OSH Inspector and other quarry managers are the best people to ask about the future of this quarry. J. Arnold asked how long does the quarry licence have to run. W. Moen said he thought 12 years but he will investigate this further. W. Moen stated that it would cost around \$100,000 to make this a safe quarry. B. McGrath stated that it might be time to find a new source. Cr Davidson summarised that the balance sheet, safety report and the signed agreement from the landowner is required.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. W. Moen drew attention to the cost for an easement survey from Chris Coll Surveying of \$7,232.11. This was for the legalisation of the quarry road and was charged to the rating district. He advised that this payment was omitted from the 2005 / 2006 accounts. This leaves the account with a current up-to-date credit balance of approximately \$247,587.02.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted"***.
J. Sullivan / J. Stewart - 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 2006 to 30 June 2007.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$105,707.00) and as a result of an inspection carried out on 20th July 2007, outlined a proposed allowance of

\$55,400.00 for maintenance expenditure for the following 2007 / 2008 year.

L. Molloy and asked that more notice be given in future for inspections. Discussion took place on proposed works with W. Moen answering questions and offering information.

K. Garland asked that he attend inspections in future if his land is affected regardless if he is on the committee or not. Discussion ensued regarding future works with the prospect of the rating district carrying out their own work. W. Moen advised that he has no problem with this but he must be advised and the works must be certified upon completion. L. Molloy spoke of rock being stockpiled on spurs and the damage this can cause. He added that this causes problems when getting a digger to the area and also causes problems with inspections. W. Moen advised that a digger is the best option for shifting this and that he doesn't have a problem with this as a truck isn't required to move it – only a digger. J. Arnold confirmed that he is happy with the rock where it is as it is handy to have it close.

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

A. Campbell / K. Garland - Carried

RATES 2008 / 2009

W. Moen advised that the Asset Management Plan indicates an annual maintenance rating level of \$80,000. General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Moved: ***"That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2008/ 2009 financial Year be \$40,000 + G.S.T."***

J. Sullivan / M. Molloy - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

L. Molloy advised that this rating district has a rotation policy in place and those that are on the current committee automatically stand down. Therefore R. Berry and L. Molloy are standing down. N. Adamson, G. Robinson was nominated for the committee.

Moved: ***"That the following members, namely:***

N. Adamson

J. Stewart

A. Campbell

R. Hodgkinson

G. Robertson

be elected as the committee for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."

J. Sullivan / L. Molloy - Carried

Moved: ***"That A. Campbell be elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."***

L. Molloy / J. Sullivan - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen spoke to notes from the previous meeting. Harold Creek – the go ahead has been given to get prices for the works. W. Moen advised that cross sections would be done every 3 – 4 years. Previously cross section work has been paid for the by general ratepayer, costs are to now be split between the rating district and the regional council. W. Moen explained the process in place to have the analysis of done and the information

gained from this process. He estimated the costs would be around \$10,000 for both with WCRC paying the other half. S. Moran explained how this works in relation to the asset management plan. S. Moran explained the function of the LAPP Fund in detail and how this could benefit the rating district in the event of a major flood. He explained the situation in the Manawatu following the flood events.

W. Moen spoke of the application for resource consent for a stopbank on K. Garland's property. The rating district is considered an affected party. S. Moran confirmed that the only problem is the alignment of the stopbank. W. Moen and K. Garland agreed to discuss this after the meeting.

Cr Chinn addressed the meeting. He stated that the rating district is your rating district and that there are big decisions made at these annual meetings. He advised the rating district to have more meetings amongst themselves prior to the annual meeting. Cr Chinn spoke of the problems with the Wanganui Quarry and advised the meeting to consider finding an alternative source of rock before the next meeting. S. Moran reiterated Cr Chinn's advice. He offered to attend extra meetings at anytime should the rating district request this and to give direction where required. He asked the meeting to consider getting rock out early from the quarry. L. Molloy spoke of a lack of information at times but he also stated that this is also the responsibility of the rating district as well. He agreed that more meetings should be held during the year and that WCRC also has responsibility in this area. S. Moran stated that more contact with the chairman in between meetings would be helpful. W. Moen advised that he is only a phone call away at any time.

A possible new quarry site is on J. Stewart's property. J. Stewart advised that he is happy to show people over the area. Cr Chinn advised this would avoid the royalty fee.

J. Stewart spoke of the state the stopbank is left in when rock has been taken. He stated that the race and stopbank needs to be maintained after this. W. Moen agreed to follow this up with contractors concerned.

Cr Davidson thanked the rating district for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
19 September 2007