

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 9.41 AM.

PRESENT

L. Molloy, G. Robertson, D. Millar, A. Campbell, J. Stewart, A. Harris, R. Hodgkinson,
B. Thomson, J. Arnold, K. Garland

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

B. Adamson, M. Molloy

L. Molloy / J. Stewart - 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 Meeting held on 14 October 2009, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting with the amendments below."*

A. Campbell / J. Stewart - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

A. Harris stated that there is a section in last year's minutes relating to gravel in Harold Creek that is not quite correct, he advised that he stated that he put in two large culverts and he is having to dig the gravel out from below them. He also advised that he did not recall stating that people were not taking gravel from the right part of the creek.

B. Thomson raised the matter of John Ellis's report on the future of the Wanganui Quarry. S. Moran responded that he, Mr Ellis and about five people from this meeting visited the quarry and walked down the river to inspect this area. The outcome was that there is no rock that is easily obtainable. If hundreds of thousands of dollars were to be spent then more rock could be obtained safely. S. Moran advised that the quarry has reached the end of its life for riprap as far as the Council he concerned, and council will be putting it up for expressions of interest to see if anyone wants it take it over. S. Moran advised that finding an alternative rock source has been an ongoing issue.

B. Thomson asked what the outcome with the recommendation from last year's meeting that \$30,000 is put towards paying off the road. S. Moran advised that council declined this recommendation and in the final wash up it will be decided whether this money goes towards the road or restoration of the quarry. S. Moran advised that DoC is happy with the re-vegetation at the top of the quarry and all that is required is bunding off, and do some work on the bottom bench is required. J. Arnold stated that he feels that it would only cost about \$5,000 for restoration. S. Moran advised there are a couple of costs to take into account with one being the road into Glenys Black's and the other is \$20,000 worth of work that Jason Jones did and the reduced royalty for the decorative rock that he has taken out.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2009 / 2010 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2010 / 2011 works proposals be approved.**
A. Campbell / J. Arnold - Carried

RATES 2011 / 2012

W. Moen advised that in view of the proposed works and the current rate strike of \$100,000, he feels that his recommendation of \$100,000 should be upped to \$120,000. It was noted that there is a mistake in the proposed works where the cost of rock should be \$1000 and not \$100.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2011 / 2012 financial Year is \$120,000 (GST Excl)."

A. Campbell / K. Garland - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Davidson reminded the meeting that this rating district has a rotation policy in place. L. Molloy moved that the existing committee and chairman to remain in place. He suggested that the two on the top of the list (J. Arnold and J. Stewart) stand down next year and the rotation policy would stay in place with the two on the top of the list each year standing down.

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

**J. Arnold
J. Stewart
A. Campbell
R. Hodgkinson
G. Robertson** **be elected as the committee for the 2010/
2011 financial year."**

L. Molloy / J. Arnold - Carried

Moved: **"That A. Campbell be re- elected as the spokesperson for the 2010 / 2011 financial year."**

L. Molloy / J. Arnold - Carried

Moved: **"That two of the committee members to stand down by rotation next year will be J. Arnold and J. Stewart".**

L. Molloy / J. Arnold - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Arnold stated he would like the future of the quarry sorted out and expressions of interest called for. S. Moran advised that there is an easement in place and there is a review of the royalty in place which will come up again in about 18 months time. It was noted that whoever takes over the quarry has to deal with the restoration of it. S. Moran advised that the \$30,000 on hold is either for restoration or if the quarry is sold then this

money is used to clear the costs on the road. J. Arnold advised that DoC are happy with the quarry how it is now and \$5,000 would sort out anything left requiring work.

J. Arnold asked S. Moran if he had a figure on hand for rock that Jason Jones from Westland Schist has taken out of the quarry. S. Moran advised that the cost is around \$15,000. S. Moran advised that he is looking to avoid as many costs on the rating district as possible. It was noted that a lot of money needs to be spent on making the quarry safe to work in. S. Moran advised that from council's perspective the risks are too great but if a commercial contractor is found who is happy to take it on then that could be beneficial. S. Moran advised that expressions of interests would be put out next month. Discussion took place on who was likely to be interested in taking over the quarry and options for paying off the road and restoration. It was noted that there is approximately \$30,000 owed on the road.

Cr Chinn advised that he looked at the road with the committee and advised that Mr Jones was prepared to fix the road. Cr Chinn advised that at the time the committee was concerned that there was no alternative rock source other than Whataroa but if Mr Jones was prepared to fix the road then the rating district still had access to a quarry.

Cr Davidson stated that it is important that the best decision for the rating district is made and that the sale of the quarry is progressed.

B. Thomson asked what it would cost to not use the quarry at all and let Mr Jones work the quarry. S. Moran advised that this would still cost the rating district between \$1,000 and \$2,000 a year. W. Moen advised that the bridge is due for recertification next year. S. Moran advised that a lot of these problems will be resolved if expression of interest are called and the quarry is sold. He encouraged the rating district to look for a good deal and get out of the quarry.

Moved: "That the Wanganui Quarry be put up for expressions of interest".

J. Arnold / L. Molloy - Carried

W. Moen advised that there is a possible alternative rock source available on Jon Sullivan's land. W. Moen advised that he has inspected this area and it is good rock. J. Arnold confirmed that this is a good rock source. W. Moen advised that it is a cheaper alternative than carting rock from Whataroa. W. Moen encouraged the meeting to talk to Jon Sullivan about this rock source.

L. Molloy raised the matter of rates apportionment; he stated that things have changed since the 1980's when a lot of money was spent around the bridge, Jon Sullivan's, Mick McGrath and John Stewart's. He stated that this has moved down and money is now being spent around K. Garland's place. L. Molloy stated that it is time that the rating classification is looked at again as there is a feeling that some people are paying a lot more than they should and those by the river and paying to protect the flats. Cr Davidson asked how much would a re-classification cost. W. Moen gave a rough estimate of \$10,000 to \$20,000. B. Thomson stated he was trying to make the same point last year and agrees with L. Molloy that it is time to look at this. He feels that some of the bigger farmers are probably paying over 20% of the total river rate. W. Moen advised that this could mean an increase in some cases. W. Moen offered to get a map drawn up and send it to A. Campbell showing the existing situation. S. Moran advised that this would be a good start and would show the rating district what their options are.

L. Molloy stated that there is a perception out there that those on the river are the major beneficiaries but he feels if it weren't for these landowners then Harihari wouldn't exist. Discussion took place on the rates and the percentages that various landowners pay including landowners in the township. L. Molloy advised that some years there has been hardly anything to pay for river protection.

B. Thomson that he would not want to see some of the larger landowners starting up their own schemes, he feels stated that the community needs the scheme and they do not want people pulling out. It was agreed that W. Moen would send extra copies to A. Campbell so that they can discuss options for the rating classifications. It was considered

best if the rating district could come up with any agreed options for a potential reclassification.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.58 a.m.

Action Points for follow up

1. W. Moen to get a map drawn up and sent it to A. Campbell showing the existing situation for rating classifications.
2. It was agreed that the slumping near the deer gates on J. Stewart's land would be included in the capital works contract downstream of this area.