

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS
ON 22 OCTOBER 2015, COMMENCING AT 11.06 AM.

PRESENT

A. Campbell, J. McIntosh, R. McKenzie, M. Aynsley

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. McDonnell, (Councillor), S. Challenger (Councillor)
M. Meehan, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

L & M. Molloy, J. Stewart, J. Anderson, V. Smith.

Moved: ***"That the apologies be accepted."***

A. Campbell / J. McIntosh - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr McDonnell opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself, Cr Challenger and the Council staff.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 13 November 2014, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

A. Campbell / P. McDonnell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Action points were updated. W. Moen advised that spraying would be done every two years. W. Moen advised that he has put a 20 metre peg in from the stopbank as an indicator to mark the trigger point line for erosion at the bottom end of the scheme. W. Moen investigated the resource consent for Raymond's bank. He stated that a compliance report has been done. W. Moen advised that the total length of the bank is 1400 metres in length. He stated that the top 225 metres upstream is the only section that is of a good sufficient to be incorporated into the rating district scheme, the rest of the bank is substandard and needs further work before it should be included in the rating district. W. Moen clarified that a private individual can build a structure on the river, outside of the rating district scheme, and after two years if the structure is up to standard then the rating district scheme can take over the maintenance of this structure. Discussion took place and it was agreed that this 225 metres be included in the rating district scheme.

Moved: ***"That the 225 metres of Raymond's bank is incorporated into the rating district scheme."***

A. Campbell / M. Aynsley - Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2015. He advised that just over \$100,000 came into the account from rates and interest. M. Meehan reported

that just under \$130,000 was spent on works and other expenses. The closing balance as at 30 June 2015 was \$244, 102.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period: 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. He advised that a total of \$108,589.26 of works were carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen reported that the price of rock is going up along with the price of contracting. He stated that the rock royalty is currently \$7.50 per tonne from the gold claim area. Discussion took place on rock sources. A speaker asked who currently owns the quarry. M. Meehan advised that Sicon Ferguson purchased the quarry from Council, but he is unsure if they have won any rock from the quarry. M. Meehan stated that Council suffered a small financial loss with the sale of the quarry.

W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection with the spokesperson on 8 September 2015 and \$40,619.76 worth of works were identified, this figure includes \$20,000 for unforeseen maintenance.

RATES 2016 / 2017

Cr McDonnell advised that the recommended rate strike is \$100,000. There was no discussion, all present agreed with the \$100,000 rate strike. M. Meehan advised that the prudent reserve for this rating district is \$500,000. He noted that a lot of work has been done over the past few years and the rating district received a contribution of just under \$170,000 from the Ministry of Civil Defence following a major flood event.

M. Meehan raised the matter of getting emergency works done in a timely fashion. He advised that Council's Procurement Policy stated that work over \$5,000 must go through the tender process. M. Meehan explained that at yesterday's Franz Josef rating district meeting it was suggested that this figure should be higher. M. Meehan advised that he is going to take a report to council requesting that the \$5,000 is increased. M. Meehan explained that a tender could be put out for this rating district for a year's worth of work. M. Meehan stated that as part of the tender process the contractor would need to be able to do the work within 48 hours of being notified of the job. M. Meehan stated that this method is being used in Canterbury and it works well with the price being locked in for two years. Every two years the work is re-tendered. A. Campbell stated that he doesn't think it's a good idea as bigger contractors could put in a cheaper price and the rating district could then lose their local contractors. A. Campbell stated the Wanganui River bank has been saved a few times by having a local contractor on site. M. Meehan suggested that the \$5,000 is raised to \$15,000 to \$20,000 in order to get work done quickly when needed. M. Meehan stated that the procurement policy allows for verbal quotes to be obtained for emergency works. It was noted that there are local contractors on site in Hari Hari. It was agreed that the rating district would carry on with the current system for the tendering of emergency works.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman stated that this rating district has a rotation policy in place with the two on the top of the list each year standing down therefore Mr Campbell and Mr Hodgkinson are due to stand down. It was noted that last year there was no rotation made as there were only four people present for the meeting. It was confirmed that all members of the committee are still in the area.

A. Campbell

R. Hodgkinson

G. Robertson

M. Aynsley (represents ratepayers in the township)

J. Arnold

J. Stewart is elected as the committee for the 2015 / 2016 financial year."

Moved: *"That the status quo remains for the committee and Spokesperson."*
R. McKenzie / A. Campbell - Carried

A. Campbell was re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2015 / 2016 financial year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

M. Meehan asked the meeting if they wished to continue to have an annual meeting. He explained that some rating districts have now elected to have a meeting every second year. M. Meehan advised that minutes, financial and works reports are still sent out to the rating district each year. A covering letter is included and if a meeting is requested by the rating district then a meeting will be held. A. Campbell commented that if there is a major problem then a special meeting is held anyway. M. Meehan advised that if major capital works were required then a special meeting would be held. It was agreed that the option of having a meeting would be included in the covering letter. Members of the rating district are to contact A. Campbell if they wish to hold a meeting but at this stage a meeting will not be held in 2016.

W. Moen raised the matter of a problematic area at the bottom end of the scheme. He stated that he A. Campbell and G. Robertson have looked at this area. The river is cutting in and the silt stopbank is not enough protection as there is no rock work in this area. W. Moen stated that any work done in this area would have to be done on an individual bases by those affected as it would be capital works. W. Moen stated that extensive work is required in this area. M. Meehan stated that Council may choose not to reinstate the stopbank in this area if those affected are not prepared to contribute towards the work. M. Meehan suggested that those present get together with those affected and discuss the deflector groynes that W. Moen mentioned as this has not been discussed with them. A. Campbell stated that people are well aware of what could happen in this area. He stated that there needs to be a plan in place should the river get passed the trigger point. It was agreed that W. Moen and A. Campbell would meet with those affected to discuss the options of a kicker.

A speaker raised the matter of the blocked drain behind this building, he stated that it is currently quite clogged up and is backing up with heavy rain. It was agreed that W. Moen would arrange for this drain to be cleared.

Cr McDonnell thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.

Action Points for follow up

- M. Meehan to follow up with Council regarding procurement policy.
- M. Meehan to prepare a report to Council to include the 225 metres of Raymond's bank into the rating district scheme.
- W. Moen to arrange a meeting with A. Campbell to discuss options for the area at the bottom of the scheme.
- W. Moen to arrange for the clearing of the drain behind the Harihari Restrooms.