

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE COAL CREEK RATING DISTRICT**

**HELD AT THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2000 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

J. Beynon, B. Jones, O. Norton, K. Braun, P. Kerridge (West Coast Rugby League),

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

J. Foster (Councillor)

R. Lowe & W Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

D. Preest, P. Berry (Grey District Council)

BUSINESS

R. Lowe opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous AGM held on 21 April 1999, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting”.*

J. Beynon/ O. Norton - carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen spoke on the ongoing correspondence with The Grey District Council seeking a more realistic on-going financial commitment to The Coal Creek Rating District.

Other speakers also included O. Norton, J. Foster, R. Lowe and J. Beynon.

It was generally felt that the value of The Grey District assets were not truly reflected as the Coal Creek Rating District values were based on land value.

The importance of the ongoing protection of the Runanga Water Supply was highlighted as an example.

Moved: *“ That The Coal Creek Rating District, given the increased threat to the District Council assets, writes to The Grey District Council, seeking a greater financial contribution to reflect the vulnerability of those assets.”*

W. Moen also spoke on the Tranzrail Bridge proposal outlining the peer review of the calculations and design. It appeared that any potential flooding problems had been allayed.

W. Moen outlined the cross section survey currently being carried out by surveyors and the benefits to the Rating District by extending the sections upstream to include the Coal Creek area.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 1998/1999 financial year and the report for the transitional period ending 31 December 1999.

Moved: ***“That the Financial Report for both the 1998/1999 financial year and the 1999 transitional period be adopted.”***
P. Kerridge/ O. Norton - carried

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

This was discussed and it was agreed that the current committee should be retained.

Moved: ***“That the current committee comprising of: J. Beynon (Chair), B. Jones and O. Norton be retained.”***
K. Braun/ O. Norton – carried

RATES:

Much discussion regarding the vulnerability of the scheme and the potential costs of upstream capital works took place.

J. Beynon left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

Moved: ***“That the 2000/2001 rate be set at \$30,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive).”***
B. Jones (As no seconder was forthcoming, the motion was LOST.)

Moved: ***“That the 2000/2001 rate be set at \$20,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive)”***
O. Norton/ K. Braun – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

O. Norton spoke on the meeting with Damien O'Connor regarding the proposed upstream works. To date, no return correspondence had been forthcoming from Damien. O. Norton asked that a letter be written to Damien O'Connor seeking feedback on the issue.

R. Lowe spoke on the perceived “trigger point” of the LAPP Fund and explained the situations in both Karamea and Poerua Rivers.

Further discussion took place on the upstream erosion problems and the financial problems associated with the works.

W. Moen outlined the results of the questionnaire emphasising that only 61% of those sent out were returned. Of these only 52.29% were in favour of proceeding with the proposed funding of the capital works,

It was decided by those members of the rating district present that given the attitude of non – support by some of the ratepayers the capital works proposed for the area upstream of the rating district could not continue.

The committee therefore decided that the option of extending the existing rockwork up the right bank of the creek was the more acceptable to the ratepayers. This would be done on a progressive basis, within the limits of the rating district finances.

W. Moen pointed out that resource consent to carry out these works needed to be applied for. It was also suggested that the top stopbank be strengthened on both sides using rock rubble from Cobden Quarry, however it would not be raised.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.50p.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer.