

RATES 2003 / 2004

Full discussion took place on a rates strike for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.

W. Moen advised that he had inspected the upstream end of the scheme works earlier today and had found all the rockwork to be in good shape, with no immediate repairs required.

B. Jones also advised that he had carried out an independent inspection as well.

O. Norton asked if the existing erosion "bite" was acting as a "hook" and directing the water across the channel to the east side?

W. Moen explained that the current upstream erosion was continuing and that there was only approximately 30 metres of paddock area left before the river works and as a consequence, he felt that a diversionary effect would be more prominent when the river came into contact with the rock facing already in place.

W. Moen advised those present that the current Asset Management Plan indicated an annualized rate strike of \$20,000

Moved: ***"That the 2003 / 2004 rate be set at \$20,000 + G.S.T."***

B. Jones / J. Beynon – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place on the possible raising of the stopbank.

R. Lowe felt that there would be too much opposition from the Kaiata side.

O. Norton advocated the filling in of the batter slopes of the stopbank with waste rubble.

B. Jones asked if the existing silt bank should be removed and replaced with a more solid bank constructed of waste quarry rubble.

R. Lowe said this was possible, however, it would be very expensive.

W. Moen pointed out the vulnerability of a soil stopbank as opposed to a rock – faced bank.

Discussion took place on the merits of filling in the back batters of the stopbank with waste material, so that if the bank was ever overtopped, the water velocities would not cut back the existing silt bank.

R. Lowe suggested that it could be done on an ongoing basis, in association with local contractors, as a dump site.

B. Jones, being the affected landowner was reasonably comfortable with this scenario.

W. Moen suggested that a resource consent might be required to carry out this activity.

Moved: ***"That pending resource consents, a letter be sent to the Grey District Council and Opus International, being Transit NZ's agents, advising them of the possible availability of a potential dump site at the rear of the stopbank, of suitable waste material"***

O.Norton / B. Jones – carried.

P. Ewen again made comment that it was evident that cattle were still damaging the stopbank and felt that all cattle could be denied access to the bank to preserve its integrity.

The issue of objections from the Kaiata side of the river if an application for the raising of the stopbank proceeded was also aired.

Speakers included: P. Ewen, R. Lowe, O. Norton, B. Jones and J. Beynon.

O. Norton sought clarification on the potential effects on the Coal Creek area, if the Greymouth floodwall was raised.

R. Lowe explained that a possible reduction in minor flood levels as a result of the clearing and lowering of Cobden Island shouldn't have any noticeable effect on the Coal Creek area.

O. Norton also sought comment on the Cobden overflow situation.

R. Lowe indicated such a channel would have an insignificant effect on the Grey River levels.

General discussion took place on the LAPP Fund.

W. Moen explained that the Council was now meeting the LAPP premium from general rates and that rating districts would not be paying any further money for continued coverage.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.55p.m.

W. Moen
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