#### 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 16 MARCH 2004 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

#### **PRESENT**

B. Jones, F. Riordan

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

D. Shannahan, P. Ewen (Councilors), David Horn (CEO), R. Lowe, W Moen (Staff)

### **APOLOGIES**

J.Beynon, M. Preest, D. Preest (All proxy voting rights given to F. & M. Riordan.)

#### **BUSINESS**

D. Shannahan opened the meeting and welcomed all present and introduced David Horn as new CEO of West Coast Regional Council.

Moved: "That the minutes of the previous AGM held on 2 April 2003, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting".

Peter Ewen / F Riordan - Carried

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Discussion occurred around dumping of suitable spoil for the stop bank. Wayne has contacted the Grey District Council and they are unable to guarantee quality of fill He explained that the stopbank needed to be constructed of suitable compactable material. It was agreed that there would need to be adequate policing of site to prevent unsuitable material being deposited.

It was agreed to keep any such decision open until any appropriate fill becomes available.

W. Moen to check to see if any consents were required.

D. Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirement for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent compulsory provision for an estimated 10-year works expenditure programme. He also explained that the requirements of the Act now meant that for advanced planning purposes Annual General Meeting should be held in the latter part of the year, around September / October in order to give a clear indication of the following year's expenditure in advance.

As a result, D. Horn proposed moving from a calendar year to a financial year, as the Council must provide a long-term community plan covering 10 years. The first three years need to be accurate with the following seven years being estimated.

## **FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2003 calendar year ending 31 December 2003.

He noted a correction for the financial report of 2003.

The Grey District Council contribution \$1728.00 should be added.

Taking into account the addition of the second 2003 / 2004 rate installment of \$10,000, the balance as at 30 March 2004 would be approximately \$70,401 in credit.

Moved: "Financial Report for the 2003 financial period be adopted."

B. Jones / F Riordan - Carried

#### **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which spanned 10 years and also outlined possible future capital flood protection works.

He recommended, that based on past historical annualized expenditure, the Coal Creek Rating District should consider a minimum rate strike of \$25,000 per year.

He reported that he suggested an allowance of \$15,000 per annum be allowed for ongoing maintenance work.

He outlined possible estimated costs (\$205,000), to raise the stopbank by 1.00 metre over 2,000 lineal metres and also outlined possible funding options if any such projects developed.

No works had been carried out during the 2003 calendar year.

Discussions ensued over strengthening of the top section of the bank with the use of cheap clay and rock rubble from Cobden Quarry.

It was reported that little or no erosion had occurred over the last 12 months.

D. Shannahan suggested that perhaps a stockpile of heavy rock rubble be used for an emergency situation rather than raising the bank level.

It was pointed out that the Rating District currently has a 500 tonnes stockpile for emergency erosion works, if required.

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

B. Jones and F. Riordan expressed concern at the lack of attendance by ratepayers. They felt that as there were not enough ratepayers at the meeting the status quo should remain.

Moved:

"That given the small representation, O. Norton, J. Beynon, F. Riordan and B. Jones remain as the committee and that B. Jones remain as spokesperson until the October 2004 meeting."

F. Riordan / B. Jones - Carried

# **RATES 2004 / 2005**

It was generally felt by those present, that due to the small number of ratepayers present, no decision on a suggested rate strike could be made at this time. It was suggested that this decision be left until the October 2004 meeting.

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

David Horn stated that some work needed to be done on costing future works.

As any such work required extra ongoing implications, letters should be sent out to all ratepayers, along with the options and minutes of the March 2004 meeting to encourage ratepayers to attend next meeting in October 2004.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.