

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
SOUTHSIDE HOKITIKA RATING DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ROOMS  
ON THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 7.35PM.

**PRESENT**

P. Oliver, N. Gallop, H. Hamilton, R. Bostwick, M. Montagu, W. Montagu.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
B. Chinn (Councillor)  
C. Ingle, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)

*N. Gallop / H. Hamilton - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

B. Chinn opened the meeting and welcomed those present.  
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

**Moved:** *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 2 November 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”*

*N. Gallop / P. Oliver - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

N. Gallop reported that he had completed the spraying and stated that he would donate this.  
The rating district thanked him.

W. Moen advised that written access agreements were in place.  
New owners would not be registered, as the cost would be very expensive.  
Discussion regarding registration and covenants of easements ensued.  
Speakers included P. Oliver and R. Bostwick.  
The Rating District agreed not to go ahead with a registered easement due to costs.  
It was suggested that if anyone sells, then make as a condition of sale that the new owner signs an access agreement.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006.  
This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$5,346.05.

**Moved:** *“That the financial report for the 2005 / 2006 year be adopted”.*

*P. Oliver / H. Hamilton - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

M. Montagu asked if rating costs were shared by new subdivisions and what impact would the cost of the subdivision have on the rating district.  
W. Moen explained that all new subdivided properties within the existing rating area would attract a proportion of the rate.  
This would have the effect of reducing other shares according to the number of new properties.

## **WORKS REPORT**

There were no works carried out.

W. Moen advised that it would be prudent to allow \$2,000 for projected future works for the following 2007 / 2008 year.

Those present felt that with the current stockpile and Transit NZ's 50% agreed contribution on maintenance, that the current balance was adequate.

W. Moen indicated that it would be prudent to allow for the "build up" of suitable reserves to allow for unforeseen future high flood events.

**Moved:**            ***"That the Rating District accepts the Works Report covering the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted and the 2006 / 2007 works proposals be declined."***

*H. Hamilton / R. Bostwick - Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:**            ***"That H. Hamilton be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2006 / 2007 financial year."***

*R. Bostwick / D. Bostwick - Carried*

## **RATES 2007 / 2008**

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

W. Moen again outlined his concerns at the dangers of not supporting the concept of retaining suitable reserves in order to address unforeseen future expenditure.

Speakers included: H. Hamilton, N. Gallop and P. Oliver.

**Moved:**            ***"That the Rating District does not strike a rate for the 2007 / 2008 financial Year."***

*P. Oliver / M. Montagu - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

N. Gallop requested that old piles be removed from the Hokitika River. Concerns were that boats travelling under the bridge might be damaged by the old piles.

W. Moen to follow this up and check with WCRC.

It was also requested that the old iron girder (Telecom) also be removed from the Hokitika River, W. Moen to also follow up on this.

General discussion regarding the groynes took place.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 PM.

**Wayne Moen  
River Engineer  
26 November 2006**