

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHSIDE HOKITIKA RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE ST JOHNS ROOMS, STAFFORD STREET, HOKITIKA ON 17 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING AT 7.40 PM.

#### PRESENT

S. Gordon, H. Hamilton

#### IN ATTENDANCE

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

#### APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

#### BUSINESS

Cr Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

**Moved:** *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 20 September 2010, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*B. Chinn / D. Davidson - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

As neither Mr Gordon nor Mr Hamilton was present at last year's meeting, the minutes were therefore moved and seconded by Cr Chinn and Cr Davidson.

Cr Chinn commented that if the rate strike was not struck then council could force a rate strike.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen spoke to the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2011. He reported that the opening balance as of 1 July 2010 was deficit of \$4,068.88 but with the \$5,000 rate strike the closing balance is \$618.84 in credit.

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the 2010 / 2011 year be adopted".*

*S. Gordon / H. Hamilton - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

#### WORKS REPORT

W. Moen advised that there were no works carried out between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011. W. Moen reported that undertook an inspection on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and no immediate works were identified but he advised that it would be prudent to allow \$5,000 for unforeseen works. W. Moen advised that should any works be required then the cost would be shared 50/50 between NZTA and the rating district.

## RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2010 / 2011 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2011 / 2012 works proposals be approved.***

*S. Gordon / H. Hamilton – Carried*

## RATES 2012 / 2013

W. Moen explained that because there was a zero rate for the 2011 / 2012 year, it is likely that the rating district account balance for the 2012 / 2013 year will be \$2,000 in debit (assuming some maintenance costs occur during the year). He stated that this is very dangerous ground. He stated that if there was to be any work between now and the end of June there would be nothing in the account to cover it. W. Moen therefore recommends a rate strike of \$5,000 for the 2012 / 2013 financial year. H. Hamilton stated that the expenses for the year were \$312.28. W. Moen explained costs involved over the year. It was noted that NZTA only pay for actual work. Extensive discussion took place. C. Ingle advised that the annual inspection carried out by W. Moen checks to ensure that the structures in place are all functional. C. Ingle advised that it is council's responsibility to ensure that the assets within the rating district are maintained and are functioning well. He advised that if a rate isn't agreed to at this meeting then council could apply one anyway for the rating district. W. Moen stated that the rate strike needs to be at least \$2,500 for the coming financial year. S. Gordon asked if this is enough. W. Moen confirmed that it is. W. Moen advised that to date the rating district has been very lucky in that there has been very little work required. W. Moen explained that it is risky not have a nest egg in the rating district account. S. Gordon stated that \$2,500 is better than nothing and he is happy with this amount. H. Hamilton stated that he is happy to pay for any work as required.

## RECOMMENDATION

***"That the rate strike for the 2012 / 2013 financial Year is \$2,500 (GST Excl)."***

*S. Gordon / H. Hamilton – Carried*

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

H. Hamilton is currently the spokesperson. It was noted that all members of the rating district are members of the committee. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

**Moved: *"That H. Hamilton be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2011 / 2012 financial year and that all members of the Rating District be members of the Committee."***

*S. Gordon / H. Hamilton - Carried*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

S. Gordon asked W. Moen where the newest or latest rating district has had the most recent emergency river works done. W. Moen responded that Taramakau settlement recently had works done. S. Gordon stated that the last lot of rock in the rating district was not as good as the first lot. W. Moen responded that the first lot of rock was of exceptional quality.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.03 pm.