

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KANIERE RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE St JOHNS ROOMS, STAFFORD STREET, HOKITIKA ON 15 OCTOBER 2012, COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM.

PRESENT

M. Orchard, J. Jones, G. Provis, G. Linklater, H. Collett, M. Dyne

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

M. Ward, A. Dyne, D. Diedrichs

H. Collett / G. Linklater - Carried

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 17 October 2011, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

M. Orchard / G. Provis - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen spoke to the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2012. He advised that at the start of the reporting period there was \$56,769.89 in the account. He advised outgoings were \$3,360.25 and the closing balance as at 30 June this year is \$59,226.18 which includes the \$4,000 rate strike.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2011 / 2012 year be adopted".*

G. Linklater / G. Provis- Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen spoke to the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. He advised that no works were carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen carried out an inspection with G. Linklater on the 17th of August 2012 and no immediate maintenance works were identified. W. Moen stated that he is keeping an eye on the erosion that has taken place upstream of the existing works and it is recommended that remedial works be considered as erosion is occurring into the DoC land. W. Moen suggested something is down about the erosion sooner rather than later. W. Moen suggested that \$3,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2011 / 2012 financial year be adopted.*
- 2. That the 2012 / 2013 works proposals be approved.*

M. Orchard / G. Linklater – Carried

RATES 2013 / 2014

W. Moen advised that with the proposed works and the rate of \$4000 previously struck for this current year the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the next financial year is likely to be \$62,000. W. Moen advised that in view of the potential works he feels the rate strike should be increased to \$10,000. W. Moen stated that he feels the rate strike needs to be increased, as \$60,000 will not go far if major works are considered. He advised the higher rate strike would take affect from the 1st of July 2013. M. Orchard asked what has changed over the past year. W. Moen stated that the level of erosion has stepped up. H. Collett stated that there has been a big change upstream and it is now starting to create its own hook. He stated that you could get a good view of the river from Rimu lookout. H. Collett stated he had a good look at this area after the flood on Saturday. He stated that the river is cutting in on the Woodstock side. M. Dyne stated that the river switches from side to side all the time. W. Moen stated that when the rating district was set up, the idea of it was to protect the whole of the Kaniere frontage. He stated at the present time the three groynes only protect the lower part of this area and people at the eastern end want protection. W. Moen stated it would be good to close the gap on this unprotected area. It was noted that if a decision is to be made on the rate strike, not everyone in the rating district is present to make the decision. C. Ingle stated that everyone was sent the meeting papers which proposed that higher rate. It was noted that there are 33 ratepayers in the rating district but only six are present at tonight's meeting. H. Collett moved that the rate strike is \$4,000 that same as last year. G. Provis seconded this motion.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for 2013 / 2014 is \$4,000 in view of the potential upstream works (GST Excl)."

H. Collett / G. Provis - Carried

Extensive discussion took place on the rate strike.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The names of the current committee and spokesperson were read out. Cr Davidson asked if all were still available, this was confirmed. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

Moved: *"That G. Linklater be elected as the spokesperson and M. Orchard be the deputy spokesperson for the 2012 / 2013 financial year."*

G. Provis / H. Collett - Carried

Moved: *"That all members present be on the Committee, the current Committee now consists of J. Collett, G. Linklater, G. Provis, J. Jones, M. Ward and M. Orchard."*

G. Provis / H. Collett - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen spoke to the options proposals, which were requested at last year's annual meeting. He read the motion from last year's meeting, which was:

“That the West Coast Regional Council prepare a proposal including the options and cost of each option for increased erosion protection in the Kaniere Rating District, from the end of the current works to the beginning of Nelson Cook’s property (Cooks Hill)”.

W. Moen read the two options, which are option 1, 1 – 3 groynes and option 2, continuous rockwork. He advised that option 2 is the most cost effective option at \$200,000. Option 3 would cost approximately \$300,000.

W. Moen stated that it would never be cheaper to do the work now as contractor prices are very competitive. He stated that currently he is getting the same prices for work that he was getting 15 years ago. W. Moen advised that the area is about 250 metres long. W. Moen stated that he feels if the option of three groynes is taken, the time could come when rock is required in between each groyne. He feels that continuous rockwork is a much better longterm option. W. Moen stated that the entire job should be done all at once and not in a piecemeal fashion. Discussion took place on how to finance the works and loan options. C. Ingle advised that council is able to arrange loans at a reasonable interest rate. C. Ingle stated that with competitive prices at the moment the job could come in at \$160,000 and then a loan of \$100,000 could be arranged, as there is already \$60,000 in the account. W. Moen explained to J. Jones that he would use the natural terrace that is already in place. It was noted that there is an old tramline in this area.

J. Jones stated it would be a good idea to drive some pegs in so that the area can be monitored. C. Ingle agreed that it would be good to monitor the rate of erosion, as this would give a good predictor of how quickly the land is eroding. W. Moen stated that the ratepayers of the Kaniere rating district have a moral obligation to protect those people who are currently unprotected. He stated that the bottom half of the scheme is protected and the intention of the scheme were protect everyone. M. Dyne stated that this is a large catchment and not all the water that causes flooding is from the river. H. Collett stated that he was told by the regional council that the localised rainfall flooding is a district council issue. C. Ingle stated that the district council put a stormwater system in place and if that was failing it is nothing to do with the regional council. Cr Davidson asked the meeting if they have a preference for the options supplied by W. Moen. W. Moen stated that option 2 is the most cost effective option.

MOVED ***“That measurements are taken of the rate of erosion of the river bank.”***

J. Jones / G. Provis - Carried

MOVED ***“That Option 2 – Continuous Rockwork is the best option for the rating district.”***

M. Orchard / G. Linklater - Carried

It was agreed that option 2 is the better of the two options, but it is not agreement to go ahead with option 2. W. Moen stated that the figures that he has supplied are only an estimate and the best way to get an accurate figure is the have the length of the area surveyed. W. Moen advised that it would cost around \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the survey and this would then give accurate costings for the job.

Cr Davidson stated that he gets the feeling that the rating district doesn’t want to do anything until they have to. G. Provis stated that he doesn’t see any point in getting the survey done until they really need it. W. Moen stated that it would be advantageous to have the survey work done and ready to go.

MOVED ***“That the preliminary survey work is done.”***

M. Orchard / M. Dyne - Carried

Cr Davidson thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.38 pm.

Action Points

- Work out what access will be available to the area that is to be upgraded.
- T. Jellyman to email minutes to committee.