

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL LIBRARY ON  
THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2001 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Graham Maw, Harley McNabb, Bevan Langford, Darryl Simkin, Kevin Storer, Ross Scarlett, Geof Volckman, Phil Currie, Margaret McBeth, Denise Tilling and Peter Sampson.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

R. Lowe (Staff – West Coast Regional Council)

**APOLOGIES**

D. Straight, G. Murphy (Buller District Council) and J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

***Moved: "That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 1 May 2000 be adopted."***

P. Sampson/D. Simkin - Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

R. Lowe read through the financial report highlighting the payment by Council of the excess back to the Rating district in respect to the LAPP claim back in 1998.

This effectively gave the Rating District a further \$38,628 of additional revenue.

H. McNabb asked whether the work on the mouth opening was approved by the Committee.

K. Storer responded as being spokesperson for the committee and stated it was necessary to move quickly on the mouth opening and that he had not contacted all members of the committee.

K. Storer offered an apology for this action and agreed to keep all Sub-committee members informed in the future.

R. Lowe informed the meeting that K. Storer had consulted him regarding the mouth opening.

H. McNabb indicated that the rock groynes on the left bank of the Karamea River at Flagstaff had been earlier constructed to provide protection to land to the south of the groyne.

R. Lowe indicated that the rock groyne was not part of the infrastructure that the Rating District were presently responsible for.

H. McNabb also asked why his letter to the Regional Council regarding the mouth opening and other matters had not been responded to.

R. Lowe apologised for the lack of response and would follow up with the Regional Council's Chief Executive Officer.

D. Tilling asked why there was a difference in hourly rates for digger hire from S. Lowe's accounts.

It was explained this was probably due to the significant increase in diesel fuel.

K. Storer commented that the number of hours charged by the contractor were very reasonable.

**Moved:**            ***"That the financial report for the period be adopted."***

G Volckman/D. Tilling – Carried

### **PROPOSED WORKS**

R. Lowe gave an outline of the works presently being actioned at Little Wanganui, Karamea and Oparara Rivers.

P. Sampson highlighted the need to move quickly in respect to the erosion occurring upstream of the main retard on the upper end of his property as it was considered that the erosion and loss of the natural bank height could have significant flooding implications to Karamea.

It was agreed that R. Lowe write to the Buller District Council requesting assistance in funding these works.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Phil Currie indicated his un-availability for re-election.

**Moved:**            ***"That Bevan Langford be nominated to join the Committee."***

P. Sampson/R. Scarlett - Carried

**Moved:** *“That the following people be appointed to the Committee.*

*K. Storer  
G. Volckman  
G. Maw  
D. Tilling  
B. Langford”*

R. Scarlett/P. Currie – Carried

**Moved:** *“That K. Storer be appointed as Spokesperson.”*

G. Volckman/G. Maw – Carried

#### **RATE STRIKE**

**Moved:** *“That the recommended rate strike for the 2001/2002 financial year be \$19,000 + GST.”*

G. Volckman/P. Currie – Carried

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

R. Lowe gave a brief update as to the future of the LAPP Fund and changes to the Civil Defence Act.

There was a general discussion re the long term supply of rock for river protection purposes in the Karamea area.

R. Lowe informed the meeting that in the short term rock was available from Miedema's.

He also indicated that Simkin's had increased their rock royalty to \$6.00/tonne.

D. Simkin indicated his unwillingness to have Council contractors working on his property.

R. Lowe indicated that a meeting with Department of Conservation, Buller District Council, Conservation Board and Land Information New Zealand was to be held on the 30 April 2001 to discuss the opening of the Fenian Quarry.

It was agreed to keep the Sub-committee informed of progress.

K. Storer asked the meeting to acknowledge and thank P. Currie for his input on the Rating District Sub-Committee over the years and it was unfortunate that he was not available to be on the Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

R.J. Lowe  
Operations Manager