

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 26 OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

I. Lodge, B. Lodge, H. McNabb, K. Nail, D. Straight, H. MacBeth,
G. Volckman, G. May, K. Storer, R. Sampson, T. Arcron, B. Langford, D. Simkin, P.
Langford, B. Jones, Q. Jamieson, P. Murray

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
J. Clayton (Councillor)
C. Ingle (CEO)
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

P. Sampson
R. Scarlett, (West Coast Regional Council)

R. Sampson / G. Volckman - Carried

BUSINESS

J. Clayton 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
Tuesday 8 November 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of
that meeting.”*

D. Simkin / B. Jones - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that the work reports had been written several weeks ago and
comments regarding stock damage to the stop banks may have changed.
He noted that some remedial repairs had since been made.

W. Moen produced a photograph of the stop banks showing they were predominantly on
private land. Discussion was required to have standard access agreements signed up as
per other rating districts.

He explained that individual landowners needed to be contacted so that long – term access
for maintenance purposes could be agreed upon.

C. Ingle suggested that over the next 12 months consultation with the landowners to gain
access agreements be made.

More discussion continued with regards to stock movement on and over the stop banks. It
was reiterated that this should be prohibited as stock caused immense damage. It was
agreed that Council staff carry out a joint inspection with the Committee to assess these.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006.
This left the account with a current up-to-date credit balance of approximately \$201,991.69

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

K. Storer / H. McNabb - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen remarked that the cost of the latest survey was paid for with General Rates. The analysis report was instigated as a joint venture between the Buller District Council and WCRC.

It had been agreed that the findings would be discussed with the Rating District and then with BDC before any decisions would be made.

It was unfortunate that the BDC had placed it on their council agenda prior to any consultation with either the Rating District or WCRC.

As the majority of ratepayers had not had the opportunity to view the report at that stage it was decided to speak more about it in General Business.

C. Ingle explained that Council had funds for some cross section work but added that as there were 22 rating districts that the annual budget would not be enough for all to be carried out all at once.

It was suggested that in future these costs could be split 50%: 50% with the Rating District. These cross sections were anticipated every 2-3 years.

W. Moen further explained how this information was used to show gravel movement. The cross sections done in June were the basis for the report but there had been no comparisons & analysis done for previous years due to the cost of such work. The raw data was there if analysis was required in the future.

Speakers included: H. McNabb, K. Storer, R. Sampson, G. Volckman, and J. Clayton

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He outlined that no works had been carried out during the period, however work had been carried out since June 2006 (\$8,413.50) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$10,000.00 maintenance expenditure for the remaining 2006 / 2007 year.

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted and the 2006 / 2007 works proposals be approved and associated works implemented.”***

G. Volckman / K. Storer - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Discussion ensued regarding how comprehensive the June inspection had been and when the last full inspection had taken place.

W. Moen reported that the last major flood had been in 1998.

W. Moen responded that Rick Lowe and Mike Shearer had previously done all inspections with the last one being 2 years ago.

He agreed that it was necessary for one to take place and suggested that it be scheduled before the end of the year (June).

Any work done was inspected by Council to decide if it was up to standard.

Maintenance was scheduled every year in liaison with the committee.

H. McNabb stated that his property was scheduled to have 19 groynes. 2 had been installed after the 1998 flood, however after discussion with R. Lowe it had lapsed.

He asked if they could they still be built under the old Resource Consent.

W. Moen advised that he would check it out and report back.

B. Langford asked if it was possible to GPS all groynes so that inspections were made easier when everything was overgrown with vegetation.

W. Moen advised that it was Council's intention to have all works located with GPS, however that it would happen over a gradual period due to staff constraints and costs.

RATES 2007 / 2008

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Moved: ***"That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2007 / 2008 financial Year be \$19,000 + G.S.T."***

G. Volckman / D. Straight - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

G. Volkman asked if any provision had been made for some one to stand down.

B. Jones stated it was difficult to elect a committee if when in the past only 3-4 members attended the meeting.

Moved: ***"That the present committee, namely:***

Kevin Storer

Darryl Simkin

Brian Jones

Dick Straight

Graham Maw

Bevan Langford

be retained as the committee for the 2006 / 2007 financial year."

H. McNabb / B. Lodge - Carried

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

D. Simkin / G. Volckman - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen outlined the Report carried out in conjunction with BDC. It was a rough draft report and had not yet been finalized. There was some information that was not accurate and the report had been carried out after concerns from the committee.

General Discussion ensued regarding the findings of the report.

Questions were raised on how the information had been gathered and the accuracy of the information.

There was a lot of discussion as to what constituted a 50-year and a 100-year flood event and whether the 1973 and 1998 floods were 50 or 100-year floods.

There was also discussion as to whether the stop bank had withheld the water at the 2 previous floods.

Locals pointed out that there could be obvious ramifications for business and property owners with Insurance Companies.

Most ratepayers present agreed that the BDC's handling of the report had generated confusion and panic.

Local recollections of the 1973 and 1998 floods showed that it was easy to see how information could be distorted.

Locals also felt that it would be hard to draw any conclusions from the report.

It was agreed that all those who wish to receive a copy of the Report should contact Kevin Storer and W. Moen would send copies to him.

All interested parties could then read it and a new meeting would be held early in 2007 to further discuss the various issues.

W. Moen agreed to meet with the Spokesperson and/or the committee to view the stop bank and his recommendations would be noted.

Other speakers included: R. Sampson, J. Clayton, C. Ingle, G. Volckman, T. Arcrow, H. McNabb, B. Jones, D. Simkin, P. Murray, H. MacBeth and P. Langford.

Q. Jamieson raised the problem of Granite Creek flooding and asked if anything could be done as it was breaking over the road and flooding the paddocks on the other side.

J. Clayton explained that he had viewed this that afternoon and it was a question of where to start.

There was no general fund from council to do the work.

W. Moen explained that all these issues could be dealt with during the future inspection.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
27 November 2006**