

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE**  
**KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
**ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM.**

**PRESENT**

K. Storer, S. Smaill, D. Webster, B. Langford, M. Macbeth, D. Simkin, G. Maw,  
P. Moynihan (arrived 7.37pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGIES**

R. Scarlett, D. Storer, J. Colville

*K. Storer / D. Simkin - 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  
Thursday 26 October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct  
record of that meeting."*

*D. Simkin / B. Jones - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

W. Moen spoke of the damage stock had been causing to the stopbanks. He advised most areas of concern have now been addressed.

W. Moen spoke of the inspection he and the Chairperson carried out on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2007 and the possible realignment of the stopbank at the rear of The Last Resort. This is to be considered in future deliberations.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with a current up-to-date credit balance of approximately \$217,246.17.

**Moved:**        *"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted".*

*D. Simkin / B. Langford - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

He advised that a total of \$13,613.50 was spent during the reporting period. Following an inspection on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2007, W. Moen outlined a proposed allowance of \$54,200 for proposed works and \$10,000 for maintenance expenditure for the remaining 2007 / 2008 year.

**Moved:** *"That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved and associated works implemented of up to \$20,000 for survey work."*

*D. Simkin / B. Langford - Carried*

### **MATTERS ARISING**

W. Moen advised that extensive work is required in the Little Wanganui subdivision area. W. Moen is to attempt to get funds from Buller District Council for sewerage outlet works as these are their responsibility and they are previously paid for works in this area. W. Moen advised that six new spurs are required. He stated that the rating district pays for maintenance works of existing spurs only and not capital works.

K. Storer stated that the area behind the school and almost to The Last Resort is in need of remedial works. Cr Clayton queried if the \$10,000 for remedial works should be \$20,000. K. Storer stated that maintenance hasn't been carried out for years. S. Smaill said it is important to keep on top of maintenance. Cr Clayton suggested an overall survey of the whole scheme might be appropriate. K. Storer suggested that all groynes should be GPS'd. K. Storer asked when cross section surveys are due. C. Ingle advised that the recent report only went up to the bridge and that the NIWA consultant recommended more investigation on design and survey work should be considered. Discussion ensued regarding the ownership of land by The Last Resort, W. Moen agreed to measure the land in question. Cr Clayton asked the rating district if they wanted to spend money on another report, K. Storer stated he would rather spend money on works. Discussion took place regarding the flood warning system. C. Ingle confirmed that there is a good flood warning system in place on the Karamea River. K. Storer confirmed that the culverts on Quillan Road are floodgated. Cr Clayton suggested using some of the fund to "beef things up", W. Moen suggested raising the stop bank and leaving the top end open but more information is required on the top end. M. Macbeth asked if 20-year flood protection is enough. W. Moen advised that 50-year would be better. C. Ingle spoke of investigation work that could be done and that a case study may be able to be funded from external funding, but survey work of the whole valley needs to be considered and that would need to be funded by the rating district.

B. Langford asked how much would this cost, W. Moen advised approximately \$20,000.

Aerial surveying of the local topography was discussed. C. Ingle outlined the benefits and spoke of the accuracy of information gathered.

### **RATES 2008 / 2009**

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. The topic of a "rates holiday" was discussed as some members of the rating district stated that they don't have protection works on their properties. C. Ingle explained that everyone benefits from paying rates, as the purpose of rates is to protect the town not just individual property.

W. Moen advised that the Asset Management Plan recommends \$30,000 rate strike.

**Moved:** *"That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year be \$19,000 + G.S.T."*

*G. Maw / K. Storer - Carried*

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

K. Storer advised that he is not seeking re-election as spokesperson.

