

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE TRANSITIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE KONGAHU DEVELOPMENT RATING DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE LITTLE WANGANUI HOTEL  
ON MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2004 COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

L. Kees, G. Volkman, R. Anderson, R. Hedgeman, B. Jones

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council

J. Clayton – Chairman WCRC

R. Scarlett - Councilor

D. Horn, W. Moen – Staff WCRC

**BUSINESS**

J. Clayton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

**APOLOGIES**

B. Bierring, R. Lowe

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved: “That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on  
The 18 March 2004 are a true and accurate record ”**

*B. Jones / G. Volkman - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

B. Jones advised those present that the floodgate installation as discussed at the previous meeting had not yet been place.

He was to action this as soon as practicable.

G. Volkman sought clarification on the issue of the recent resource consent application for the spraying of the scheme.

He expressed concern that as a submitter, he had not been contacted prior to the issuing of the consent and asked what conditions were included in the granted consent.

W. Moen stated he would check up on the situation and report back.

The committee asked if an overall cleanout was consented.

W. Moen felt that it was but would also check on this aspect.

He also undertook to send copies of all relevant consents to the Chairperson for the committee’s information.

The committee asked if Kevin Anderson could give a quote for the overall spraying of the waterways and asked that this be carried out in late November / early December 2004.

W. Moen is to advise the Chairperson when this could be organised.

W. Moen presented plans and financial breakdown of the existing classification and answered questions.

It was generally felt by those present that a reclassification of the scheme was not required at this point.

B. Jones commented on the buildup of gravel in the Granite Creek outlet.

W. Moen agreed to contact John Green of the Department of Conservation in order to arrange an on-site inspection.

R,Scarlett felt that the estuary area required a cleanout.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

W. Moen presented the financial report for the 6-month period 1 January 2004 to 30 June 2004.

R. Scarlett sought details on the level on interest paid on credited monies in the rating district accounts.

D. Horn advised that the current OCR rate was used.

**Moved:**        *“ That the Financial Report for the 6 - month period 1 January 2004 to 30 June 2004 be received”*

*G. Volkman / L. Kees - Carried*

### **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen tabled a separate works report and outlined the maintenance spraying, which had been undertaken by Anderson Helicopters in April 2004.

He also explained that he had made allowance for \$10,000 maintenance work up to 30 June 2005 and also for the 12-month period ending 30 June 2006.

B. Jones supported a financial buffer to allow for unforeseen events.

L. Kees suggested that the current rate was adequate given the current credit balance of \$31,538.84

**Moved:**        *“ That the Works Report for the 6 month period 1 January 2004 to 30 June 2004 be received”*

*R Hedgeman / L. Kees - Carried*

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:**        *“ That Geoff Volkman be re-elected as committee spokesperson and committee be all ratepayers.”*

*B. Jones / L. Kees - Carried*

### **RECOMMENDATION RATE STRIKE 2004/05**

**Moved:**        *“That the recommended rate strike for the 2005 / 20065 financial year be \$7,600 + GST”*

*B. Jones / R. Hedgeman - Carried*

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

G. Volkman stated that he was concerned with apparent uncontrolled access roading along the western escarpment to the immediate east of the Drainage area.

He was concerned that indiscriminant stormwater discharge was uncontrolled and as a result was filling up the upper drainage channels of the scheme.

L. Kees felt that some form of sediment control was required to contain any discharged sediment before it reached the culverts under the back road.

J. Clayton commented that in his view there were 2 issues involved, namely:

The affects of the activity and secondly the downstream costs associated with this work.  
R. Scarlett suggested that a long-term solution was required.  
R. Hedgeman felt that silt traps should be a mandatory requirement for slope development.

G. Volkman expressed major concerns at development occurring without consents.

He requested that a letter be sent to the Planning Manger of the Buller District Council, outlining the Committee's concerns regarding the apparent lack of consents and erosion control on these works.

W. Moen agreed to contact B.D.C. and the landowners for clarification.

There was no further General Business the meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

W. Moen  
Senior Engineering Officer  
5 November 2004