

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 10.30AM.

PRESENT

N. Monk, P. Cook, J. Michell, K. Nolan, T. Burden, B. Godfrey, W. Von Ah, A. Godfrey, R. Gray, W. Diedrichs

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

S. Keenan, C. Harris, G. Monk, J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)
B. Godfrey / N. Monk - 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 General Meeting held on Wednesday 2 November 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”*

T. Burden / B. Godfrey - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen reported that no cross section work had been done but design analysis work would need to be carried out along to determine an assessment of future requirements to bring the scheme up to the required standards, for return period specificity. W.Moen noted that Council was now required to provide this as part of the LAPP fund requirements.

He also stated that Council felt that as the Rating District was the main beneficiary of the survey information, they should be contributing to the cost of resurveys, probably on a 50% : 50% basis.

The LAPP fund was discussed with a query regarding the need to still pay this premium. Cr. Chinn advised that it is more economic to stay in the fund as the general ratepayers pay this.

The quarry situation was discussed.

W. Moen reported that Council had increased the quarry charge from \$6 to \$7 per tonne. Strong debate ensued on the continued DOC controlled riverbeds and the problems associated with this. C. Harris's recent situation was discussed as an example of the problems facing farmers. C. Ingle stated that he had discussed this issue with DOC management but so far nothing had changed.

It was again suggested that the Rating District makes a strong submission to the Council's next LTCCP round, so that the matter can be discussed and debated at Council level.

GENERAL BUSINESS

D. Davidson explained the situation of the farmers in the Manawatu District following on from the severe floods in that area and reiterated the importance of insurance for land users.

He explained that the WCRC was to put in a submission to Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry regarding this matter.

Cr Chinn advised farmers to follow up on this matter.

The Resource Consent for Nathan Ferguson's farm development was discussed and C. Ingle spoke about this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.10am.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
24 November 2006**