

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRANZ JOSEF ON WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2003 COMMENCING AT 4.12 P.M.

PRESENT

R. Richards, R. Gibb

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

J. Wood (Councillor)

W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, R. Lowe, D. Davidson, D. Horn (West Coast Regional Council)
C. Brooks, J. Collins,

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 17 April 2002, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

R. Richards / R. Gibb - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen outlined the proposed Rating District in detail and explained that the capital value based classification appeared to be the fairest way of sharing the rate burden over the area.

He also explained that the area had been slightly expanded to take in some areas that in the past had not been included, but had received benefit from the existing works. He also outlined the common boundary between the Canavan's Knob and the Lower Waiho Rating Districts and advised that this had been modified slightly to accommodate property boundaries.

J. Wood outlined the new appeal processes set out in the Annual Plan and advised those present to utilise the system in June / July.

Moved: *“That the ratepayers endorse the staff's action to date and that the reclassification as presented be approved for inclusion in the draft Annual Plan.”*

R. Richards / R. Gibb – Carried

Moved: *“That letters be sent to all potential ratepayers advising them of the effect of the proposed reclassification, the individual costs and the Annual Plan processes.”*

J. Wood / R. Richards - Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2002 financial period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002.

Moved: *“That the Financial Reports for the 2002 calendar year ending 31 December 2002 be adopted.”*

R. Gibb / R. Richards – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That Chris Brooks be re-elected as Chairperson / Spokesperson for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.”***

R. Gibb / R.Richards – Carried

RATES 2003 / 2004

W. Moen again outlined his concerns at the ongoing deficit situation for the rating District given the potential extra works required at the top end of the Rubbish Dump bank in the very near future.

He explained that, in his view, evidence of the river flows through the area were increasing rapidly and work on the consented upper stopbank should be viewed as urgent.

Moved: ***“That the rates strike for the 2003 / 2004 financial year be set at \$28,000 + GST.”***

R. Gibb / R. Richards - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Wood expressed satisfaction that the Council quarries were now being run on a “break even” basis and that a plentiful supply of rock was assured to all ratepayers in the area.

A. Kremer asked questions on the Council’s proposed Land and Riverbed Management Plan and suggested that as many ratepayers as possible make submissions to it.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5.00 p.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer