

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 2.00PM.

PRESENT

B. Monk, C. Brooks, L. Richards, R. Richards, R. Squire, T. Howard.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

B. Chinn, (Councillor)

S. Moran, W. Moen, R. Palten (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton & D. Davidson (West Coast Regional Council).

BUSINESS

B. Chinn 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 1st November 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”***

R. Richards / C. Brooks - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006. This left the account with a current debit balance of approximately -\$64,001.16.

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

B. Monk / L. Richards - 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 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$125,155.44) and outlined that as a result of an inspection carried out on 21 August 2006, no outstanding works were identified.

He also recommended that an allowance of \$20,000 be made for unforeseen maintenance for the following 2006 / 2007 year.

R. Richards reported that the river had changed its flow after recent high levels but should return to its original channel. The access road may require maintenance.

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

B. Monk / R. Richards - Carried

RATES 2007/ 2008

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes including interest rates paid to the council on the loan for the deficit in comparison to bank rates.

Speakers included: R. Squire, C. Brooks and R. Richards.

Moved: *“That given the current deficit balance with the internal loan liability the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2007 / 2008 financial Year be \$50,000 + G.S.T.”*

R. Richards / C. Brooks - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *“That the committee be all those present, namely:
Lorraine Richards
Robin Richards
Chris Brooks
Ben Monk,
Russell Squire
As well as Richard Molloy
for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”*

L. Richards / C. Brooks - Carried

Moved: *“That Robin Richards be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”*

L. Richards / C. Brooks - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen reported that the new owners of the Dairy Farm had raised their concerns about the unprotected area in the stop bank.

S. Moran explained Central Government rethinking after-the-fact payouts as opposed to going back to subsidies for assessments and precautions.

B. Chinn encouraged ratepayers to make submissions so that subsidies could be used to maintain rivers so that huge amounts of money needed after flood compensations could be offset.

S. Moran also advised Transit NZ's lack of commitment to carry out cross sections.

He explained that the Council's limited cross section budget did not allow all of the necessary survey work to be carried out and it was suggested that all 3 rating districts possibly share part of the funding.

Design analysis was also required and again should be split between the 3 rating districts and council. Cross sections were necessary on a 2-3 year basis, however it was not necessary for the analysis work every time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.40 pm.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
27 November 2006**