

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY HALL
ON THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 2.18 P.M

PRESENT

T. Bruning, M. Fekkes, L. Richards, C. Brooks, R. Richards, D. Goodall (Air Safaris), N. Frendrup, T. Howard, T. Gibb

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Quaife, P. Helford

R. Richards / C. Brooks - Carried

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 19th September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

R. Richards / C. Brooks - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

L. Richards asked how many people need to be at the meeting to form a quorum. It was clarified that two people are required to form a quorum.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. This left the account with a current debit balance of \$ - 139,145.74.
W. Moen spoke of costings of \$1.2M for the joining of the flood bank at the rubbish dump and the Milton and Others stopbank. He advised that this is a very rough figure but if the committee wishes to take this further then a full engineering survey and design plus costing would be required.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2007 / 2008 year be adopted".***

C. Brooks / R. 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 2007 to 30 June 2008. He reported that \$134,876 worth of works were carried out during the reporting

period. This includes the emergency works carried out in April and further emergency works in June.

W. Moen carried out an inspection on the 11th of August 2008 with R. Richards and identified projected works to be carried out from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. He recommended that the old rock spur on Canavans Knob be topped up to try to keep the river out of this area. \$20,000 is recommended for unforeseen maintenance up to 30 June 2008, with the total estimated works to 30 June 2009 being \$50,000. R. Richards stated he felt the money would be better spent on the bank as he thought it was too low. Discussion took place with the end result being that the 1000 tonne of rock is placed 500 tonne at the spur and 500 tonne as a kicker at the bottom end of the rubbish dump bank as required with final discretion to fall to W. Moen and R. Richards.

W. Moen advised that the rating district's account is in deficit and with the amount of work that needs doing a major loan or a major boost in rating is required. R. Richards stated that adjacent landowners are not in the scheme but he feels they need to be. W. Moen stated there is an anomaly in the boundary of the scheme, as the landowners behind the rubbish dump are not paying towards the maintenance of the bank. In 2003 W. Moen drew up a new boundary between Canavans Knob rating district and Lower Waiho but council decided at the time to stick with the old boundary. L. Richards stated that those who are benefiting from the scheme should have to pay in to it as well. R. Richards requested a copy of the Good Earth Matters report.

W. Moen advised that the Milton and Others bank is only minimally low but does require some topping up but the Rubbish Dump Banks is significantly lower. W. Moen has not had any costings on this area as he is awaiting instructions from the rating district.

S. Moran advised that if surveys are carried out in the area where the stopbank extension is required this would then allow for accurate costings to be obtained.

S. Moran confirmed that there are 16 individual properties in the rating scheme.

It was agreed that the surveying would be done. W. Moen will then do costings on works required and report back to the committee.

A motion that the stopbank at the Rubbish Dump be raised immediately was moved by L. Richards and R. Richards, there was substantial discussion. Before the motion was put to the meeting T. Bruning moved an amendment which was carried and became the motion.

Moved: ***"That the small kicker and top up of Canavans Knob spur is done and then get surveys and costings done for the raising and extending of the stopbanks, then report back to the rating district".***

T. Bruning / R. Richards

Discussion took place regarding members of the rating district scheme and the boundary areas that it covers. It was agreed that W. Moen would utilise the work he did in 2003 regarding the common boundary of the rating district then report back to the rating district for their decision on where to from here.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2007 / 2008 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2008 / 2009 amended works proposals be approved.***

T. Bruning / R. Richards – Carried

RATES 2009/ 2010

The recommended rate strike for this year is \$75,000. Cr Davidson suggested reviewing this figure as there are significant works proposed. S. Moran advised that in view of the loan taken out to cover the emergency works the account is going backwards. W. Moen suggested that \$100,000 is a more appropriate figure. He stated that this rating district is the worst off out of

the 23 that council administers. S. Moran spoke of the importance in getting the maintenance account back in the black as a loan may be required to finish the proposed works.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year is \$100,000 (GST Excl)."

T. Bruning / L. Richards – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That the present committee be all those present namely:***

Lorraine Richards

Robin Richards

Chris Brooks

Richard Molloy

Todd Bruning for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."

L. Richards / C. Brooks – Carried

R. Richards expressed his desire to stand down as spokesperson for the rating district. He has held this position since 1967.

Moved: ***"That Todd Bruning be elected as the spokesperson for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."***

L. Richards / C. Brooks - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved: ***"That the Ratepayers direct Council to carry out a reclassification of the Lower Waiho Rating District boundaries to reflect the benefit of the protection works."***

N. Frendrup / T. Bruning – Carried

Cr Chinn thanked R. Richards for being the spokesman for the rating district during his time on Council. He acknowledged the importance of having an effective spokesman in the area.

Cr Chinn also thanked T. Bruning for taking on this role.

W. Moen confirmed Cr Chinn's comments and thanked R. Richards for his work over the years.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.23 pm.

Action Points:

- W. Moen: Surveying to be done down to Milton and Others Stopbank.
- W. Moen: Reclassification of Rating District required.