

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 15 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 9.35 AM.

PRESENT

C. Brooks, G. Berry, T. Bruning, R. Richard, N. Frendrup.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

R. Quaife, L. Richards, P. Halford

R. Richards / T. Bruning - Carried

BUSINESS

D. 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 16 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

T. Bruning / C. Brooks - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen advised that the reclassification of the rating district is 90% complete. The two rating districts that meet are Lower Waiho and Canavans Knob. It was noted that the Tripe's property should be included in the Lower Waiho rating district. R. Richards stated that Tripe's should be contributing as user pays. W. Moen displayed the classification map to the meeting. He stated he is looking into redefining the boundary to include properties that should be paying into this rating district. W. Moen stated this inclusion would not make a big difference to the price of other people's rates.

W. Moen advised that the quote for the survey work between the Rubbish Dump Stopbank through to Rata Knoll is \$16,000 approximately. R. Richards is concerned about where the river is now and the build up of gravel is the big problem. He is concerned that work needs to be done in this area and he feels the cost of the survey work could go towards the actual works.

Moved: ***"It was agreed not to progress the survey work this year but defer it until next year."***

T. Bruning / R. Richards - Carried

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. He advised that the financial year started off with a \$139,145.74 deficit. The account has a current debit balance of \$44,956.32.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".***

T. Bruning / 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 2008 to 30 June 2009. He reported that \$29,260.00 worth of works was carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen carried out an inspection with R. Richards on the 29th of July and indentified projected works to be carried out from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. W. Moen advised that the works identified are reasonably urgent and if the works aren't done then the integrity of the main stopbank is in jeopardy. W. Moen advised that in view of the urgency the contract has been let to GH Foster Contracting from Greymouth. Discussion took place on how a contract is let out as W. Moen explained that work on this contract would not start until the works are discussed at today's meeting. S. Moran clarified the contract process.

The cost of the proposed works was \$35,800.00 but it was agreed that the survey and design work of stopbanks Canavans Knob to Rata Knoll would now be excluded from next year's proposed works. The proposed works is now estimated to be approximately \$21,800.

R. Richards stated that there is a lot of money invested in the stopbanks. T. Bruning stated that the rating district should be saving money, doing things properly instead of little bits here and there. W. Moen stated that this rating district is going to be up for a lot of money if they are considering raising the stopbank at the rubbish dump. This could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. He feels that the rating district is not rating effectively, there are no funds in reserve and if a big job is required there needs to be money available to do it. Cr Davidson asked where are we at now with this contract. W. Moen stated it is in limbo at the moment, the tender has been let but work is yet to start, it is combined with a job in the Franz Josef rating district. T. Bruning stated he is not happy about rock being carted from Whataroa. N. Frendrup has rock that he is able to sell to the rating district which would be a cheaper option and it is already in this area.

T. Bruning stated that he is paying 25% of the rates for this rating district and his farm has no direct benefit from the money he spends. T. Bruning feels that he is paying more and more money in each year and getting no direct benefit. W. Moen advised that meeting that they couldn't afford not to do maintenance work. Cr Davidson advised it is the rating district needs to make a decision on whether or not to go ahead with the recommended works but he warned the meeting that if a decision is not made then the matter will go to a special meeting and Council will make the decision for the rating district. R. Richards stated that if there was a major flood the LAPP Fund would probably not pay out. S. Moran explained the function of the LAPP fund but advised that LAPP would probably only pay out if the whole town were affected.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2009 / 2010 amended works proposals be approved minus the \$14,000 worth of survey and design work.***

T. Bruning / R. Richards – Carried

RATES 2010 / 2011

W. Moen reported that the fact that this rating district is in deficit, the proposed works and the rate of \$100,000 previously struck for the 2009 / 2010 year the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of 2010 / 2011 is likely to be \$20,000 (GST Excl). The recommended rate strike for this year is \$100,000. T. Bruning clarified that by taking out f the \$14,000 for design and survey work the rating district account should have close to \$35,000 in the account. N. Frendrup asked if the rate strike needs to be this high. S. Moran advised that that main issue is that that rating district account is currently in deficit, a loan was raised, and Council does not like rating districts to be in deficit. S. Moran stated that if \$100,000 is struck then this would get

the account out of deficit. Discussion ensued. T. Bruning stated that it would be prudent to get the rating district account back into credit and to avoid paying interest. S. Moran explained how much money the rating district account would build up over the next two years and providing there are no substantial works, outside of what is proposed, then there should be \$35,000 in the account. S. Moran advised that money in the rating district account is not Council's but the rating district's therefore interest built up in this account belongs to the rating district.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: ***"That the rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year is \$100,000 (GST Excl)."***

T. Bruning / R. Richards – Carried

W. Moen asked the meeting if they wished to get survey and design work done on the rubbish dump bank in order to get it back up to the required standard. T. Bruning stated he feels that only the minimum should be done until the rating district account has built up again. Cr Davidson advised the rating district to keep a careful eye on the rubbish dump bank in the meantime.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the present committee. Cr Davidson called for nominations. S. Moran explained the function of the rating district committee and the committee spokesperson, he advised that they keep an eye on the river, should work be required then contact is made with W. Moen. S. Moran advised that the rating district committee can save the rating district a huge amount of money by carrying out this function and also by keeping an eye on contractors carrying out works on behalf of the rating district.

Moved: ***"That the present committee be all those present namely:
Lorraine Richards
Robin Richards
Chris Brooks
Richard Molloy
Todd Bruning for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

T. Bruning / C. Brook – Carried

Moved: ***"That Todd Bruning be elected as the spokesperson for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

R. Richards / C. Brook - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Keys to the rubbish dump area were discussed. W. Moen is to get hold of a key from the Contractor, Henry Adams. The rating district committee will follow up security of this area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.20 am