

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE AIR SAFARIS ROOMS, FRANZ JOSEF
ON 7 AUGUST 2019, COMMENCING AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT

P. Halford, B. Richards, R. Neil, R. Molloy, N, & L. Frendrup, S. Jacobs (Sky Dive Franz), J. Williams, K. Molloy, R. Eatwell, S. Dennehy, P. Dennehy

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
S. Challenger (WCRC Councillor)
R. Beal, B. Russ (Staff)

APOLOGIES

Cr McDonnell, C. Brooks, J. Willow

BUSINESS

Cr Challenger opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

WORKS UPDATE

Rock recovery – 40,000 tonne of rock has now been recovered as of 2 August 2019. He advised that the full length of earthworks has now been completed. He stated that a decision needs to be made today on whether or not the stopbank is finished to the design of a 2 metre thickness or taper it back to a one metre thickness. R. Beal advised that there is a \$78,000 saving for the rating district if the one metre option is taken. R. Beal recommends that the rating district goes with the 2 metre thickness option. Extensive discussion took place and it was agreed that the 2 metre design would be progressed.

LiDAR SURVEY

R. Beal advised that the LiDAR report is now to hand. He stated that since 2016 there has been over 3,000,000 cubic metres of sediment enter the Waiho River system. 1/3 of this is still at the top of the glacier and there is a 5 – 8 metre aggradation in this area. The last time this amount of aggradation was seen it took about a ten year period for it to move through the system but this is based on weather events. R. Beal advised there is no information on what is happening in the Callery River. The report has revealed that this is now aggradation in the Waiho Loop for the first time since the 80's, and it is likely that it will cut into the Tartare River. R. Beal explained photographs in the report. B. Russ answered questions. He advised that like for like will be replaced. R. Beal advised that this project is about reinstating what was destroyed, extending the stopbank is a separate project. He stated that MCDEM are paying 60% of the total rebuild costs. B. Russ explained the design work to the meeting. Discussion took place on rock sources and rock prices. R. Beal advised that as of 2 August \$1.6M has been spent on the rebuild. R. Beal and B. Russ answered questions relating to the insurance claim.

Cr Challenger reconfirmed that the 2 metre design has been accepted by the rating district.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Alternative rock sources were discussed and it was agreed that B. Russ would follow up on these. Cr Challenger spoke of the extension of the stopbank down to Rata Knoll and stated that this comes at additional costs to the rating district. Cr Challenger advised that if further work downstream is wanted then there will be the need for a loan. Cr Challenger stated that this area is not directly

affected by the erosion forces of the river but if water gets into this area it can still cause problems. Costs will need to be discussed. Discussion took place on future river training and it was noted that engineers will need to consider this once they have received the LiDAR report.

R. Beal advised that by the end of the month the rebuild will be very close to being finished and a final rebuild cost will be brought back to the rating district. R. Beal offered to arrange for the costings to be done for further work as suggested by N. Frendrup and R. Molloy. It was noted that N. Frendrup has paid in a significant amount of money into the rating district over the years.

B. Russ advised that NZTA have received a copy of the LiDAR report.

ACTION POINTS:

- B. Russ to follow up on alternative rock sources.
- R. Beal to investigate costings for future work to the north and south of the stopbank.
- R. Beal to bring an up to date financial report to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.54 a.m.