

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
NELSON CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE NGAHERE FIRE STATION
ON TUESDAY, 3 APRIL 2001 COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT

G. Hill, T. Hill, P. Horne, T. Kendrick, M. Savage.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
J. Foster (Councillor)
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

G. Gibson, J. Clayton, R. Lowe.

BUSINESS

W. Moen opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 26 April 2000, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

T. Hill/ G. Hill – Carried.

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen outlined the difficulties in withdrawing from the LAPP Fund, given the historical financial contributions from both Transit N.Z. and Tranzrail.

It was generally felt that the scheme should stay in the LAPP Fund until the situation was clarified by both Council and the LAPP Fund trustees.

G. Hill sought advice on the future of the LAPP Fund.

W. Moen outlined the recent stance taken by central government, which tends to place the responsibility for 100% funding on the LAPP Scheme.

He also pointed out that the government would not ensure flooding damage or inundation, only damage associated with earthquakes.

This could have the effect of potentially increasing LAPP premiums by approximately 30%.

W. Moen explained that other rating districts had enquired about seeking alternative insurance. He said that he would be checking this out with potential companies and would report back to them once the outcome, if any, was known.

J. Foster explained that the Council pays the LAPP premium and then collects each individual rating district's share.

T. Kendrick made the comment that if the Council paid for the LAPP premium out of the \$7,000,000 interest accrued, it would not be a significant amount.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2000 financial year.

Moved: *“That the Financial Report for the 2000 financial year be adopted.”*
G. Hill/ T Kendrick – Carried Unanimously.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE/SPOKESPERSON

Moved: ***“That G. Hill be re-elected as Chairperson of the Rating District for The 2001/ 2002 financial year.”***

T. Kendrick/ M. Savage – Carried.

RATES 2001/2002

W Moen outlined the balance of the rating account and also pointed out the liabilities under the Asset Management Plan.

Moved: ***“That a rate of \$15,000 + GST be struck for the 2001/2002 financial year”***

T. Kendrick/ G. Hill – Carried Unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

G. Hill felt that any works highlighted should be treated with urgency.

T. Kendrick asked who was responsible for the removal of vegetation on the stopbanks.

W. Moen explained that normally the landowner who bounded the frontage normally did the work, however, contractors could be employed, at the rating district's expense, to clear the banks if required.

T. Kendrick raised the issue of the rock for the rating district having to be supplied from the Council's quarries.

W. Moen pointed out that the operation of the Council's quarries was on a break – even basis, not profit generated. He also explained that the only reason Council had embarked on the quarry operations was to guarantee all ratepayers on the West Coast, a ready supply of rock and which was available on a “level playing field” basis to all contractors. He also suggested that if the Council did not operate quarries, monopolies could develop which may see the eventual substantial rise in rock prices.

J. Foster explained that the Council took the “long – term” approach to rock supply, whereas individual rating districts tended to take the short term, cheapest option.

T. Kendrick also commented on the apparent lack of rock on the quarry floor at Kiwi Quarry at crucial times and felt that a more systematic system for rock blasting should be undertaken.

W. Moen undertook to carry out an inspection with G. Hill within the next month to ascertain any work requirements.

Discussion took place on the possible reclassification of the Nelson Creek Rating District. Speakers included: T. Kendrick, M. Savage and G. Hill.

W. Moen pointed out that if a reclassification was carried out, the whole scheme would be re-examined and others would be able to challenge their own properties classification.

Moved: ***“That the Council undertake a reclassification of the Nelson Creek with a view to rectify the current anomaly between the Mill property and Savage's property.”***

and

“That Council writes to all individual property owners seeking agreement on: a) The downward reclassification of the Savage property and

b) a note of non – objection from all parties.”

G. Hill/ T. Kendrick – carried

Ratepayers also asked what the cost of classification, if any, would be budgeted charged against the rating district.

W. Moen would advise the Chairperson for agreement before commencement of the exercise.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.05pm

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer