

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
RAFT CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 10.10AM.

PRESENT

W. O'Reilly, A. Fowlie, S. Wright, P. Routhan.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
D. Davidson, (Councillor)
D. Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Allison, J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)

W. O'Reilly / A. Fowlie - 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 Thursday 28 October 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

W. O'Reilly / S. Wright - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that the Department of Conservation had declined to joint fund any willow clearance in the area. He also explained that an inspection had been carried out on the 2 December 2004 and works were programmed for willow clearance and upstream creek clearance. He also outlined the recent work carried out on both Whites Creek and Raft Creek. This work had proved extremely beneficial to all concerned. It was strongly recommended that the ratepayers reconsider the previous exclusion of the Whites Creek catchments and now include it in the maintenance drainage area to ensure the ongoing drainage patterns were maintained.

Moved **1. *"That the entire Whites Creek and Raft Creek main channels maintenance be covered;***
2. *That all main drains, shared communal drains and tributaries be included;*
3. *That all internal drains are to be excluded;*
4. *That on average both creeks be cleaned out every 3 – 4 years."*

S. Wright / B. O'Reilly - Carried

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2005. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$12,188.85.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2004 / 2005 year be adopted"***.

P. Routhan / S. Wright - 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 2004 to 30 June 2005.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$10,221.79) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$6,000.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

S. Wright pointed out that the Kaniere Family Trust had paid a large contribution to clean out Whites Creek above the road bridge. It was felt that this cost be reimbursed to the Kaniere Family Trust.

Moved: ***“That on the receipt of the original invoice the Kaniere Family Trust be reimbursed for costs incurred in cleaning out Whites Creek above the road bridge.”***

*S. Wright / A. Fowlie – Carried
P. Routhan abstained.*

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2004 / 2005 financial year be adopted and the 2005 / 2006 works proposals be approved.”***

W. O’Reilly / P. Routhan - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That S. Wright be re-elected as Chairperson for the 2005/2006 financial year.”***

W. O’Reilly / P. Routhan - Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Moved: ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2006 / 2007 financial Year be \$8,000 + G.S.T.”***

S. Wright / P. Routhan - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

P. Routhan enquired as to extending the current rating district. W. Moen explained that it would be unlikely to be able to include extra areas. However, the upstream property of R. Monk should possibly be included.

Moved: ***“That S. Wright and W. Moen approach R. Monk to discuss his inclusion in the Raft Creek Rating District.”***

S. Wright / P. Routhan - Carried

Moved: ***“That a vote of thanks be recorded for the Chairperson and Council staff for the results of the recent drainage operation.”***

P. Routhan / A. Fowlie - Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40 am.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
5 December 2005**