

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE TARAMAKAU SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2004, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

PRESENT

M. Stewart, S. Langridge, P. Stevenson, A. Robb, N. Robb.

IN ATTENDANCE

D. Shannahan, J. Wood (Councilors)
David Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Stewart, I. Robb.
P. Ewen, R. Lowe

BUSINESS

D. Shannahan opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
He introduced Mr. David Horn as the new CEO of West Coast Regional.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 3 April 2003, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

A.Robb / M Stewart - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that a meeting had been called to discuss a possible reclassification, however it had been decided that the status quo remain.

D. Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirement for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent compulsory provision for an estimated 10-year works expenditure programme. He emphasized that the first three years needed to be reasonably accurate with the following seven years being estimated.

He also explained that the requirements of the Act now meant that for advanced planning purposes Annual General Meeting should be held in the latter part of the year, around September / October in order to give a clear indication of the following year's expenditure in advance.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

Wayne Moen presented the financial statements for the period 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003.

He indicated that the current balance, including the second rates installment, and the allowance for recent works left the account in credit by approximately \$78,500

Moved: *“That the financial report for the 2003 calendar year, be adopted.”*
S. Langridge /M Stewart- Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented a detailed works report including the works carried out during the 2003 reporting period.

No works were carried out between January 2003 and December 2003.

The projected work for the 2004 / 2005 allowed a maintenance component of \$32,000 per year, based on previous annualized expenditure.

It was pointed out that no allowance had been made for any capital works. Such potential works such as the raising of the level of the stop bank to a 100-year return design level was mentioned.

It was advised that any such proposal should be incorporated into the rates, as this would alleviate any one-off payments.

W. Moen estimated that to raise the existing stopbank over 2,050 metres by 1.5 metres would involve 57,500³m at approximately \$5³m totaling \$287,500.

One option for such works would be through a 10-year loan, at an estimated \$40,000 per year repayment.

Those present felt that such circumstances had been adequately addressed by local ratepayers in the past on a "one-off" basis and that this would be the preferred option of funding any shortfall.

It was suggested that Council staff carry out some preliminary work and bring back costings to the October meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That the composition of the committee remain the same and that Murray Stewart be re-elected as the spokesperson for the Taramakau Rating District for the 2004 / 2005 financial year."***

S. Langridge / Murray Stewart- Carried

RATES 2004 / 2005

Discussion ensued on possible rate strikes

Wayne Moen suggested that based on projected expenditure, a strike rate of \$50,000 per year be considered.

Moved: ***"That a recommended rate of \$40,000 + G.S.T. be suggested for the 2004 / 2005 financial year."***

M. Stewart / Steven Langridge - Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

S. Langridge mentioned that there had been a problem with the documentation not arriving to members.

W. Moen assured all present that the database from which the addresses are fixed appeared to be accurate.

It was suggested that those individuals who were experiencing delivery difficulties, should approach the relevant rural delivery contractors to ensure adequate service in the future.

J. Wood expressed concern that, in his view, all ratepayers were to get a copy of minutes six months in advance.

W. Moen explained that he had not been made aware of any such directive and felt that such notice would serve no useful purpose.

He explained that all Rating District Chairpeople received draft minutes for their approval immediately after they were produced.

Those ratepayers present were happy with minutes coming out one month to three weeks out before the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 2.03pm.

The next meeting is to be held in late October 2004.