

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE TARAMAKAU SETTLEMENT SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 1.10PM.**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

J. Stewart, A. Robb, M Dyson.

N. Robb / P Stevenson - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Shannahan 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 Monday 31 October 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”***

M Stewart / P Stevenson - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen reported that there has been no noticeable change in the channel. Surveys of the cross sections had been recently completed. He also reported that design levels are relevant to the level of protection provided. It was agreed the Hellier Resource Consent would be discussed at a later date due to the lack of information provided in this consent. W. Moen was to report back on the need for \$5,000 - \$10,000 to be spent on assessment of this area. It was mentioned that the aerial spraying carried out earlier in the year by Ahaura helicopters had registered a good result. Ratepayers agreed that the raising of the stopbank achieved a very good result.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$29,673.94.

Moved: ***“That the financial report for the 2005 / 2006 year be adopted”.***

S. Langridge / P. Magner – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the financial minutes.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$81,310.00) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$182,282.60 maintenance expenditure for the following 2006 / 2007 year.

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted and the 2006 / 2007 works proposals be approved.”***
M. Stewart / N. Robb - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That the committee will comprise of all current ratepayers.”***
S. Langridge / P. Stevenson - Carried

Moved: ***“That M. Stewart be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”***
N. Robb / P. Magner – Carried

RATES 2007 / 2008

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

W. Moen again reiterated the importance of retaining a “healthy” reserve in the account to help meet unforeseen future damage.

Speakers included: M. Stewart, S. Langridge and N. Robb.

They stated that they would rather have money in their own accounts and that they would be prepared to meet any one –off costs on an as required basis.

Moved: ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2007 / 2008 financial Year be \$45,000 + G.S.T.”***
N. Robb / S. Langridge - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place noting that W. Moen is now the only Council Engineer.

M. Stewart suggested this would cause extra pressure on his resources and that ratepayers were conscious of this.

W. Moen advised that outside consultants were sometimes used.

S. Moran reported that following the advertising for extra help there had been no takers in this area.

M. Stewart suggested that the WCRC might consider the implementation of a scholarship programme.

Discussions took place on the possibility of the Rating District contributing to 50% of the cost of cross section surveys.

It was suggested that the rating district make a suggestion to the Council’s Annual Plan process regarding the Council meeting the full cost of cross sections based on the wider community interest.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.05pm.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
26 November 2006**