

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE TARAMAKAU SETTLEMENT SCHOOL  
ON MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 1.16PM.**

**PRESENT**

M. Stewart, S. Langridge, P. Stevenson, A. Stewart, M. Dyke, R. McCarthy,

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGIES**

J. Stewart, J. Clayton, N. Robb

*S. Langridge / M. Stewart - 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 16 October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*A. Stewart / S. Langridge - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

W. Moen spoke of the suggestion made at last year's meeting; that the Rating District makes a submission to the Council's Annual Plan process regarding cost sharing arrangements with Council for work required for cross sections. The Rating District did not follow up with this matter. M. Stewart asked if they wanted to do this for next year would it need to be followed up now. W. Moen agreed it would, he also confirmed that the Rating District is not paying any costs at the moment for cross sections or analysis of information for the cross sections. The cost to the Rating District could be in the vicinity of \$7,500.00 to \$8,000.00. M. Stewart stated there is a high spot in the middle of the river and it is moving down. W. Moen explained the process of cross sections and analysis of the information and the benefits gained. He stated this has been done twice over the years. It would be beneficial to do this again in view of the flood events over the past year. The Rating District agreed to give this matter consideration. S. Moran spoke of the benchmarks put in place for a one in 50 year, one in 100 year and one in 400 year flood event and the benefit of this information.

There was discussion regarding the resource consent across the river. It was reported that this property has changed hands. M. Stewart advised that he would keep the meeting informed regarding this resource consent.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007 and stated it had been a busy year. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$42,153.61.

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted".*

*S. Langridge / M. Stewart - 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 2006 to 30 June 2007.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$289,240.60) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$57,840.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2007 / 2008 year. W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection on 24 July 2007.

W. Moen stated that he was not happy with the work undertaken by Ferguson's.

S. Langridge assisted with this work, but stated this was stressful due to poor workmanship from the contractors. W. Moen advised that two quotes obtained for projected work came in at under \$34,000.00. The successful contractor is MBD contracting Ltd. This work is due to start next week. W. Moen advised that \$20,000.00 for additional maintenance has also been allowed for in the works proposal; he advised it would be prudent to include this.

**Moved:** ***"That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved."***  
*M. Stewart / S. Langridge - Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:** ***"That the committee will comprise of all current ratepayers."***  
*P. Stevenson / M. Stewart - Carried*

**Moved:** ***"That M. Stewart be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."***  
*R. McCarthy / A. Stewart - Carried*

M. Stewart advised that later in the year a conflict of interest might develop (he is intending to purchase additional land on the south side of the Taramakau River). It was agreed that a Deputy Spokesman be appointed.

**Moved:** ***"That S. Langridge be appointed as Deputy Spokesman for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."***  
*P. Stevenson / M. Stewart - Carried*

## **RATES 2008 / 2009**

General discussion took place on future rate strikes. P. Stevenson stated that with wage increases last year and the fact that the Rating District was able to raise the extra money needed for emergency works last year, he is happy to stick to \$45,000.00 rather than the proposed \$60,000.

**Moved:** ***"That given the current credit balance of \$42,153.61, the works proposals of \$57,840.00, plus \$45,000 rates income (2007 / 2008), the recommended rate strike for the 2008 / 2009 financial year is \$45,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive)."***  
*M. Stewart / S. Langridge - Carried*

**Note:** \$45,000 for the rate strike was agreed to by all parties on the condition all ratepayers pay if an urgent repair job comes up. W. Moen advised that the Asset Management Plan recommends \$60,000. S. Moran advised the Rating District to have a contract signed by each ratepayer to formalise the current agreement. Cr Shannahan clarified this further by stating that if a job comes up W. Moen is to speak with the Spokesperson (M. Stewart) to get the go ahead for repair work. M. Stewart stated that there are only six ratepayers in the rating district and all are affected should emergency works be required. This agreement would be reviewed every 12 months to ensure all ratepayers are still happy with the agreement. Cr Shannahan clarified that this would allow for the work to commence and the finance of the works

guaranteed for payment by all ratepayers.

**Moved:** ***"That the current agreement to pay for emergency works as required is formalised in a contract with each land owner in the Rating District".***

*M. Stewart / A. Stewart - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Shannahan asked the meeting if they felt the river was rising and should further cross section work be done. M. Stewart advised that the area around the hook groyne is cutting down and there is now a ridge in the river, this is in an area when there is no confined river. M. Stewart confirmed that this area is reasonably stable and has been for a few years. W. Moen advised the rating district to carry out cross section work and analysis also.

W. Moen advised cross sections would cost around \$7,000 every three years and the analysis is a one off and would cost around \$10,000. He advised that the analysis gives very good longterm information. S. Langridge is keen to investigate this further as he sees it as good information to have.

**Moved:** ***"That a proposed analysis of the existing bank subject to price confirmation be obtained for the Rating District".***

*S. Langridge / M. Dyke - Carried*

S. Langridge thought that part of the bank that has been raised needs topdressing with fines. W. Moen included this in the upcoming contract. Possum control on the river island was also discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.08 pm.

**Wayne Moen  
River Engineer  
September 2007**