

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
VINE CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 19 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 11.03 AM

PRESENT

J. Michell, N. Monk, G. Monk, P. Cook, T. Burden, A. Godfrey, B. Godfrey

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
D. Davidson, B. Chinn (Councillors)
C. Ingle, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Williams & T. Little, B. Paterson

G. Monk / T. Burdon - Carried

BUSINESS

B. Chinn 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 20 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

G. Monk / J. Michell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen reported that the culverts have been replaced and letters were sent out regarding rubbish being dumped on the stopbanks.

Discussion took place on the spraying of gorse in the rating district. W. Moen stated that his preference is that all gorse spraying is done as part of the rating district scheme and that way it is controlled and completed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. He reported that the opening balance as at the 1st of July 2008 was \$94,953.21 and the closing balance as at 30 June 2009 was \$119,123.42.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".***

G. Monk / P. Cook - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report for the 2008 / 2009 period. He advised that close to \$25,000 was spent during the reporting period. W. Moen reported that he carried out an

inspection on 12 August 2009 with the rating district committee. A total estimate of \$42,600 worth of works was identified, however this figure does not allow for any ongoing cleanouts. W. Moen advised that the estimated cost for rubble is approximately \$22,000 but he has a price to do this work of \$7,000. This price has come from Taylors Contracting Ltd, and W. Moen advised that the price is too good to refuse. W. Moen advised that he is meeting with the contractors tomorrow and is hopeful that a good job will be done. W. Moen stated that included in works proposal is the figure of \$10,000 to complete the spraying of both banks.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved.***

N. Monk / J. Mitchell – Carried

RATES 2010 / 2011

W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike be \$45,000 which is the same as last year. He advised that in view of the major cleanouts required in the coming years a reasonable amount needs to be retained in the rating district account. W. Moen advised that the balance in the account by the end of June would be approximately \$128,000 (GST Excl).

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year is \$45,000 (GST Excl)."

T. Burdon / A. Godfrey – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee.

Moved: ***"That the present committee, namely:***

J. Mitchell

G. Monk

B. Godfrey

T. Burden

N. Monk

be re-elected as the committee for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."

T. Burdon / A. Godfrey - Carried

Moved: ***"That J. Mitchell be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

A. Godfrey / P. Cook - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Michell stated that he would like the inspection of the rating district to be done at the end of July as this year he did not get a chance to ring around everybody.

W. Moen raised the matter of grazing leases. He said that there are two leases in the rating district, one is the Aden Ltd and the other is P&E Ltd. P&E Ltd's lease expired on 1 December 2008 and they have not renewed this lease. W. Moen stated that this farm may have changed hands and it needs to be opened up for other landowners to have the opportunity to lease it. G. Monk stated that this land is of no value to him and he is not interested in the grazing lease.

W. Moen stated that he wants the stopbank to be sprayed completely this year as a good kill was obtained last year and he wants the whole scheme to be sprayed. W. Moen asked for direction for the rating district as in the past some access issues relating to spraying operations have been encountered in areas of private land. W. Moen agreed to approach W. Diedrichs once again regarding this matter. W. Moen is to check the boundary to see how far up W. Diedrichs land goes to in order to resolve this matter.

J. Michell advised that B. Paterson contacted him asking what does he have to do should he ever decide to put in a bridge across Vine Creek for his cows to cross. W. Moen advised that he would need to check the bridge plan to ensure that any rock protection within the rating district scheme is not affected. C. Ingle advised that generally a resource consent for this purpose can be progressed reasonably quickly.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.22 a.m.

Action Points

- W. Moen to carry out the inspection of the rating district at the end of July, prior to the commencement of calving.