

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
VINE CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 17 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING AT 11.02 AM

PRESENT

B. Godfrey, M. Hyde, J. Michell, T. Burden, N. Monk, B. Wilmshurst, W. Diedrichs, G. Monk

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

B. Paterson

G. Monk / J. Michell - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 21 September 2010, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

N. Monk / J. Michell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the period ending 30 June 2011. He reported that the opening balance as at the 1st of July 2010 was \$115,574.73 and the closing balance as at 30 June 2011 was \$95,157.11. W. Moen advised \$51,618 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2010 / 2011 year be adopted".***

G. Monk / N. Monk - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report for the 2010 / 2011 period. He advised that \$51,618 worth of works were carried out by G.H. Foster Ltd during the reporting period. W. Moen reported that following an inspection he carried out on the 1st of July a small job requiring 500 tonne of rubble on the right bank was identified. He reported that this job would cost approximately \$6,500. W. Moen reported that the committee decided to put off clearing a section of the main channel this year but an eye will be kept on this area. N. Monk asked if anyone has had a look at the top end of the scheme. W. Moen responded that the

committee didn't go all the way to the top but felt that this area looked okay. J. Michell stated that a little bit of rock is required near Mr Wilmshurst's area.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2010 / 2011 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2011 / 2012 works proposals be approved.***

T. Burden / J. Michell – Carried

RATES 2012 / 2013

W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike is \$45,000. He suggests that the same rate strike is retained. W. Moen advised that the balance in the rating district account is likely to be \$138,000 at the beginning of the 2012 / 2013 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

“That the rate strike for the 2012 / 2013 financial Year is \$45,000 (GST Excl).”

N. Monk / T. Burdon – Carried

W. Moen advised that the money from the lease agreements goes back into the rating district's account. He advised that this amount is \$500 for the agreement above the bridge and \$500 for the lease below the bridge. A speaker asked what the lease agreements are for. It was noted that they are grazing leases and the areas are not to be used as stand off pads.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee. Cr Davidson asked if anyone wished to come off or go on to the committee. It was noted that R. Oats has moved away from this area. T. Burden nominated B. Wilmshurst to replace R. Oats and J. Michell seconded this. B. Godfrey nominated M. Hyde and N Monk seconded this. G. Monk was removed from the committee.

Moved: ***“That:
B. Wilmshurst
M. Hyde
J. Michell
T. Burden
N. Monk
be elected as the committee for the 2011 / 2012 financial year.”***

N. Monk / T. Burdon - Carried

Moved: ***“That J. Michell be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2011 / 2012 financial year.”***

N. Monk / T. Burdon - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

C. Ingle advised that there was an action point in last year's minutes that the Envirolink funding was investigated to seek solutions for the slip at the top of the Vine Creek

catchment. He stated that he was told after the meeting that the scale of the problem meant this was impractical. C. Ingle stated that it is now a lot harder to get money for this type of project but he offered to contact G. Smart to review the scheme. C. Ingle stated that there is another similar situation at Granite Creek in Karamea but is at a smaller scale. W. Diedrichs asked how long it would take for gravel to enter the creek. W. Moen stated that monitoring of the creek every year would give a better idea as to how long this would take. W. Diedrichs asked where would this gravel be put. W. Moen stated that longterm the bank can only be raised so high and what to do with the spoil after this would be a problem as it would be expensive to cart the spoil away. W. Moen stated his view is to keep the banks in equilibrium. W. Moen stated if there is not land available to put this spoil on then there is a problem. W. Diedrichs asked how much gravel was taken out of the creek below the bridge during the cleanout. W. Moen confirmed that nothing was taken out from below the bridge because this area was reasonably clear. W. Moen advised that if only the bottom section of the creek is cleaned out then it would fill up pretty quickly. W. Moen stated that his advice is to keep on taking gravel out over the section above the bridge and do this in cycles as the rating district can afford it. It was asked where this spoil would be put. W. Diedrichs stated that he does not think bulldozing is a good idea as it never got rid of the gravel, it slowed the creek up and then sluiced it out and filled it up again. W. Moen stated that bulldozing to clear the creek is the cheapest option to widen the creek. W. Moen stated that it is up to the committee as to how they want to do this. W. Moen advised that by putting the spoil to one side close to where it is taken from means that progressively, a stopbank is built in this area. W. Moen stated it is a lot cheaper to put the spoil somewhere close by than it is to have to cart it away. W. Moen asked W. Diedrichs if he was prepared to sell some of his land so the spoil could be put there, as where to put the spoil is a real issue. C. Ingle stated that sooner or later space will run out and there will be nowhere to put the spoil. W. Diedrichs stated that if B. Wilmshurst is agreement then could the spoil be placed on his frontage. N. Monk asked W. Diedrichs if he was prepared to sell his part of the creek bed to the scheme. W. Diedrichs responded that he is not prepared to sell. He feels there are two alternatives with one being B. Wilmshurst frontage, second option is to try to encourage the spoil under the bridge further down. C. Ingle responded that the third option would be to use the Public Works Act to acquire the land to be taken for the scheme if the rating district wants to go down this track. He stated there should not be one landowner holding up the scheme. Cr Davidson suggested that a letter is sent out asking the landowners if they wish to sell land to the council for this purpose. W. Moen stated that there is not much point progressing this matter if W. Diedrichs is not prepared to sell some of his land. W. Moen stated that digging out spoil from under the bridge would not make a major difference. Further discussion took place on where to from here and it was agreed that a review of the scheme would be done prior to the next annual rating district meeting.

W. Diedrichs stated that he would like the drain cleaned out near the third gateway. He would like a drain put in here. It was agreed that this wouldn't be done, as there is concern that scouring in this area could occur.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

Action Points

- C. Ingle to contact G. Smart to review the scheme's operation.
- C. Ingle to check lease agreements specify the leased areas are for grazing only and not for standing off stock.
- Review of rating district scheme prior to next year's annual meeting.