THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WAITANGITAONA RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 10.49AM.

PRESENT

W. Nolan, R. Squire, K. Straight, B. Graham, T. McBride, G. Purcell, V. Northcroft, P. Northcroft

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council D. Davidson, (Councillor) D. Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

D. Straight, J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)

W. Nolan / K. Straight - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Davidson 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 Wednesday 27 October 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."

W. Nolan / V. Northcroft - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that the last two years rental from the lease property being \$4,500.00 has now been credited to the rating district account and was shown on the financial report. The rental of the land leased from W. Nolan covering the period April 2004 to March 2005 (\$7,100.00) was shown on the previous financial report. The final period of the lease April 2005 – to August 2005 would be shown on next years financial report.

Council staff were still waiting for Transit NZ to carry out the resurveying of the Waitangitaona river cross sections. It is reasonably obvious that there has been a gradual general build-up of gravel. Until this can be confirmed by the new survey it would be prudent to allow a reasonable financial reserve in the rating district account. W. Moen suggested a figure of \$200,000.00.

- W. Moen detailed the cross section information that was being recovered progressively over the past 5 years and pointed out that extra design work was required to ascertain the current service potential of the stopbanks. He explained that there might be some outside funding available to the Regional Council for this work. D. Horn suggested that some of the financial requirements for this work probably should come from general rates as well as possible funding from the utility holders such as Transit.
- D. Horn suggested that the rating district sub committee should support the ongoing monitoring and surveying through the LTCCP consultative process and suggested that a high priority be allocated to the cross section surveys.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2005. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$156,079.68.

Moved: "That the financial report for the 2004 / 2005 year be adopted".

W. Nolan / K. Straight - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$0) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$46,530.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

Moved: "That the Works Report covering the 2004 / 2005 financial year be

adopted and the 2005 / 2006 works proposals be approved."

K. Straight / W. Nolan - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: "That the present committee, namely:

P. Northcroft W. Nolan G. Purcell D. Bowater K. Straight

be retained as the committee for the 2005 / 2006 financial year."

W. Nolan / V. Northcroft - Carried

Moved: "That W. Nolan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2005 / 2006

financial year."

W. Nolan / V. Northcroft - Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

W. Nolan outlined the changing river patterns and the gradual build-up of bed levels and suggested that the committee keep a close watch on the reserves to ensure a constant buffer of \$200,000.00 be maintained for potential future damage.

Speakers included: W. Nolan, P. Northcroft and K. Straight.

Moved: "That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the

2006 / 2007 financial Year be \$15,000 + G.S.T."

P. Northcroft / W. Nolan - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Nolan indicated that he had relinquished the lease on the adjoining Council property. He advised the reason for doing this was for future better farming practices. He advised that if the lease was stopped now and reissued for the forthcoming season this would

ensure continuity for the new lessee. This will also bring the lease into line with other Council leases in the area. W. Nolan also raised the issue of debris build-up on the SH bridge and felt that Transit should take a greater interest in this development. D. Horn felt that the debris should be removed as soon as it was deposited. W. Nolan advised that if local landowners notified him of any such build-up he would then in turn notify Opus and Transit NZ for immediate action.

W. Nolan outlined the contribution that Jim Purcell had made to the rating district area over many years and asked that the Council and committee recognise this contribution in writing.

Moved:

"That a letter of appreciation be written to Jim Purcell on behalf of the rating district expressing their gratitude for Jim's level of interest and support over the many years as a resident in the area."

W. Nolan / V. Northcroft / - Carried

W. Moen also endorsed the comments made by others on Jim's contribution.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.25 am.

Wayne Moen River Engineer 29 November 2005