

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE HARIHARI COMMUNITY CENTRE, HARI HARI  
ON TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2004 COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

R. Berry, L. Molloy, N. Adamson, R. Hodgkinson, B. Thomson, M. Molloy, A. Campbell, B. McGrath, J. Sullivan, A. Harris, J. Stewart, G. Aitken

**IN ATTENDANCE**

J. Clayton, D. Davidson, D. Shannahan, P. Ewen (Councillors) D. Horn, R. Lowe & W. Moen (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

T. Molloy, J. Wood

**BUSINESS**

D. Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.  
He introduced the new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. David Horn.

**Moved:** ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 30 April 2003, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***

*N. Adamson / A. Campbell - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

W. Moen sought confirmation of N. Adamson's inclusion in the mailout.  
N. Adamson confirmed this.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the 2003 financial year.

**Moved:** ***“That the Financial Report for the 2003 financial year ending 31 December 2003 be adopted.”***

*R. Berry / J. Stewart – Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

D. Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirement for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent compulsory provision for an estimated 10 year works expenditure programme.

He also explained that the requirements of the Act now meant that for advanced planning purposes Annual General Meeting should be held in the latter part of the year, around September / October in order to give a clear indication of the following year's expenditure in advance.

W. Moen explained that the second rate instalment was to be added and the recently completed works were to be deducted.

This left a current up to date credit balance of approximately \$320,000.

## **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which spanned 10 years and also pointed out that the projected maintenance costs did not include any future capital works.

He indicated that an ongoing annual financial commitment of \$60,000 was recommended to “future-proof the existing scheme works.

R. Hodginson asked if the continuing rock placement was necessary in the future, assuming that rock quantities should abate once all anticipated works were completed.

W. Moen outlined the average expenditure over the last 10 years and suggested that given the nature of the river, ongoing maintenance to the suggested levels were likely to continue in the foreseeable future.

L. Molloy felt that a more pro-active approach should be taken on vegetation control on the stopbank.

**Moved:** ***“That a complete aerial spray of the full stopbanks, every two years, be allowed for in the overall works estimate.”***

*L. Molloy / A. Harris – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was pointed out that two members stood down on rotation, but were available for reappointment. The two this year being N. Adamson & A.Campbell.

**Moved:** ***“That the following nominated individuals form the committee for the 2003 / 2004 financial year:***

***R. Berry  
A. Harris  
N.Adamson  
L. Molloy  
J. Stewart \*  
A. Campbell \****

*J. Stewart/ M. Molloy - Carried*

**Moved:** ***“That R. Berry be re-elected as spokesperson for the Rating District for the 2004 / 2005 financial year.”***

*A. Campbell / M.Molloy – Carried*

## **RATES STRIKE 2004 / 2005**

General discussion took place on an appropriate rate strike.

Speakers included B. Thompson, L. Molloy, J. Stewart & R. Berry.

R. Berry explained that the current rate plus interest should remain to maintain the existing works.

**Moved:** ***“That the rates strike recommendation for the 2004 / 2005 financial year be set at \$50,000 + GST and for the purposes of the LTCCP an indicative rate of \$50,000 + GST for the years 2 to 10 be indicated.”***

*L. Molloy / R. Berry - Carried  
B.Thompson voted against the motion)*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

R. Lowe explained to the ratepayers present the current access problems associated with the Wanganui Quarry.

He pointed out that the Wanganui River was now encroaching into the access road and the bridge over Amethyst Creek had been condemned and closed by the Department of Conservation.

He suggested that the only viable economic solution was to shift the road and restrengthen the bridge.

He also explained that the Department Of Conservation and the Westland District Council had indicated that they were not interested in helping fund neither the road realignment nor the bridge refurbishment.

A. Campbell asked if alternative sites were available.

Staff were unaware of any suitable alternatives.

L. Molloy was adamant that the quarry must be reopened as soon as possible.

He suggested that if any easements, compensation etc. was required that the cost be met out of the rating district's accrued surplus funds.

Discussion took place on overburden, OSH issues and the general management of the quarry.

J. Clayton felt that it was important to maintain competitive rock prices for the community.

**Moved:**            ***“That the following actions be undertaken:***

***a) That Glenys Black and D.O.C. be approached for access agreements.***

***b) That detailed estimates and alternatives be prepared for the committee as soon as possible.***

*L. Molloy / J. Stewart – Unanimous*

J. Sullivan felt that all drainage works should be excluded from the scheme.

R. Berry explained that the inclusion of such works were historical and should remain.

J. Stewart sought information on raising the main stopbank.

R. Lowe told him that any raising of levels over the originally agreed level would constitute capital works.

W. Moen pointed out that updating of the cross section information was required before accurate design levels could be obtained.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Wayne Moen  
Senior Engineering Officer