THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 7.40PM.

PRESENT

A. Campbell, L. Molloy, N. Adamson, S. Davie, M. Hayes, A. Harris, J. Stewart, R. Berry.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Davidson, (Councillor)

D. Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

B. Thompson, M. Molloy, V. Smith, J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)

N. Adamson / L. Molloy - 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."

A. Harris / J. Stewart - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Extended discussion took place on the Wanganui Quarry and associated access road works. It was explained that Council had finalised access arrangement with Mrs Black and that Council would be liable for a \$1 per tonne levy on all rock won from the quarry and carted through her property. The extra costs would be incorporated into a revised quarry charge. It was also explained that the access road formation was formed in May 2005 at a cost of \$35,101.50 GST exclusive.

D. Horn explained that the safe status of the bridge had been questioned from an OSH perspective and as a result Council had to engage consulting structural engineers to test the bridge under designed loading before it could be approved to a class 1 safe loading category.

The survey to legalise the necessary easements would be carried out later in the year. The expense of all the above work would be recovered on an added rock levy specific to this quarry rather than a direct actual cost to the rating district.

R. Berry sought information on the ownership of the bridge. D. Horn explained that it was a rating district asset.

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- R. Berry sought clarification on potential future quarry costs e.g. rehabilitation and road maintenance. W. Moen reported that future costs are largely unknown but that adequate monies should be put aside to cover such contingencies in the future.
- D. Horn suggested that a new locked stockpile should be formed to protect the source.
- L. Molloy suggested that locked gates would be more of a hassle and that the Department of Conservation and the owners of the proposed power scheme should pay some costs towards the upkeep of the road. D. Horn pointed out that the road through G. Blacks property would be covered by an easement in favour of the Regional Council. He also pointed out that only legitimate contractors were to have access to the quarry.
- 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.

It was anticipated that new cross sections would be carried out in the 2006/2007 financial period to determine changes, if any, in the riverbed levels.

- W. Moen outlined the global consent process for gravel extraction. This is to streamline processes and better manage the gravel resource across the region. This will eventually ensure an available managed gravel resource for all users without the need for individual resource consents. The gravel resource would be managed in a manner similar to the Council's quarry permits.
- W. Moen advised that a contract for the aerial spraying of the Wanganui stopbank was called in April 2005. The committee advised that the two tenders were excessive and the work should not be carried out. It was asked that extra aerial operators be contacted for prices.

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 \$382,628.74.

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

R. Berry / S. Davie - 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 (\$15,344.50) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$75,100.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

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

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

M. Hayes / R. Berry - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: "That the present committee, namely:

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

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

L. Molloy / N. Adamson - Carried

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

financial year."

L. Molloy / N. Adamson - Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Speakers included: M. Hayes, L. Molloy, R. Berry and A. Campbell.

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

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

J. Stewart / L. Molloy - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place on the general risk assessment of the Wanganui scheme works. W. Moen suggested that any costs involved in design information should be included in the 2006/2007 budget round.

D. Horn suggested that the rating district committee supply a letter in support of such design work to be funded from the general rate fund to the Council's LTCCP process.

Further discussion took place on the aerial spraying of the stopbank. M. Hayes suggested that an alternative to Tordon spray could be "Mustang".

L. Molloy expressed great satisfaction at the presentation and composition of the supporting documentation for the annual general rating.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Wayne Moen River Engineer 5 December 2005

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