

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COAL CREEK RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICES ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 7.02 PM.

PRESENT

B. Jones, F. Riordan, O. Norton, S. McGeady, M. Riordan, D. Roberts, A. Beck,
J. Fitzpatrick

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. Ewen, (Councillor), D. Shannahan (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

H. Bradley, M. Elliott, West Coast Development (Snowflake), J. Clayton
A. Beck / B. Jones - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Shannahan 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 Monday 16th October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

F. Riordan / B. Jones - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$120,250.91.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted".*

A. Beck / B. Jones - 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 2006 to 30 June 2007. He advised that he carried out an inspection on the 23rd of July 2007.

He reported that no works had been carried during this period and outlined a proposed allowance of \$50,000.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2007 / 2008 year plus \$20,000 for maintenance of existing works. This is to place stockpiled

rock # 20 as continuous riprap #20 of 500 tonnes. This will bring the total cost to \$70,000. This area is the most vulnerable area in the rating district. F. Riordan wasn't happy with the works proposed.

A. Beck asked if MBD contracting would be doing the next tender. W. Moen explained the tender process and advised that usually the cheapest tender was given.

M. Riordan asked what type of rock is used; W. Moen advised that it would be either from Kiwi or Blackball quarry.

W. Moen demonstrated the previous works and explained where the river had come up to in previous years. The possibility of a groyne was discussed by S. McGeady. W. Moen advised that this had been discussed and rejected by ratepayers at previous meetings. B. Jones expressed his concern that the river was cutting in and the whole area is vulnerable. W. Moen advised that the option of putting in groynes would cost approximately \$120,000. S. Moran spoke of the importance of building up the rating district kitty for instances such as this. Discussion ensued with hard poles considered; W. Moen advised that a groyne is the best option. S. Moran stated that putting in groynes would safeguard the area but in the absence of this being done by the rating district then the current use of the stockpile as rip-rap is the best that can be done. B. Jones asked W. Moen how many tonnes of rock would be required for one good sized groyne. W. Moen advised around 2,500 tonnes.

It was agreed that an allowance of \$50,000.00 for maintenance expenditure for the following 2007 / 2008 year plus \$20,000 for maintenance of existing works.

Moved: ***"That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved and the associated works implemented if required".***

B. Jones / M. Riordan - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

O. Norton *Moved – D. Roberts / B. Jones*

F. Riordan *Moved – B. Jones / D. Roberts*

D. Roberts *Moved – D. Roberts / B. Jones*

A. Beck *Moved F. Riordan / B. Jones*

B. Jones *Moved D. Roberts / S. McGeady*

be the committee for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."

F. Riordan / B. King - Carried

Moved: ***"That B. Jones be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."***

S. McGeady / M. Riordan - Carried

RATES 2008 / 2009

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. W. Moen spoke of the flood damage that occurred in the Taramakau Settlement Rating District in March and the cost to that rating district. W. Moen advised that meeting that the recommended rate strike is \$20,000 and that the revised Asset Management Plan recommends \$20,000 per year. W. Moen reminded the meeting that if a major blow out in the area was to occur and the rating district sought government financial assistance then this may not be successful as works have not been maintained to the recommended standard. W. Moen advised the meeting of the importance of being aware of this possibility. Cr

Ewen spoke of the importance of planning ahead financially. B. Jones asked that his opposition to the current low level of rate strike to be noted in the minutes.

Moved: "That the rate strike for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year be stays at \$5,000 + G.S.T."

M. Riordan / O. Norton – Carried

There was a show of hands and the votes went 5 – 3.

W. Moen advised the meeting that this is only a recommendation to WCRC and that WCRC can put up this rate strike. S. Moran reminded the rating district that they need to bear in mind that if the balance is reduced down to a point where there is insufficient funds in place for the size of the scheme and the damage that could be caused then there would be a recommendation to Council advising that this is insufficient. He spoke of the risk strategies that each rating district needs to have in place in the event of funding being requested from Government in the event of major damage incurring. S. Moran spoke of the function of the Asset Management Plan. Cr Shannahan explained the function of the LAPP fund in relation to the claim at the Taramakau Settlement. He advised that the LAPP Fund only steps in when there is a major disaster to a populated area. Cr Ewen stated that some councils have now walked away from the LAPP Fund due to the difficulty in getting funds following a disaster.

S. Moran explained the process involved if a high enough rate isn't struck and then there is a flood event. He explained how such a loan functions and used the Punakaiki Rating District as an example.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.16 pm.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
17 September 2007**