

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHSIDE HOKITIKA RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ROOMS ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT

S. Gordon, P. Oliver, M. Gallop, S. McCallum, H. Hamilton, B. Radomski, R. Bostwick, D. Bostwick.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

V. Breeze, Mrs Gallop, E. Radomski, J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)
H. Hamilton / N. Gallop - Carried

BUSINESS

B. Chinn 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 Thursday 28 October 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”*

H. Hamilton / S. McCallum - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen reported that an accounting error in the accrual of credit interest had been rectified and was included in the financial report. He also reported that there had been an overall build-up in gravel between July 2002 and July 2004, however, this did not pose any problems with the existing works at this stage.

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.

Staff had noted some constructions had been placed on the surface of one of the spur groynes. It was pointed out that such works were unauthorised and could be removed to maintain the structures integrity. These works were considered as temporary and any damage risk would be borne by the individuals with no compensation payable for the removal of such works.

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 \$5,130.19.

Moved: *“That the financial report for the 2004 / 2005 year be adopted”.*
N. Gallop / P. Oliver - 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 \$5,000.00 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 and the associated works implement if required.”***

S. McCallum / H. Hamilton - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That H. Hamilton be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”***

R. Bostwick / D. Bostwick - Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

W. Moen again outlined his concerns at the dangers of not supporting the concept of retaining suitable reserves in order to address unforeseen future expenditure.

Speakers included: H. Hamilton, N. Gallop and P. Oliver.

Moved: ***“That a suggested \$0 rate strike be recommended to Council for the 2006 / 2007 financial Year.”***

H. Hamilton / P. Oliver - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion ensued on the extensive vegetation growth on the access road. W. Moen pointed out that a contract could be let for the spraying of the bank. Local ratepayers agreed that such spraying could be achieved at a local level. N. Gallop advised that he would undertake the spraying if Council would supply the chemicals. W. Moen advised that Council would reimburse costs on receipt of invoices.

D. Horn outlined his satisfaction at the works that had been carried out. He also advised that he had resigned the position as CEO and would cease his duties in December 2005.

D. Horn also expressed his concerns at permanent structures on the infrastructure. He also advised that staff should check access agreements with a view to have these registered on the titles.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
5 December 2005