

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHSIDE HOKITIKA RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE ST JOHNS ROOMS, STAFFORD STREET, HOKITIKA ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 7.35 PM.

PRESENT

S. McCallum, R. Montagu

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Davidson (Councillor).

B. Chinn (Councillor)

C. Ingle, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

M & W. Montagu, V. Breeze

S. McCallum / R. Montagu - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He advised that the Council Engineer, Wayne Moen was sick and unable to attend.

He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 19 October 2009, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

S. McCallum / B. Chinn - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cr Davidson spoke to the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2010. He reported that the opening balance as of 1 July 2009 was \$6,924.38. This left the account with a current debit balance of approximately \$4,068.88.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2009/ 2010 year be adopted".*

R. Montagu / S. McCallum - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

Cr Davidson advised that there were \$16,281.000 worth of works carried out between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 with Transit paying a 50% share of the costs. It was noted that this is the first lot of work done since the rating district was set up over ten years ago. R. Montagu stated that there is not a proper flood flow plan for the Hokitika River and work is done in a piecemeal fashion. He feels that work is only done wherever the river cuts in.

It was noted that W. Moen carried out an inspection on the 15th of July 2010 and no immediate works were identified but he suggested that \$5,000 be allowed for unforeseen works.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2009 / 2010 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2010 / 2011 works proposals be approved.**

R. Montagu / S. McCallum – Carried

RATES 2011 / 2012

Cr Davidson advised that the rate strike for 2010 / 2011 year was \$5,000 and the recommended rate strike for 2011 / 2012 is \$7,500 this would mean that the balance in the rating district account is likely to be \$1,600 (debit). R. Montagu stated that the rating district has always resisted building up a nest egg in their account and he feels they should continue to resist this. He stated that in 10 years this is the first time the rating district has had to pay for works. R. Montagu stated that Transit will pay half of the rate strike and the rating district will pay their share on the deficit. C. Ingle advised that Transit have already paid their half and they also paid for half of the works completed therefore there is still a \$4,000 deficit owed by the rating district. C. Ingle stated that if the \$5,000 allowed for unforeseen maintenance is not spent then the rating district would not be in deficit. It was noted that although there is still some rock stockpiled it would still cost money to have the rock placed if necessary. The meeting feels that they will not need to spend any more money in the next 10 years and therefore they do not wish to strike a rate at all. Cr Davidson reminded the meeting that if a rate isn't struck then the council could force the rating district to strike a rate. C. Ingle encouraged the rating district to strike a small rate to cover the costs of annual inspections and the normal day to day costs of running the rating district. It was agreed that as soon as the rating district goes into deficit they would strike a rate.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2011 / 2012 financial Year is zero (GST Excl).

R. Montagu / S. McCallum – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R. Montagu stated that he feels H. Hamilton has done a good job as spokesperson. It was noted that all members of the rating district are members of the committee.

Moved: *"That H. Hamilton be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2010 / 2011 financial year and that all members of the Rating District be members of the Committee."*

R. Montagu / S. McCallum - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

C. Ingle read out the Hokitika River cross section report on behalf of W. Moen. It was noted that the cross sections were done in March 2010 and they indicated that there was erosion of 172,000 m³ between the mouth and the dairy factory and a build up of 147,000 m³ upstream of the dairy factory to the Kaniere Road Bridge, which is a small loss over three years. R. Montagu is surprised at the build up of gravel and the flooding around Norm Gallop's property and he wonders if this is contributed to the recent high tides. Cr Chinn stated that he noticed that there were very big tides about three weeks ago.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.03 pm.