

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE**  
**KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
**ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 7.15PM.**

**PRESENT**

P. Murray, B. Langford, D. Simkin, B. Jones.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
J. Clayton (Councillor)  
W. Moen (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

K. Storer, G. Moore  
R. Scarlett, D. Horn (West Coast Regional Council)

*B. Jones / P. Murray - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

J. Clayton 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 1 November 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”*

*D. Simkin / J. Clayton - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

Continued damage to the stopbanks by cattle was discussed.  
W. Moen explained that letters had been sent to Messrs Scarlett, Langford and Janr Farms Ltd on 15 July 2004, seeking co-operation from those parties regarding the restriction of cattle on the stopbanks.

Discussions also took place on possible flood analysis of the Karamea stopbank in the vicinity of the Karamea Township.

**Moved:**        *“That indicative costs be sought and if suitable, organise to have the analysis carried out. Financial details of such work are to be conveyed to the Chairperson for his information.”*

*D. Simkin / B. Langford - Carried*

**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 \$166,998.51

**Moved:**        *“That the financial report for the 2004 / 2005 year be adopted”.*

*B. Jones / B. Langford - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

No matters were arising from the financial minutes.

## **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

He outlined that no works had been carried out during the period 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 associated works implemented.”***

*B. Jones / B. Langford - Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

***Kevin Storer***

***Darryl Simkin***

***Brian Jones***

***Dick Straight***

***Graham Maw***

***Bevan Langford***

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

*B. Langford / B. Jones - Carried*

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

*B. Langford / B. Jones - Carried*

## **RATES 2006 / 2007**

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Speakers included: D. Simkin, W. Moen, J. Clayton and B. Jones

**Moved:** ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2006 / 2007 financial Year be \$19,000 + G.S.T.”***

*B. Langford / B. Jones - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

W. Moen pointed out to those present that in his opinion as a river engineer that it was essential that water levels at high flood events be recorded by locals in order to more clearly ascertain the service potential of the current stopbanks in the township area.

He also again expressed concern at the potential threat to the area, given the silty nature of the stopbank material and the apparent lack of adequate freeboard during average flood events.

W. Moen also 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. J. Clayton suggested that some of the financial requirements for this work probably should come from general rates, as there was a regional benefit.

D. Simkin expressed concern at the apparent uncooperation of those farmers who continued to allow cattle access to the stopbanks.

W. Moen outlined his concerns and suggested that in other similar rating district areas there was generally accepted rule that no cattle be allowed on the stopbank to prevent further damage.

Other speakers included: J. Clayton, B. Langford and D. Simkin.

**Moved:**        *“That a letter be sent to the 3 affected landowners, expressing the Rating District’s concern at the apparent lack of co-operation in reducing stock damage to the banks.”*

*D. Simkin / B. Langford - Carried*

Ratepayers asked that a tenure map be prepared to show the boundary overlays on the affected land. Another suggestion was that a single “hotwire” on top of the stopbank would help.

It was explained to those present that the Operations Manager, R. Lowe, was ceasing employment with the Council. The ratepayers asked that a vote of thanks be made to him for his past services.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

**Wayne Moen**  
**River Engineer**  
**6 December 2005**