

KONGAHU RATING DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE KONGAHU DEVELOPMENT RATING DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF M. & J. JONES ON 1 MAY 2000, COMMENCING AT 1.00 P.M.

PRESENT

L. Kees, K. Kees, R. Anderson, M. Jones, F. Byerring, D. Payne, N. Payne, B. Simonson.

APOLOGIES

R. Jennings

Moved: *“That the apology be accepted.”*
 R. Anderson/S. Payne – Carried

IN ATTENDANCE

R. Scarlett West Coast Regional Council Councillor
R. Lowe West Coast Regional Council Staff

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved *“That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5 May 1999 be approved.”*
 B. Simonson/R. Anderson – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved *“That the financial report covering the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 be accepted.”*
 B. Simonson/K. Kees – Carried

Moved *That the Transitional Report for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 December 1999 be accepted.*
 B. Simonson/K. Kees

WORKS REPORT

A general discussion was held in respect to the cleanout works which had been recently carried out by Grant Thomas Contracting and K. Kees Contracting.

Mike Jones indicated that Brian Simonson and himself had paid for the labourer and cost of explosives for the removal of a tree out of Blackwater Creek.

It was also discussed that the recent washout that occurred at Blackwater Creek had resulted in the lowering of the invert by approximately 300 mm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SPOKESPERSON

Moved “*That the Committee consist of all ratepayers and that the spokesperson for the group be Mike Jones with Brian Simonson to deputise in his absence.*”

L. Kees/R. Anderson – Carried

PROPOSED RATE STRIKE FOR 2000/2001

Moved “*That the recommended rate strike for the 2000/2001 financial year be \$7,600 + GST.*”

B. Simonson/R. Anderson – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was a general discussion as to what works were required for the coming financial year.

It was identified that some drain spraying will be required to be carried out on Lee Kees property in December.

Mike Jones reported that the fibreglass floodgate on Blackwater Creek needed to be repaired or replaced.

R. Lowe to organise its replacement or repair.

There was some discussion regarding the cleanout of the Little Wanganui River mainly related to removing any willow obstructions.

It was agreed that the committee would discuss with the adjacent landowners along the Little Wanganui River as to the removal of any obstruction of water entering the Kongahu Development Area.

Russell Anderson raised the issue regarding the Management Plan for the Kongahu Swamp drafted by Phillippe Gerbeaux of the Department of Conservation which had been circulated for comment.

R. Lowe informed the meeting that Operations Section of the West Coast Regional Council had not seen the draft and could offer no comment in respect to its contents.

The outcome of this was a copy of the report would be requested and followed up with the Committee at a later date.

There was some discussion regarding the placement of drain spoil over an access road over an approximate distance of 400 metres.

It was also noted that two side creeks had contributed to part filling in of one of the main creeks.

It was agreed both these issues would be looked into as being part of next years works programme.

Meeting concluded at 3.30 p.m.

