

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE KONGAHU DEVELOPMENT RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE LITTLE WANGANUI HOTEL
ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2004 COMMENCING AT 1.10 PM

PRESENT

L. Kees, G. Volkman, R. Anderson, B. Bjerring and B. Jones

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

J. Clayton – Chairman WCRC

D. Horn, R. Lowe – Staff WCRC

APOLOGIES

K. Kees, R. Scarlett

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 15 April 2003 were a true and accurate record ”*

G. Volkman / R. Anderson - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Geoff Volkman expressed a need to formalize an annual spraying programme for development area.

It was considered that the optimum time for spraying the swamp was late spring.

The Resource Consent Conditions needed to check to see if this was possible.

Ratepayers expressed their preference to using Anderson Helicopters Ltd for carrying out spraying work.

It was agreed that R. Lowe would follow up the required spraying programme for the current financial and check the resource consent conditions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Lowe presented the financial report up to 31 December 2003.

David Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirements for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent provision to project out rating expenditure for a 10-year period.

He also indicated that the need for advanced planning to comply with the act that would result in Annual General Meeting of Rating Districts between September and October of each year.

WORKS REPORT

A separate works report was tabled and outlined the maintenance, which had been carried out to date by Ken Kees Contracting and a small amount of work carried out by S.M. Lowe Contractors.

Brian Jones indicated that the new floodgate at the main road had yet to be fitted.

Brian Jones and Leigh Kees gave an undertaking to fit the new floodgate this winter.

It was also noted that an obstruction existed in Blackwater Creek between the properties of Bjerring and Payne.

Brian Jones gave an undertaking to inspect and report back to Rick Lowe.

It was also reported that the outlet channel of the culvert at the main road was being effected by Granite Creeks high bed load of material being deposited in the estuary and the need in the future to cleanout the outlet channel.

The other work identified as being required related to the spraying of drains in the development area.

Drains were identified on plans at the meeting and give to R.Lowe to use for the organizing of the spraying contractor.

It was agreed that if Anderson Helicopters could not carryout the spraying by mid April 2004 that we look at engaging for an aerial contractor to undertake the work.

Moved: “ That the Financial and Works Reports be received”

G. Volkman / R. Anderson - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: “ That Geoff Volkman be re-elected as committee spokesperson and committee be all ratepayers.”

B. Jones / L. Kees - Carried

RECOMMENDATION RATE STRIKE 2004/05

Moved: “That the recommended rate strike for the 2004/05 financial year be \$7,600 + GST”

G. Volkman/ L. Kees - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Geoff Volkman questioned whether there is a need to have a rating differential for the Kongahau Development area, as it appeared that everyone receives the same benefit.

Brian Jones stated he believes there are different levels of benefit between the two classes and would like more information as to what the difference is.

Rick Lowe to action and the classification plans and information on class weightings to next meeting around October 2004.

There was no further General Business the meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

R.J. Lowe
Operations Manager