

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRANZ JOSEF
ON WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2001 COMMENCING AT 2.15 P.M.

PRESENT

R. Richards, L. Richards, C. Brooks, M. Burnett, B. Gibb, T Howard (Air Safaris)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Duckett (Councillor)
R. Lowe & W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, D. Davidson & T. Day (West Coast Regional Council)
B. Jenkins, B. Rienveld, R. Quaiffe

BUSINESS

B. Duckett opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 3 May 2000, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***

R. Richards/B. Gibb - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2000 financial period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000.

Moved: ***“That the Financial Reports for 2000 calendar year ending 31 December 2000 be adopted.”***

R. Richards/ C. Brooks - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R. Richards tendered his resignation, pointing out that he wished to have a break from the role of chairperson/ spokesperson for the next 12 months

Moved: ***“That Chris Brooks be elected as Chairperson/Spokesperson for the 2001/2002 financial year.”***

B. Gibb/R.Richards – Carried

RATES 2001/2002

Discussion ensued on the level of rates that should be struck for the next financial year. One option generally suggested was that the deficit of approximately \$18,000, taking into account, the second rate installment due, plus the suggested Asset Management Plan rate of \$13,500, giving a total of \$31,500, should be seriously considered.

R. Richards suggested that a lower rate would be more acceptable.

He also suggested that the "wider community" in the existing rating district should be asked for further extra contributions.

W. Moen pointed out that this was not legally enforceable under the existing scheme.

W. Moen also explained that the Council could, in situations where the proposed rate strike was not realistic to meet the area's financial commitments, determine the final rate.

B. Gibb asked if individuals could make extra donations.

R. Lowe pointed out that generally this was not acceptable, but that such a donation might be credited to the individual.

Moved: "That the rates strike for the 2001/2002 financial year be set at \$28,000 + GST."

R. Richards/B. Gibb - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

R. Richards raised the issue of future works on the Rubbish Dump Stopbank.

W. Moen outlined the potential danger of the Waiho River outflanking the existing works.

It was generally felt that the Council should proceed in applying for a resource consent to cover the extension of the existing works up to the base of Canavans Knob.

Moved: "That the Council prepare and submit a resource consent to cover the possible extension of existing works, upstream to the base of Canavans Knob."

R. Richards/ C. Brooks - carried

B. Duckett outlined the current LAPP Fund situation, pointing out the apparent Central Government policy of withdrawing all financial support for damage incurred on works as a result of erosion and/or flooding.

This effectively leaves LAPP to cover all damage totally.

This would have the effect of increasing rating district LAPP premiums by approximately 30%.

R. Richards asked if all the monies paid in by individual rating districts could be refunded.

W. Moen pointed out that this could happen only if the LAPP Fund was disbanded.

R. Lowe felt that in the event of a LAPP Fund "wash-up" a pro-rata payout might be possible.

R. Richards explained that Milton and Others bank appeared to be satisfactory and that the gravel movement in the Waiho River bed appeared to be generally southwards.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.25 p.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer

