

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE ST JOHN'S ROOMS, FRANZ JOSEF ON 22 NOVEMBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 1.12 PM.

PRESENT

K. Frendrup, G. Gibb, P. Cumming, I. Hartshorne, P. Halford, T. Howard, B. Richards, J. & J. Williams, R. Molloy, L. Skinner.

G. Gibb, I. Hartshorne and P. Cumming attended on behalf of Future Franz

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Magner, (WCRC Councillor), S. Challenger (WCRC Councillor)

R. Beal, B. Russ, T. Jellyman, R. Mallinson (Staff)

APOLOGIES

N. & L. Frendrup, P. Dennehy, G. Molloy

J. Williams / I. Hartshorne - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Challenger opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 29 October 2018, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

S. Challenger / R. Beal - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

R. Molloy stated that he has sold his farm to his daughter K. Molloy, he asked if he could ask questions. Cr Challenger agreed.

R. Molloy offered to inspect the rating district after each flood event should P. Dennehy be unable to do this. R. Beal advised that Audit NZ have requested that post event inspections are made for any future weather events.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2019. He advised that the opening balance was \$98,521.75, total revenue was \$727,513.12 (this includes \$546,330.37 which is the first claim from MCDEM following the March flood event). Total expenses for the year were \$1,118,670.15 and the closing balance is \$391,157.03 in deficit.

R. Beal advised that loan balance is \$128,920 and the loan maturity date is February 2024.

R. Beal provided an update on the insurance claim following the March flood event. He advised that the rebuild is likely to cost between \$2.5 - \$2.6M, with \$300,000 on top of this for the temporary works which was the civil defence wall, the diversionary work, and works required immediately after the flood.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. B. Russ advised that there were two pieces of work carried out at the start of the year under the maintenance part of the scheme. This included placed rock and a groyne about the Milton & Others Stopbank, work was carried out below this stopbank as well. B. Russ advised that the rock used was

from the stockpile onsite. He reported that river training work was done with the D11 dozer in March downstream from the Milton & Others stopbank with both lots of maintenance work costing \$26,660.

B. Russ advised that future works include the raising of the stopbank from Canavans Knob to Rata Knoll. B. Russ stated that work is urgent with the most crucial section being the old Rubbish Dump Stopbank. He is proposing that this section is raised by 1 metre, and is rock lined. He advised that the costs of this work would be \$215,000, and would require rock from the Whataroa Quarry. B. Russ stated that rock could also be sourced from around Rata Knoll and this would bring the costs down by quite a lot. Gravel for this section is worth \$66,000 and the rock is worth \$150,000 but he is hopeful of being able to source rock from the site to save money.

B. Russ is also proposing to raise the next section down to Rata Knoll, this is mainly a gravel stopbank and he is proposing to raise this by 1 metre, additional rock is not required and would cost approximately \$53,000. B. Russ advised that the total spend if all work is agreed to would be about \$270,000. He stated that the second section does not have to be done but he would like to see the first section (Rubbish Dump Stopbank) go ahead as there have been a few floods this year and water has got quite high in this area. B. Russ advised that the Milton & Others Stopbank has a 90 metre lower section, and to build this up to the same height as the existing sections, with rock from Whataroa quarry, would cost around \$290,000. He advised that for every other 100 metres to extend, the cost would be around \$440,000, using rock from the Whataroa quarry. B. Russ advised that the price of rock is getting more expensive and this is due to the health and safety requirements in quarries. B. Russ stated that this work will be put out to tender but the rock supply will be negotiated with the supplier. B. Russ advised that the total price from Canavans Knob to Rata Knoll, including the raised 90 metres at Milton & Others, costs would be around \$730,000. Funding options were discussed along with loan options. J. Williams suggested that work is started at the top. He stated that a flood at Christmas time needs to be avoided. Extensive discussion on rock prices, quotes and rock sources took place and it was agreed that B. Russ would prepare a tender which will include possible rock requirements, he will also liaise with consents and compliance staff regarding rock requirements and whether or not a mining licence is required. Discussion took place on the possibility of getting permission from DoC to retrieve rock around the Docherty's Creek area.

B. Russ advised that a further \$10,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

RATES 2020 / 2021

R. Mallinson advised that the maintenance section for rates is \$50,000 and the loan repayment portion is \$34,000, therefore the recommended rate strike is \$84,000. This is the same as previous years. It was noted that the prudent reserve for this rating district is \$120,000.

Moved: *"That rate strike for the Lower Waiho rating district is \$84,000 Excl GST for the 2020 / 2021 financial year."*

J. Williams / K. Frendrup – Carried

Those present acknowledged the huge amount of work the late Mr Robin Richards did on behalf of the rating district. B. Russ also mentioned the significant amount of help, support and information Mr Richards had given to Council over the years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Challenger read out the names of those currently on the committee and asked those present if they would like to remain on the committee and if anyone else present would like to join. Basil Richards and Jeremy Williams agreed to become members of the committee. J. Williams was nominated as deputy spokesperson.

Moved: *"That the present committee is all those present namely:*

Lee Frendrup

Neil Frendrup

Jeremy Williams

Chris Brooks

Peter Halford

Basil Richards

Peter Dennehy

*Dean Frendrup
Kay Frendrup for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."*

Moved: *"That Peter Dennehy is elected as the spokesperson for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."*

J. Williams / B. Richards – Carried

Moved: *"That Jeremy Williams be elected as the deputy spokesperson for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."*

Jen Williams / B. Richards - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Williams stated that there has been some discussion as to whether or not the Milton & Others Stopbank should be fenced, and where the fence should be. R. Beal advised that this can be discussed with the Frendrup's. R. Molloy spoke of the importance in keeping vegetation off the new stopbank.

J. Williams expressed concern regarding the spurs at the top of the Milton & Others Stopbank. He stated that the area where the spurs are butted on to does not have any rock behind this area and he is concerned should the spurs fail. B. Russ suggested that this area is looked at when the next piece of work is done in this area and a return could be put in.

B. Russ displayed the LiDAR survey to the meeting. He explained LiDAR to the meeting and advised that a LiDAR survey was done in 2016 and again after the March flood event. This will reveal how much the riverbed has changed over the past three years. B. Russ explained the survey work in detail to the meeting and stated that there is huge aggradation near the glacier as well as severe scouring in some areas. He stated that there is approximately 3.3 million m³ of sediment has entered the river system over the past three years. B. Russ answered questions relating to the LiDAR survey work, and spoke of likely weather phase changes.

Cr Challenger thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.23 p.m.

ACTION POINTS:

- B. Russ to prepare tender for proposed works.
- B. Russ to liaise with Consents and Compliance staff and to ascertain whether or not a mining licence will be required.