

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
RAFT CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL, KOWHITIRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2004 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M.

PRESENT

Russell Alison, Stephen Wright

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Horn (CEO)

J. Wood, D. Davidson, J. Clayton (Councilors)

W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

P. Routhan

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on Monday, 28 April 2003, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***

J. Wood / R. Alison - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

S. Wright asked if Department of Conservation could contribute towards spraying the willows.

W. Moen felt that based on past requests he did not think the Department of Conservation would contribute.

He agreed to send a letter to the Department of Conservation to raise the issue with them.

R. Alison sought clarification on the inclusion of Whites Creek in the existing classification.

W. Moen explained that the ratepayers had expressly voted not to include this creek in the scheme as it had in the past but there was still consent for the creek to be cleaned out.

R. Alison asked if the Department of Conservation would fence creeks.

Further discussion resulted in everybody agreeing that it would be better not to fence the creek, as could have further repercussions in relation to management in the future.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2003 calendar year.

Moved: ***“That the Financial Report for the calendar year 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003 be adopted.”***

J. Wood / R. Allison

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, spanning 10 years, which also outlined 2 probable drain cleanouts.

He outlined estimated maintenance costs of \$5,000 per annum and recommended a minimum rate strike of \$6,000 per annum to "future-proof" the works

W. Moen then proposed that a suggested rate strike of \$10,000 be looked at in order to cover maintenance of the scheme.

RATES 2004 / 2005

Discussion ensued on the proposed rates strike.

Moved: ***"That the suggested rates strike recommendation for the 2004 / 2005 financial year be set at \$8,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive)."***

R. Alison / S. Wright - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That the status quo of S Wright as Chairperson and R. Alison as deputy be maintained for the 2004 / 2005 financial year."***

R. Alison / S Wright - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion arose on the LAPP fund.

J. Wood pointed out that the Council was now funding the LAPP fund through general rates.

S. Wright asked how easy it was to make a successful claim.

He was told that the Karamea Rating District had had a successful claim in the past.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.43 a.m.