

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
RAFT CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 20 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 10.05 AM.

PRESENT

S. Wright (Landcorp), H. Ryder, S. Hyde, S. Provis, W. O'Reilly, R. Burdon

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
D. Davidson, B. Chinn (Councillors)
C. Ingle, T. Jellyman, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

P. Routhan

S. Wright/ R. Burdon - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 20 September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

S. Wright / - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. O'Reilly had requested that an apology be recorded at last years meeting, this was not passed on at the meeting.
W. Moen advised that he did not receive an account for the river work. R. Burdon stated that the work was not done.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. This left the account with a current credit balance of \$19,512.83.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2007 / 2008 year be adopted".***
W. O'Reilly / S. Wright - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report for the 2007 / 2008 year. W. Moen reported that following a discussion with S. Wright it was agreed that an inspection was not required as no immediate works were identified. However, W. Moen stated that it has been

suggested that a cleanout of the creek be programmed over a five year cycle. 50 hours of excavator hire at a cost of \$6,500 has been allowed for this purpose.

W. O'Reilly suggested a cleanout of the drains between Raft Creek and Dawson's Road. W. Moen suggested supplying the Spokesperson (S. Wright) with a map identifying the drains and creeks in the drainage scheme and identifying those that require clearing.

W. O'Reilly stated that there are only two or three drains that require clearing.

Discussion ensued regarding the type of weed in the creek. It is thought to be Sweet Reed Grass.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Works Report covering the 2007 / 2008 financial year be adopted.

2. That the 2008 / 2009 works proposals be approved.

W. O'Reilly / S. Hyde – Carried

RATES 2009 / 2010

W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike is \$8,000 which is the same as last year. W. O'Reilly stated that things are going along well and he feels comfortable with leaving as it is.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year is \$8,000 (GST Excl)."

S. Wright / R. Burdon – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was agreed that the election of officers would roll over once again for this year.

Moved: "That S. Wright be re-elected as Spokesman for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."

W. O'Reilly / R. Burdon - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

C. Ingle asked the meeting where in the creek is the weed. W. O'Reilly stated it is in Raft Creek. The meeting agreed that the weed is no longer such a problem now that the water level in the creek has dropped and it is not clogging up water flow.

W. Moen clarified that at this stage there are no additional works required to clear the weed.

S. Wright stated he would like the weed identified, C. Ingle agreed to follow up on this.

S. Wright agreed to check the regrowth of willows in the creek with a view to having these aerial sprayed if necessary. W. Moen advised the meeting that this would be a cost to the rating district.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.20 am.

Action Point

- C. Ingle to follow up on the identification of the weed in Raft Creek.