

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
RAFT CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 25 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 10.34 A.M.

PRESENT

S. Wright, S. Hyde, D. Provis, W. Diedrichs (not a member of this rating district)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. McDonnell, S. Challenger (Councillors)
J. Ellis, B. Russ, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Beal.

BUSINESS

Cr McDonnell 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 16 October 2017, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

S. Hyde / S. Wright – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

B. Russ presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2018. He reported that the opening balance at 1 July 2017 was \$68,553.46, total expenses for the year were \$1,510 and the closing balance is \$77,967.86.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the works report for the 2017 / 2018 year. He reported that \$715 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period. This work was to clear gravel build up. B. Russ reported that \$1,120 worth of maintenance work was carried out in May 2018.

B. Russ reported that following discussions with S. Wright no immediate work requirements were identified. B. Russ advised that up to \$10,500 worth of drain clearance work has been programmed. B. Russ apologised for not inspecting the area last year. It was agreed that B. Russ and S. Wright would carry out an inspection on Thursday 1 November at 10.30.

RATES 2019 / 2020

Cr McDonnell advised that with the proposed works and the rate of \$8,000 previously struck for the previous year, the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2019 / 2020 year would be approximately \$77,000.

It was agreed that the rate strike for the 2019 / 2020 year is \$8,000.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2019 / 2020 financial Year is \$8,000 (GST Excl)."

S. Wright / S. Hyde – Carried

Agreed Level of Service

B. Russ advised that a requirement from Audit NZ is that agreed levels of service are discussed at all rating district meetings this year. He advised that the Raft Creek drainage scheme was constructed in 1960 was designed to contain a flood of 23.5 cumecs at that time estimated to be a 50 year return flood. B. Russ stated that no further works have been done since to ascertain whether this is still the case. B. Russ asked the rating district if they would like work done to assess the current situation. S. Wright stated that what happens is dictated by the river. B. Russ advised that survey work would need to be done. The rating district agreed that they are happy with the current situation.

Willow Tree Loss

J. Ellis addressed the meeting. He advised that since 2013 willow trees are being attacked by the large willow aphid. J. Ellis stated that during autumn and winter the trunk and limbs will turn black and drip honey dew. He stated that bees and wasps are attracted to this honey dew and the aphid is now killing willows. J. Ellis advised that the root system on willow trees is dying and this is affecting the protection the willow trees provide to riverbanks.

J. Ellis advised that Hon Shane Jones, Regional Development Minister, has set up an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years. Government funding is available to communities via the Provincial Growth Fund.

B. Russ advised that native planting can help as a second line of defence if a creek or river does break through.

J. Ellis advised that the trees to be replanted are likely to be a combination of exotics and native trees. It was agreed that the rating district would like to be included in an application to tree fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was noted that traditionally this rating district has only ever had a spokesperson and not a committee as well. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

Moved: ***"That S. Wright be re-elected as Spokesman for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."***

D. Provis / S. Hyde - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting would be held in 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.18 a.m.

Action Point

- B. Russ to check when the resource consent expires and to bring a copy to next week's visit.

Council Infrastructure Insurance Details

Information provided by R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager)

Council exited LAPP in 2011 following the Canterbury earthquakes, as it was going to be unaffordable to continue.

We then established a designated Catastrophe Fund, which has grown to \$1M.

As from 1/11/17 WCRC Infrastructure is covered under the AON Lloyds scheme. We are in a grouping of South Island Councils (Nelson, Tasman, Buller, Grey, Westland, WCRC, Queenstown Lakes, Environment Southland) with total programme cover of (now) \$300M.

WCRC carries cover of \$35M and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1M Catastrophe Fund. The excess is \$250,000.

See details of actual cover below taken from the actual Policy wording: The infrastructure cover includes (quoting direct from Policy).

"Materials damage natural catastrophe insurance" including:

Earthquake, Natural landslip, Flood, Tsunami, Tornado, Windstorm, Volcanic eruption, Hydrothermal and geothermal activity, Subterranean Fire, And Business Interruption resulting from them.