

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
REDJACKS CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT NGAHERE FIRE STATION
ON THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2003 COMMENCING AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT

R. Norris, M. Gibson, R. McLaughlin, D. McLaughlin, A. Birchfield, J. McLaughlin

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Shannahan, P.Ewen (Councilors)

R. Lowe, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, C. Norris, C. Levy and D. Horn (C.E.O)

BUSINESS

D. Shannahan opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

He also outlined the new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. David Horn's appointment and gave a background to his considerable local government experience.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 3 April 2002, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."***

A. Birchfield / R. Norris – Carried.

MATTERS ARISING

A.Birchfield again registered his opposition to the Council's quarrying policy pointing out that he felt that ratepayers should be able to decide where rock was sourced more cheaply.

R. Lowe and W. Moen both spoke outlining the Council's policy.

D. Shannahan and P. Ewen also spoke in favour of retaining the Council's stance on the use of quarries to prevent monopolies from developing.

W. Moen reported that the works had been carried out.

R. Norris felt that the drainage component was too high.

W. Moen explained the concept of contracting, however said that next time the drain cleanout arose, it would be considered separately.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2002 calendar year.

Moved: ***"That the Financial Report for the calendar year 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002 be adopted."***

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin – Carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Moved: ***"That R. Norris be re-elected as spokesperson for the Rating District."***

R. McLaughlin / D. McLaughlin - Unanimous.

RATES 2003 / 2004

Moved: *“That the 2003/2004 rate strike be set at \$5,000 + GST.*

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin – Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

D. Shannahan opened the discussion.

W. Moen outlined the LAPP Fund situation and advised those present that the Council was now fully funding the LAPP premium normally paid by each rating district.

P. Ewen explained that the Council believed there was a community interest in maintaining the works and hence the insurance of such structures. It was therefore sensible that the general ratepayer should also pay the premium.

A. Birchfield sought clarity on the procedures required to lodge a claim.

R. Lowe explained that the situation was still unclear, however, the Karamea area had received a “payout” in recent years, when a township was threatened.

R. McLaughlin asked if a check could be made on any bonds placed on Timberland’s tree removal in the upper catchment of the creek.

R. Morris advised, that in his opinion, a lot of waste material is poised to travel down the creek in times of high flood events.

W. Moen said that he would check out the situation and report back to the Chairperson. It was pointed out that this might require a complaint to be lodged with the Compliance section of the Council.

R. McLaughlin again sought clarification on the supply of rock from the Council quarries.

A. Birchfield felt the Council should change its attitude to the supply of rock from alternative sources.

R. Lowe again outlined the Council’s policy.

Other speakers included: P. Ewen, D. Shannahan and T. Kendrick.

P. Ewen again directed ratepayers to the current annual plan process where individuals with concerns, should use this as a method of feedback to the Council.

R. Norris and A. Birchfield agreed that the weir was working satisfactorily.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5. 00 p.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer