

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
RED JACKS CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT NGAHERE FIRE STATION
ON 10 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING AT 4.35 PM.

PRESENT

R. Norris, R. McLaughlin, J. Matthews, A. Osborne, G. McLaughlin (late)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
I. Cummings, A. Birchfield, A. Robb (Councillors)
M. Meehan, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

C. Levy, Cr Robb

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Birchfield 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 13 September 2010, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2011. He advised that at the start of the financial year there was \$27,272.38 in the account and as of the end of June this year the balance was \$22,597.42.

R. McLaughlin drew attention to the \$5,500 spent on W. Moen's time. She requested that W. Moen's time to be itemised, hour by hour, so that the rating district can see what time is spent on each job. M. Meehan advised that this can be done and will be done for next year. M. Meehan clarified that this cost relates to the emergency works initiated by Grey District Council and with NZTA. M. Meehan advised OPUS, on behalf of NZTA, have put in a Resource Consent application to cover these works. He advised that this rating district is an affected party and a report is awaited on this matter. R. McLaughlin stated that those who caused the problem in the river should be responsible for what they have created. This will be further discussed in the Works Report.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2010 / 2011 year be adopted"***.

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. He advised that last year \$6,280 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen reported that following an inspection carried out on the 10th of June 2011 no urgent works were identified but he suggested that \$6,000 be allowed for unforeseen works.

W. Moen drew attention to several concerns he has regarding the creek, as follows:

- a) Since the channel reconstruction works have been carried out for NZTA, three major new slip areas have been identified on the true right bank between the township and the bridge downstream of the Kangaroo / Redjacks Creeks confluence.
The potential downstream affects of an increased and accelerated supply of gravel on the existing channel downstream as far as the Grey River should be monitored closely.
- b) The channel clearance has resulted in large bank windrows of loose gravel and silt, mainly on the true left bank of Red Jacks Creek.
The downstream affects of the transportation and deposition of this loose material on the existing channel capacity is unknown and should be closely monitored.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Works Report covering the 2010 / 2011 financial year be adopted.

2. That the 2011 / 2012 works proposals be approved.

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin – Carried

RATES 2011 / 2012

R. McLaughlin stated that everyone is panicking about the rate strike because the rating district has had to pay out so much. R. Norris stated that there is still money in the kitty. W. Moen advised that at the beginning of the 2011 / 2013 financial year there is likely to be \$22,000 (GST Excl) in the rating district account.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2012 / 2013 financial Year is \$5,000 (GST Excl)."

J. Matthews / A. Osborne – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R. McLaughlin stated that she would nominate R. Norris once again as she feels he is on the ball for the rating district.

Moved: ***"That R. Norris be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2011 / 2012 financial year and all present, including A. Osborne, make up the committee of the Rating District for this year".***

R. McLaughlin / J. Matthews – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen stated that each year he carries out an annual inspection with R. Norris prior to the annual meeting. W. Moen advised that they took a good look at the river channels and the current situation is that Council has engaged the services of an independent River Engineer (Mr Bob Hall) from Christchurch to make an assessment of this area and to prepare a report. W. Moen advised that this report is now in the hands of Council's Consents staff M. Meehan stated that the resource consent application was light on information and therefore Mr Hall was asked to assess the effects on the rating district to determine whether the rating district should be considered as an affected party. M. Meehan advised that it would be beneficial for the rating district to work in with the other agencies involved (OPUS, Grey District Council and NZTA) as this system works well in other rating districts.

Discussion took place on the area around Kangaroo Creek where the works have caused water to back up and also problems around A. Osborne's property. G. McLaughlin expressed his concern at the problems these works are causing for the rating district. W. Moen stated that these works are outside of the rating district but they are causing problems for the rating district. R. McLaughlin expressed concern that the rating district has spent money out of the rating district area to put rocks in to try and stop the river from overflowing. Further discussion took place on other problematic areas caused by the new works.

M. Meehan suggested a meeting be arranged between the rating district, Grey District Council and NZTA to discuss the consent application and where to from here. R. Norris stated that Timberlands and the gold diggers up the top of the scheme are also adding to the problems. A. Osborne asked what is causing the problems further up river. G. McLaughlin stated that the problem is the volume of water coming down. R. McLaughlin stated that shingle coming down the river is adding to the problems.

W. Moen stated that the only way of getting good information as to what is happening in the river is by doing cross sections. He advised that cross sections are done in the Nelson Creek river every three years and this gives a clear picture as to where build up is and what is actually happening. W. Moen advised that the rating district would need to pay half of the costs of getting the cross sections done and their share would be approximately \$3,000. R. McLaughlin stated that some of the new works have been washed away. W. Moen advised that he and Mr Hall also have concerns about the farmland at the bottom of the rating district where a channel is building up and this could cause problems. R. Norris stated that every time there is a flood the river is changing its course.

M. Meehan stated that the rating district has not paid for the recent works done by Grey District Council and OPUS but they have paid for W. Moen's time. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with Grey District Council and NZTA and the farm owner, Wally Delany, is to be invited, as he is in the rating district. R. McLaughlin stated that this farm owner has been badly affected by the recent works.

W. Moen advised that he that has applied for resource consent, on behalf of the rating district, to clean out the channel but Grey District Council is yet to sign off on this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

Action Point

- Itemise the time spent by W. Moen on work in the Red Jacks Rating District.
- Arrange a meeting between the rating district, Grey District Council, NZTA and Mr Wally Delany