

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WAITANGITAONA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 10.31AM.

PRESENT

R. Squire, K. Straight, J. Friend, G. Purcell, V. Northcroft, P. Northcroft, D. Bower, D. Nolan, G. Dennehy, W.Nolan

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, D. Davidson (West Coast Regional Council)

W. Nolan / P. Northcroft - Carried

BUSINESS

B. Chinn 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 Tuesday 1 November 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”*

W. Nolan / P. Northcroft - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

B. Chinn to be added as in attendance.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$156,053.89.

Moved: *“That the financial report for the 2005 / 2006 year be adopted”.*

W. Nolan / D. Bowater - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Nolan sought information on the supplied lease figure of \$6,567.67.

W. Moen to check this figure out and report back to the Chairperson.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$28,880) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$23,800 maintenance expenditure for the following 2006 / 2007 year.

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted and the 2006 / 2007 works proposals be approved.”***
W. Nolan / D. Nolan - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That the present committee, namely:
P. Northcroft
W. Nolan
G. Purcell
D. Bowater
K. Straight
be retained as the committee for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”***
D. Nolan / K. Straight - Carried

Moved: ***“That W. Nolan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”***
G. Purcell / D. Nolan - Carried

RATES 2007 / 2008

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

W. Nolan pointed out that the existing reserves were healthy and recommended no change to the current rating level

Other speakers included: D. Bowater, P. Northcroft and K. Straight.

Moved: ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2007 / 2008 financial Year be \$15,000 + G.S.T.”***
W. Nolan / G. Purcell - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was mentioned that the lease agreement on the Council land had not been returned to the affected landowner.

W. Moen would liaise with R. Mallinson, the Council's Corporate Services Manager, to ensure one was forthcoming.

S. Moran spoke on the financing of cross section surveys and associated analysis of the data.

Given the extensive demand on the small budget, it was recommended that the Rating District could fund 50% of the costs in the future.

D. Bowater asked if Central Government assistance was available.

S. Moran stated that although a Flood Risk Review by the Ministry for the Environment was currently being undertaken, no definite outcomes had been forthcoming.

Moved: ***That Council write to Transit NZ seeking clarification on their involvement with the continued cross section surveys.”***
D. Bowater / W. Nolan – Carried

W. Nolan congratulated the Department of Conservation on its recent willow spraying operation and expressed the Rating District's appreciation.

R. Squire pointed out that further “spot spraying” was required to complete the work.

S. Moran and W. Moen spoke on the current situation regarding the Whataroa Quarry. As Friend's Farm was for sale, some restrictions had been placed on an access agreement with the potential new owners.

W. Moen thanked J. Friend for his past support.

G. Dennehy opened discussion on a possible reclassification of the Scheme. He outlined his concerns that his swamp area, which was unusable for farming was still rated.

He also pointed out that over 67% of the land was inundated in a flood event and requested that the area be removed from the Rating District.

D. Bowater felt that there was no opposition to a change if it was warranted.

W. Nolan also explained that the original scheme was set out based on the level of protection from the formed stopbanking system on the Waitangitaona River.

Moved: *“That the Dennehy Swamp area, containing approximately 650 acres, be removed from the Waitangitaona Rating District.”*

D. Dennehy / W. Nolan – Unanimous

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.48 am.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
27 November 2006**