

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS**  
**ON 27 OCTOBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 11.02 AM.**

**PRESENT**

A. Campbell, M. Aynsley, S. Denham, R. McKenzie, N. Blackburn, C. Lucas

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council

P. McDonnell, (Councillor), S. Challenger (Councillor)

R. Beal, B. Russ, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

T. Arnold, R. Hodges.

**Moved:**        ***"That the apologies be accepted."***

*A. Campbell / R. McKenzie - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

Cr McDonnell opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself, Cr McDonnell and Council staff.

**Moved:**        ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 8 November 2016, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

*S. Denham / A. Campbell - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

Action points were updated.

B. Russ advised that a price for the spraying of the stopbanks is yet to be obtained. He stated that he will GPS the areas to be sprayed and pass the coordinates onto the contractor.

B. Russ advised that the first 225 metres of Raymond's stopbank have now been included in the rating district. B. Russ advised that consideration could be given to including the rest of Raymond's Stopbank in the rating district. A. Campbell stated that any new works have a two year settling period before it becomes part of the rating district.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

B. Russ presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2017. He advised that the opening balance was \$258,275.33 and the closing as at 30 June 2017 was \$287,464.22.

A. Campbell drew attention to the \$385 for resource consents. Cr McDonnell advised that Council has an annual fee of \$55 in place for all resource consents. B. Russ advised that this rating district has quite a few resource consents in place and it may be possible to put them all under one resource consent. It was agreed that B. Russ would collate all resource consents and discuss where to from here with A. Campbell. B. Russ explained what type of works a resource consent is required for. Discussion took place on the current state of the river and the problems with hook groynes in the river. It was agreed that B. Russ would inspect this and a meeting would be held to discuss options.

## **WORKS REPORT**

B. Russ presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. He advised that a total of \$78,793.50 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period with 3,274 tonne of rock has been placed. B. Russ advised that all work was carried out by Arnold Contracting Ltd at a very good price.

B. Russ advised that he carried out an inspection with the spokesperson on 21 September 2017 and no works were identified, but he suggested that \$40,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance, spraying and any slumping of rock.

B. Russ commented that the rating district works well together, with work being done in an efficient and fast manner. He stated it is helpful that the contractor provides photos of the work carried out and keeps him informed of progress with tallies of rock used and costs. B. Russ stated that this saves the rating district money as he does not have to spend extra time on site at their cost.

## **RATES 2017 / 2018**

Cr McDonnell advised that the recommended rate strike is \$100,000. The prudent reserve for this rating district is \$500,000. The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2018 / 2019 financial year is likely to be \$360,000. Cr McDonnell asked the meeting if they were happy with the rate strike. Discussion took place, it was noted that there have not been any large floods recently. A. Campbell commented that a lot of gravel has now built up in the river. B. Russ advised that cross sections are about to be done on the river. He stated that cross section data provides good information on what is happening with the river.

It was agreed that the rate strike would remain at \$100,000.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Cr McDonnell read out the names of last year's committee members. He asked if anyone wishes to either stand down or join the committee. It was agreed that the status quo would remain. Cr McDonnell thanked A. Campbell for the work he does on behalf of the rating district.

***A. Campbell***

***R. Hodgkinson***

***G. Robertson***

***M. Aynsley (represents ratepayers in the township)***

***J. Arnold***

***J. Stewart***

***N. Blackburn is elected as the committee for the 2017 / 2018 financial year."***

**Moved: *"That A. Campbell is re-elected as Spokesperson for the 2017 / 2018 financial year."***

*R. McKenzie / S. Denham - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The south side of the river was discussed. A. Campbell stated that the river has changed and is cutting in and he has already put 3000 tonne of rock on this area. He stated that area is a Schedule 2 wetland and 160 hectares of this is his land. Cr McDonnell stated that there has been a lot of debate regarding wetlands. He advised the Land and Water Plan hearing is yet to be held. A. Campbell advised that he has put in a submission on the Land and Water Plan.

It was agreed that B. Russ would check with the committee when carrying out the annual inspection to ascertain whether an annual meeting is required for next year.

Cr McDonnell thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

### **Action Points for follow up**

- B. Russ to check as to whether the rest of Raymond's stopbank is to be included in rating district.
- B. Russ to resend aerial photographs to A. Campbell.
- B. Russ to inspect the groynes.
- B. Russ to investigate putting all resource consents under one consent.
- B. Russ to confirm with committee as to whether an annual meeting is necessary in 2018.