

# HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

## WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON THURSDAY, 04 OCTOBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

### **APOLOGIES**

#### **PRESENT**

Messrs B A Carter (Chairperson), G Laurich, B Pirie, P Leonard, P Johnstone, H Van Eyk, R Young and Cr D H Swales (Council Rep)

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Kenny Growden (WRC Team Leader | Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated Catchment Management), Cr P Buckthought and Cr J Thorp (alternate Council reps.), A de Laborde (Group Manager – Engineering Services), S de Laborde (Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager), B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of B Keane and P Paterson be received and sustained.

WPDD18/23

Swales/Laurich

**CARRIED**

### **LATE ITEMS**

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official information and Meetings Act 1987, the following late items be accepted for discussion.

#### **- Pauls Wharf Floodgate Next Steps**

The item was not on the agenda because the item was unavailable at the time of the agenda deadline.

Discussion on the item could not be delayed because consideration of the matter required feedback from the Committee as soon as practicable.

WPDD18/24

Laurich/Swales

**CARRIED**

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 02 AUGUST 2018 (2439518)

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 02 August 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

WPDD18/25

Buckthought/Laurich

**CARRIED**

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### Speedy Farms – Orchard East Road, Ngatea – Flood Water not draining through Culvert under SH2

Steve de Laborde advised he has written to Mike Speedy regarding the flood water issues and culvert under SH2 but has not received a response as yet.

### Laurich and Ken Jones Property – Request for Private Drain to become Council Drain

Steve de Laborde has written a letter to Ken Jones but to date has not received a response regarding the request for Laurich and Jones private drain to become Council drain.

### Mangawhero Road Flume

The Group Manager – Engineering Services reported that he has completed an inspection of the flume and has suggested remedial options to Steve de Laborde and the Drainage Overseer. A report will be provided to the next meeting in November updating the Committee on the options being considered.

### Rawerawe Pump

Brian Carter asked if this pump is going to be removed.

The Drainage Overseer advised in November it will be removed, or alternatively, will be dealt with in January/February weather permitting.

Kenny Growden attended the meeting at 10.45am.

### Capital Works – Stopbanks

Renewal Land Drainage. Harry van Eyk queried the rating for 'F2' area for flood protection. Adrian de Laborde explained that the rate does not have the same level of service as the 'F1' area and thus pays a lower rate. Harry queried the design height of stopbanks on the true left bank of the Maukoro Canal / Canal West Road. Group Manager will investigate design height of stopbank. Roading needs to be incorporated in this work (raising road/stopbank).

The Group Manager agreed to investigate the level of protection for the 'F1' and 'F2' areas.

The Asset Manager will present the capital works programme to the next meeting.

## **WRC Report –Kenny Growden**

Kenny Growden provided an update of WRC works to date.

### Maukoro Canal to SH2

Maintenance of desilting in November commencing. Consent allows this to be carried out every 4 years.

### Pouarua Pump Station – Upgrade

The pump station will be installed in November. No. 10 outlet has been desilted recently. Gates will be replaced for better flood action.

### Ngatea Town Discharge Pipe

Geotech evaluation has been undertaken by Tonkin and Taylor. Further assessment of the stopbank is required.

## **LATE ITEM**

### Pauls Wharf Floodgate Next Steps (2475610)

Kenny Growden tabled a report on the Pauls Wharf Floodgate.

## **RESOLVED**

THAT the WRC update Pauls Wharf Floodgate next steps report (dated 3 October 2018) be received.

WPDD18/26

Johnstone/Pirie

**CARRIED**

The report provided an update on the developments related to the Pauls Wharf floodgate. Kenny provided the 'next steps' proposed in the process to address the issues with the floodgate.

1. The Pauls Wharf floodgate on River Road Ngatea, was programmed for replacement due to structural audit results in 2016. Due to contractual issues this did not progress.
2. Recent stability issues related to the stopbank for where this floodgate is positioned has initiated a review of options.
3. It is acknowledged that there is significant risk in opening up the stopbank at this location, resulting in the decision to look for alternatives to transfer the water elsewhere.
4. Catchment modelling has been undertaken which proves that the alternative is technically achievable, with adjustments to the drain and culverts.
5. The decision is a medium term alternative, which does not preclude other longer term solutions to be implemented in the future.
6. A meeting with affected landowners was undertaken on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. At this meeting a number of concerns related to foreign water moving into this catchment was raised. The preferred solution is to move the water away from the current Pauls Wharf floodgate location to the Rawerawe floodgate. This requires some regrading of the drain between the two and the replacement/realignment of 5 culverts.
7. This is not a WRC Piako Scheme function but believed this was the best alternative.
8. The local landowner concerns require investigation, this needs to be supported by I-IDC.
9. The drain is not a WRC asset therefore they seek support from the owner, Hauraki District Council (HDC) through the WPDD committee to achieve this.
10. The project is required to be completed this summer to mitigate ongoing concerns.
14. WRC's responsibility lies in providing the Drainage Manager, being HDC, with an outlet for the drainage network. In this instance, WRC would like to use the Rawerawe floodgate/Pumpstation as the outlet.
15. HDC's responsibility lies with the maintenance of the drainage network including drainage pump stations. Therefore all steps required to move the water to the outlet.
16. Staff will follow-up on review of concerns raised by local landowners.
17. WRC staff will report back to the WPDD committee at the next available meeting with a formal proposal.

The works identified are medium term solutions which do not preclude other longer term future options.

WRC requires the approval of the WPDD Committee for the works outlined to enable this solution to be undertaken.

#### Muggeridge Pump Update

Kenny Growden and Adrian de Laborde advised that WRC are still finalising the construction cost estimates. A steering group has been established to review the project, this group will make the final decision on the project. The design has been completed but more detailed cost estimates are required.

#### Waitakaruru Stream - Blockage

Kenny Growden to present an update report on what is causing the blockage in the Waitakaruru stream to the November meeting.

#### DISTRICT DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018 AND FINANCIAL REPORT (FOR THE 2 MONTHS TO 31 AUGUST 2018 (2466934))

The Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager presented the Western Plains District Drainage Report for August 2018.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the Drainage Report for the month of August 2018 and the financial report on the operations of the Western Plains District Drainage Area for the 2 months to 31 August 2018 be received.

WPDD18/27

Pirie/van Eyk

**CARRIED**

#### **Financial Reporting**

It was requested that finance staff be invited to attend the next meeting to explain financial summaries to the Committee members.

Group Manager – Corporate Services, Duncan Peddie or other staff member to be invited.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

##### Member's comments:

Harry van Eyk – farmer's need to be reminded not to use stopbanks for grazing over winter months. The Group Manager concurred with this comment.

Kenny advised that WRC have sent letters to lease holders requesting that they do not graze the stopbanks over winter. If damaged, they need to be repaired, if not, they will lose their right to use the stopbank.

Legally the 'asset owner' has the right to control the stopbanks.

Ross Young – Mangawhero Fume – asked why no action has been taken to address the issues of the flume.

The Group Manager – Engineering Services responded that staff will review the report presented to the committee previously and report back further on progress to the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

CONFIRMED

B A Carter  
Chairperson

1 November 2018