

# HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

## EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON THURSDAY, 23  
FEBRUARY 2017 COMMENCING AT 1.35PM

### PRESENT

Messrs R Hunter (Chairperson), K J Reid, K R Caddy, A Green,  
P Schouten, R Webster and Cr P Buckthought

### IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs Mr I D McLeod (Drainage Manager) and Mrs D Bezuidenhout  
(Acting Council Secretary)

### APOLOGIES

#### RESOLVED

THAT the apologies of B Conroy and T Nicholson be received and sustained.

EPDD17/01

Hunter/Caddy

**CARRIED**

### LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2016 (2169974)

#### RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held  
on Tuesday 29 November 2016 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

EPDD17/02

Reid/Schouten

**CARRIED**

EPDD DRAINAGE MANAGER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2017 (2175395)

The Drainage Manager presented the monthly report to February 2017 and the Financial Report  
for the 7 months to 31 January 2017.

#### RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD17/03

Green/Reid

**CARRIED**

Campbell Drain and Floodgate. Green Drain

The re-commissioning of the Green Drain to divert flow from the Campbell Floodgate catchment  
to Factory Floodgate has been completed. The landowner who requested the works still has a

concern with the operation of the drainage network, but more particularly with the low invert of the recently reconstructed Campbell floodgate, and the continuing silting of the outlet.

The downstream owner who requested the drain diversion has advised that there is a dispute regarding the constructed level of the floodgate, and it is likely that the structure may be modified to raise the invert and alleviate the blockage of the floodgate by river silt.

The Committee may need to consider a water level structure in the Campbell Drain as an interim measure until the floodgate issue is resolved.

#### Rata Street Open Drain Piping

The old post office section on the corner of Town Road and Rata Street has been sold, and there is interest from the new owner to pipe the open drain through the section. A proposal has been received for approval. A line along boundaries within the building yards is proposed. The owner has accepted the proposal and requested C&M staff to proceed with the drain piping.

#### Drainage Bylaw Review

The Bylaw review will be undertaken in mid-2017.

Committee members are requested to consider the current bylaw and to provide input into the review.

#### Drainage Committee Elections

Members are advised that nominations for Drainage Committee candidates opened on 27 February following public notice on Friday 24 February. Nominations will close at 4pm on Friday 31 March. In the event of there being more candidates than required in any area, a ratepayer election may be held.

Any members considering retiring from the Committee is encouraged to consider approaching a suitable candidate to accept nomination.

#### MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Cr Buckthought commented on the WRC Plan Change 1. He noted that a statement was expected from the Minister that day. There is more dry stock land in the catchment and consequently there is a greater contaminant contribution from this sector. Submissions close on 8 March, and members were urged to make an individual submission. There will be a public meeting in Ngatea prior to 8 March.

Keven Caddy reported that the Reservoir pump probes had been shorted by a bird nest. Drain spraying has had a good result to date.

Peter Schouten noted that the drain south of Cox's needs cleaning.

Kim Reid reported that some of the helicopter spraying was too high in the drain, and promoting erosion. The Morrison drain needs inspecting.

Richard Webster reported the silting of WRC floodgates, and asked what the programme was for the top up of the Price Drain stopbank.

Andrew Green noted blocked road culverts (Hamilton Road) and weed build up in the vicinity of the Hauraki Road bridges over Council drains.

Kim Reid asked what were the options for the Netherton School access culvert which is known to be too high. Conall Buchanan is to be contacted as School Board Chair.

Roger Hunter suggested there will be a need for some re-sprays later in the season.

As discussed by the West Committee, the deferred Christmas dinner could be held mid-winter.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.

CONFIRMED

R G Hunter  
Chairperson

30 March 2017