

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 26 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

PRESENT Messrs K J Reid (Deputy Chairperson), K R Caddy, T Nicholson, A Green, P Schouten and Cr P Buckthought and Cr J H Thorp (alternate member)

IN ATTENDANCE S de Laborde (Infrastructure Systems and Planning), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of R Hunter and R Webster be received and sustained.

EPDD17/18

Schouten/Caddy

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON (31-08-17 (2277069))

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 31 August 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD17/19

Caddy/Green

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

DRAINAGE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 3 MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 (2287641)

The Infrastructure Systems and Planning Manager and Drainage Overseer presented the Drainage Report for September 2017 and Financial Report for the 3 months to 30 September 2017.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD17/20

Thorp/Caddy

CARRIED

Chemical spraying

The Drainage Overseer advised that no drains have been sprayed to date. Spraying will commence in November when conditions have hopefully improved.

Machine cleaning

4.4 km of drains have been machine cleaned in the year to date.

Maintenance/Fencing/Culverts

Routine maintenance items have been undertaken.

Pump operation

Regular inspection runs were undertaken in this period. Pump hours for September were 2129.

Approximately 40 man-hours were spent on screen cleaning in the period.

Floodgates

Floodgate inspections were completed. No floodgates were required to be cleared.

By-Law Approvals

Culvert: Buchanan's completed.

Subdivisions Commented Upon

There were no subdivisions to report on.

Rainfall

The Drainage Overseer presented the table and graphs of the Ngatea Monthly Rainfall depths since 1993. The rainfall total for September was 127 mm. The year to date total from July 1 was 356mm. Notable high rainfall has been experienced this year.

CAPITAL WORKS

Stop Bank Survey

Work on the Terraces stop banks will commence soon. The banks will be surveyed first with the drone to calculate the volume of material required. Farmers will be notified prior to commencement of this work.

Steve de Laborde spoke on the use of a drone that has been purchased by the Drainage department. He advised on the topping up of stop banks to be undertaken and explained in response to question from a member, that there is no need for resource consent to undertake this work as it is a permitted activity.

Financial Report

Some members asked if income could be shown in the financial report.

In response, it was advised that rates are credited to the activity accounts at the end of the financial year. Arrears are covered by Council and not the drainage committees.

GENERAL

Drainage Bylaw Review

The Bylaw review will be undertaken in early 2018. Committee members were requested to consider the current bylaw and to provide input into the review.

The Council Secretary will email all district drainage members a link to the bylaw on the HDC website.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Contaminant Spillage into Drains/Waterways

The Drainage Overseer advised that HDC are responsible for cleaning up contaminant spills into drains. He spoke of a recent incident which occurred where diesel was spilled into a drain from a truck.

Staff will now be undertaking training in procedures for dealing with a contaminant spills. The person who has created the spill needs to be charged with the clean-up of the spill. The Regional Council have the expertise to undertake a clean-up following incidents such as this.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON DRAINAGE MATTERS CONCERNING THEIR AREAS

Keven Caddy – weed growth is currently prolific.

Ted Nicholson – drains are working well.

Andrew Green – concurred with Keven Caddy's comment the weed growth has increased with the very wet conditions.

Phillip Buckthought - Reservoir Canal pump - severe issue with this (WRC) pump being out of action for 5 months during the wettest period causing serious ponding issues. Keven Caddy's pump has been utilised to remove water. Generally, vital pumps are working well.

The meeting closed at 2.15pm.

CONFIRMED

K Reid

Deputy Chairperson

30 November 2017