

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, 27 APRIL
2017 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

PRESENT Messrs R Hunter (Chairperson), A Green, P Schouten, R Webster and
Cr P Buckthought

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Hicks (WRC Representative), Cr J Thorp, Cr G Leonard, Messrs Mr I
D McLeod (Drainage Manager) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies of B Conroy, K Caddy and K Reid be received and sustained.

EPDD17/04

Thorp/Schouten

CARRIED

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

CHAIRPERSON

Nominations were called for the position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Peter Schouten nominated Roger Hunter to the role of Chairperson.

RESOLVED

THAT the election of Roger Hunter to the role of Chairperson be confirmed.

EPDD17/05

Schouten/ Webster

CARRIED

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Peter Schouten nominated Kim Reid to the role of Deputy Chairperson.

RESOLVED

THAT the election of Kim Reid to the role of Deputy Chairperson be confirmed.

EPDD17/06

Schouten/Webster

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2017 (2187147)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Tuesday 23 February 2017 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

EPDD17/07

Nicholson/Webster

CARRIED

EPDD DRAINAGE MANAGER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2017 (2194268)

The Drainage Manager presented the monthly report for April 2017 and the Financial Report for the 9 months to 31 March 2017.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD17/08

Webster/Thorp

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.

Waikato Regional Council has advised that there will be reconstruction works of the structure next summer. The extent of the works is not known at this stage, but may include raising of the pipe barrel and better management of the silt in the outlet channel. The owners of the property through which much of the realigned Green Drain runs expressed concern that the diversion of runoff to the Factory outlet was to their detriment. The diversion block has been removed. WRC has installed a pump in the vicinity of the Campbell floodgate, to assist the drainage of the area over winter, prior to any summer works. It is likely that the whole catchment of the three floodgates in the area (O'Carrol's, Factory and Campbell) will be re-assessed before any further replacement structures are designed or constructed. There is a possibility of a realignment of the Ngataipua West Drain (C88) to improve machine access could also be considered in the catchment reassessment.

Drainage Bylaw Review

The Bylaw review will be undertaken in mid-2017.

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

Drainage Committee Elections

Nominations closed on Friday 31 March.

All sitting members were the only nominees in their respective areas so no requirement for an election.

At its meeting of 26 April, Council confirmed the appointment of the above members to the committees and advised that the vacant positions be filled by secondment of qualifying ratepayers.

Flood events in March

There were two separate significant rainfall events in March. Ngatea rainfalls for the two events were:

7-12 March 212 mm
26-29 March 112mm

There were a number of instances of electrical and diesel problems at the pumps at H-Drain (Roger Harris), Alexander's, Stocks and Mill Road stations.

These events have been reported briefly to Council. However, two further storm events in April have compounded the flooding and ponding issues, and staff have necessarily been involved in all of the storms, so a more detailed report will be compiled covering both month's events, and will be presented to the next meeting.

Members comments:

Andrew Green – Hamilton Road bridge needs clearing and Hamilton Road drains between Hamilton Road and Orchard East.

Peter Schouten – wished that his appreciation be conveyed to staff for their efforts over the severe weather event.

Ted Nicholson – requested that the drain upstream of Captain Cook floodgate be checked.

Cr Buckthought – also expressed his appreciation to staff for their efforts over the storm event.

Roger Hunter – the Orongo-Kopuarahi drain needs cleaning as does the Piako roadside drain.

Cr Buckthought left the meeting at 3.05pm.

The meeting closed at 3.12pm.

CONFIRMED

R G Hunter
Chairperson

29 June 2017