

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 29
JUNE 2017 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

PRESENT

Messrs R Hunter (Chairperson), K R Caddy, T Nicholson,
A Green, B Conroy, P Schouten, R Webster and Cr J H Thorp

IN ATTENDANCE

Crs R Harris, G Leonard, S de Laborde (Infrastructure Planning
Manager), I McLeod (Drainage Manager), Mr B Stephens
(Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

Acknowledgement of Ian McLeod – Retiring Drainage Manager

Chairperson, Roger Hunter acknowledged Ian McLeod retiring Drainage Manager for his efforts and valued input, diverse engineering knowledge in drainage and stormwater and for his support of the district drainage network over his years with Council.

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of P Buckthought and K Reid be received and sustained.

EPDD17/09

Hunter/Green

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON (27-04-17) (2216383)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 27 April 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD17/10

Schouten/Webster

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Reappointment of Committee Members - B Conroy and K Caddy

Keven Caddy and Brent Conroy confirm their reappointment to the committee.

DRAINAGE REPORT – JUNE 2017 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 11 MONTHS TO 31 MAY 2017 (2226017)

The Drainage Manager presented the monthly report for June 2017 and financial report on the operations of the Eastern Plains Drainage District for the 11 Months to 31 May 2017.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD17/11

Schouten/Nicholson

CARRIED

CAPITAL WORKS

Awaiti Roadside Drain re-alignment

Committee member Kim Reid has raised the option of considering the realignment of the Awaiti Roadside Drain away from SH2 between the Awaiti Road corner, past the school, to a point west of the McMillan Drain, which connects to H-Drain.

A possible alignment was shown on the attached plan. The alignment crosses two properties and School Road, requiring at least three culverts of up to 2400mm diameter. The alignment has been proposed in the past, but no progress has ensued.

Advantages of the proposal are mainly the elimination of a substantial drain beside the state highway, the removal of constrictions at the school house and School Road intersection, the improvement of the channel over the whole length, and the elimination of expensive and time consuming maintenance from the state highway which involves traffic management, and carting and disposal of drain cleanings.

Disadvantages may be the objection of land owners whose farms would be dissected, and the capital cost. The capital cost will be offset in part due to reduced maintenance costs, and the possibility of a contribution from NZTA.

The length of new drain is approximately 1300m. No cost estimates have been calculated at this stage as the concept is presented to the Committee for discussion.

POSSIBLE REALIGNMENT OF AWAITI ROADSIDE DRAIN

Piping open drain, Matai Street, Kerepehi

Residents in Matai Street have requested the Committee to consider piping an open drain between numbers 5 and 7. The properties are low, and receive runoff from sections to the north which are higher in elevation. There is piped reticulation in the street, and the piping can be connected to an existing manhole.

Two options were proposed, (1) piping on the common boundary, (2) involves extending the line across the rear of No 5. The estimates are \$16,500 and \$22,500 respectively.

It was recommended that the open drain on the boundary be piped, and the requirement to pipe along the north boundary be confirmed on-site when the works are underway.

RESOLVED

THAT up to 69m of open drain between numbers 5 and 7 Matai Street, Kerepehi be piped with 300mm diameter RCRRJ pipe at an estimated cost of up \$22,500 be approved.

EPDD17/12

Thorp/Schouten

CARRIED

PROPOSED PIPING OPEN DRAIN, MATAI STREET, KEREPEHI

GENERAL

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'Carroll'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.

The above was reported in April. Since then staff have provided old plans of the drainage network from the Hauraki United Drainage Board's layout to WRC. Staff expect to be involved in assisting WRC with any catchment assessment and/or drain reorganisation.

Drainage Bylaw Review

The Drainage Manager advised that 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.

Election of Committee Chair and Deputy Chair

The positions of Chair (Roger Hunter) and Deputy Chair (Kim Reid) have been advised to Council.

Flood events in March and April

A presentation was provided to the Committee which had been shown to Council the previous day by Adam Munro, WRC Manager – Hauraki Coromandel Catchments. The presentation provided an overview and update on the effects of the recent March and April flooding events experienced in the Waikato region.

Separation of Stormwater and Land Drainage Reporting

Historically the rural towns of Ngatea, Kerepehi and Turua were within the Plains Drainage Districts, and paid a drainage rate for the stormwater services. When the land drainage and

stormwater rating systems were reviewed in the 2009-10 rating year, the urban areas were 'ring fenced' and a stormwater rate was applied. This rate included the capital and operational costs, including the provision for depreciation of assets (DiSP). In all cases the urban areas had been subsidised by the rural areas of the drainage districts, mainly because the provision for depreciation had fallen behind as more piped reticulation was constructed.

At that time, Council was comfortable with the drainage districts continuing to oversee the urban operations, so the stormwater activity was reported via the drainage district reports.

After the 2016 elections, the Council appointments of portfolio holders was reinstated. There is a portfolio holder for the 'Three waters' being water supply, wastewater and stormwater. This concept is common in territorial local authorities, as only a few operate a land drainage network. The rural land drainage is mostly managed by Regional Councils.

Council also appointed a land drainage portfolio holder. As a result of recent staff changes, the position of Water Services Manager was created to replace the former Utilities Manager, with responsibility for the 'Three waters'

Consequently, it has been decided that the reporting of the stormwater operation will be included in the Water Services Manager's Council report, and will no longer be included in the Drainage Manager's report to the drainage committees.

The land drainage activities are the only ones of Council's asset management responsibilities that are reported to advisory committees.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

The Drainage Overseer responded to maintenance matters raised by the members.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm

CONFIRMED

R Hunter
Chairperson

31 August 2017