

# 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 31 AUGUST 2017 COMMENCING AT 1.40PM

### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

A de Laborde (Group Manager – Engineering Services), S de Laborde (Infrastructure Planning Manager - Drainage), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

### **APOLOGIES**

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of T Nicholson be received and sustained.

EPDD17/13

Reid/Caddy

**CARRIED**

### **LATE ITEM**

Pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Chairperson called for late items to be accepted.

#### **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.

- **Honorarium and Travel Allowance for Non-Elected Members (Land Drainage Committees)**

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 the Council was required to adopt the changes to the non-elected member's remuneration arrangements as soon as practicable.

EPDD17/14

Reid/Caddy

**CARRIED**

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MEETING HELD ON (29-06-17) (2228796)

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 29 June 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD17/15

Green/Webster

**CARRIED**

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **Campbell Drain and Floodgate – Green Drain**

The Drainage Overseer advised that he has installed a diverter (deflection wall) in the drain to divert flow from the Campbell floodgate catchment to the Factory Floodgate. The landowner who had blocked the drain was spoken to regarding this matter and a compromise was reached to install the deflection wall.

WRC are looking at replacing it and undertaking a full catchment review.

### **Drainage Bylaw Review**

It was advised that access has been improved to the Land Drainage Bylaw on the council's website. A link to the bylaw will be emailed to the members.

### **DRAINAGE REPORT – AUGUST 2017 AND FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD 12 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2017 (2226017)**

The Drainage Manager presented the monthly report for August 2017.

## **RESOLVED**

THAT the Drainage Report – August 2017 and Financial Report on the operations of the Eastern Plains Drainage District for the period 12 months to 30 June 2017 be received.

EPDD17/16

Caddy/Webster

**CARRIED**

## **CAPITAL WORKS**

### **Awaiti Roadside Drain Re-alignment**

The possibility of 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 was presented to the June meeting. No cost estimates had been made at that time.

The Drainage Overseer advised that it has now been decided that a maintenance programme will be scheduled to contain the growth within the existing drain and mechanically cleaned as required.

### **2018 LONG TERM PLAN – EASTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE – REVIEW OF BUDGETS (2267565)**

The Group Manager and Drainage Manager presented the 2018 Long Term Plan budgets for the Committee's consideration. Staff took the members through the LTP budgets.

Minor Activity - highlighted increases to mechanical cleaning. It was suggested that more mechanical cleaning funds be moved to Area 5 (approx. \$10,000) if Awaiti Roadside Drain is to be cleaned every two years.

Levels of Service - there were no changes made to the 2018-19 levels of service.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

Roger Hunter – the drain at Fox's (Te Kauri drain) has been cleaned.

Kim Reid – Old Netherton Road – work completed was an excellent job.

- Morrison drain requires cleaning. The Drainage Overseer stated that the top end of the drain is to be cleaned this financial year.
- 2 slumps have occurred in McMillan Drain.

Cr Buckthought – advised of the hearing of submissions to the Waikato Regional Councils Plan Change (1) will commence next year. WRC are still to appoint a Commissioner.

### **LATE ITEM**

#### **HONORARIUM AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR NON-ELECTED MEMBERS (LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEES) (2265892)**

A report was presented requesting the member's consideration of the current honorarium and mileage allowance offered by Council to the district drainage committee members for their involvement in and travelling to committee meetings and oversight of their rural drainage areas.

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received, and

THAT the honorarium and mileage allowance currently paid to members of the Eastern District Drainage Committee remain as the status quo.

EPDD17/17

Hunter/Webster

**CARRIED**

#### **Staff Xmas Dinner Function and Invitation to Ian McLeod to Attend**

The Chairman reminded members about the Wednesday, 15 November date which has been set for the District Drainage Committee Xmas function with the invitation of Ian McLeod to attend following his retirement from Council as Drainage Manager.

Members were requested to RSVP to Carol Black by end of October for catering purposes.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter  
Chairperson

26 October 2017