

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2018 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Adam Munro (WRC Manager | Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated Catchment Management), S de Laborde (Manager, Infrastructure Systems and Planning), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of B Conroy and R Webster be received and sustained.

EPDD18/05

Reid/Caddy

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

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.

- **Letter from C & E R Buchanan Limited - Simpson Drain - Pump at Tee Head Canal - Flood Inundation on property - 471 Awaiti Road, Paeroa**

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 a decision was required so that the landowner can be responded to in a timely manner and that remedial action is agreed to.

EPDD18/06

Buckthought/Reid

CARRIED

LATE ITEM

LETTER FROM C & E R BUCHANAN LIMITED - SIMPSON DRAIN - PUMP AT TEE HEAD CANAL - FLOOD INUNDATION ON PROPERTY - 471 AWAITI ROAD, PAEROA (DOC # 2390013)

A letter was tabled from C & E R Buchanan. They have raised issues with severe flooding on their property. Inundation has caused damage to their pastures and crops the Drainage Overseer provided a response to Mr Buchannan's letter advising that the Simpsons pump had stopped working due to an electrical fault.

Discussion was held regarding the Simpsons Drain and operation of the pump and its effectiveness.

RESOLVED

THAT WRC look into the structure in the Simpsons Drain and see if there are any design standards to it and if there is any rationale for this, and

THAT it be requested a letter be sent from WRC (Karen Botting or other staff member) to C and E R Buchanan advising of this decision.

EPDD18/07

Schouten/Buckthought

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2018 (2357091)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 22 February 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD18/08

Buckthought/Nicholson

CARRIED

DRAINAGE REPORT – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2018 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 9 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2017 (2364908)

The Manager, Infrastructure Systems and Planning presented the drainage report and financial report on the operations of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee for the 9 months to 31 March 2018.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD18/09

Green/Schouten

CARRIED

Campbell's/Greens/Shelly Beach Road Drains

This matter is still on-going. Staff have been investigating the two options of re-directing the water coming down the Campbell Drain either down a widened Green's drain or a re-instated Shelley Beach Rd drain to the Factory floodgate or a combination of both, (see appendix).

This is to try and reduce the catchment size of the Campbell floodgate catchment to approximately 100ha as it can't cope with the nearly 400ha catchment that currently inundates the farm near this floodgate. It is understood from the WRC that the Factory and O'Carroll's floodgates will have sufficient capacity for the extra flow. This situation has arisen due to the incorrectly installed Campbell's Floodgate that has caused extensive ponding on the farmland adjacent to the floodgate. However, surrounding land owners are not satisfied with either of the options.

Outcome of Meeting with Landowner - P McGaffan re Flooding Issues

Steve de Laborde advised that Adam Munro (WRC) and himself have met with Mr McGaffan to discuss measures to help alleviate issues of flooding on his property.

As a temporary measure, WRC has agreed to provide a mobile pump which will be located at Campbell's floodgate.

EPDD will install a temporary weir at the intersection of the Campbell's drain and the Green drain to reduce the water component going onto the Campbell's catchment.

Other remedial action was considered. Roger Hunter suggested that the Pines drain would need to be blocked to stop flood water feeding into the Cox catchment.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Eastern Plains Land Drainage District Tour - Tuesday, 15th May

It was agreed that a district tour be undertaken on Tuesday 15 May. Members to meet at the Ngatea Service Centre at 10.00am. The district tour is to include WRC land drainage staff members if they are available.

Relocation of Ngataipua Road West Side Drain

Mr Flynn has offered for the Ngatipua road side drain to be relocated approx. 120 metres to the west. This was discussed in 2016 and was to be put to WRC if they would like to dig the drain for stopbank topping up and then the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee takes the new drain over at no cost to the Drainage Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee reinvestigates redirecting the Ngatipua Road West side drain away from under roadside power poles.

EPDD18/10

Green/Schouten

CARRIED

Concern regarding Succession Planning of Drainage Overseer Role

Roger Hunter raised concern of the importance that succession planning is considered by HDC to safeguard the function of the drainage network and his concern of the increasing workload of the current Drainage Overseer.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee recommends to the Hauraki District Council that the Committee sees a need for succession planning as regards to the Drainage Overseer role.

EPDD18/11

Hunter/Buckthought

CARRIED

District Drainage Bylaw

The member's reviewed the bylaw (as presented on website) and suggested the following changes.

5.0 CROSSINGS

Every owner and every occupier of land on which any crossing is situated shall keep that crossing maintained to such a standard as will allow the safe passage over the crossing by authorised officers and contractors engaged by the Council and their plant machinery and vehicles

5.0 Crossings - Comments from Chair: The question was asked how do staff know that the crossings are safe, particularly new landowners. This would require some input from staff and committee.

12.0 LAND ENTRY

12.1 INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE WORKS

The Council shall pursuant to sections 171 and 181(4) of the Local Government Act 2002 have full powers, rights and authorities, upon giving notice on Council website and in local newspapers ~~to the owner or occupier of any land not less than 24 hours prior notice~~, to enter upon that land for the purposes of inspection and carrying out mechanical cleaning, weed spraying and desilting of any drainage channel or watercourses and carrying out minor earthworks and repairs on any drainage channel or watercourses or structures that are vested in or under the management of the Council.

12.1 Inspection and Maintenance Works - Comments for the Chair: Believed that 24 hours' notice is not practical use of staff time.

Cr Buckthought left the meeting at 3.25pm

Members' Comments

A Green - Asked what remedial action is taken to address issues on his property. Drainage overseer will investigate. Crossing has collapsed - John Mangan. Drainage Overseer will contact Mr Mangan.

Kim Reid - raised issue with helicopter contracted to spray drains appears to be over spraying killing off too much grass growth.

Keven Caddy - Mrs Smith of Kerepehi Town Road has contacted him about a drain around her house. It was noted that the Kerepehi and Turua stormwater drainage was taken off Eastern Plains District Drainage Committee portfolio and is now with EJ Wentzel - HDC Water Services Manager. S de Laborde will pass this matter onto EJ Wentzel.

Keven Caddy - Kerepehi Marae - stormwater drainage in front of the Marae is an issue. The Drainage Overseer stated that this is not a Council drain. It is roadside drain and not a stormwater drain.

Keven Caddy - Kerepehi Hall and Domain Committee has asked that a representative from Council attend their meetings. The Drainage Overseer will talk to EJ Wentzel to request that he attend the Kerepehi Hall and Domain Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.40pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter
Chairperson

28 June 2018