

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE, NGATEA ON THURSDAY 02 AUGUST 2018 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE Cr J H Thorp (alternate), S de Laborde (Infrastructure and Planning Manager), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of R Hunter, K Reid, B Conroy, K Caddy and A Green be received and sustained.

EPDD18/17

Webster/Schouten

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, Roger Hunter and Deputy Chair, Kim Reid, an appointment of chair was required.

RESOLVED

THAT Richard Webster be appointed as chair of the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair.

EPDD18/18

Schouten/Buckthought

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2018 (2409897)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 28 June 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD18/19

Webster/Schouten

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Campbell's Weir Reinstatement

It was advised that at the Council meeting of 25 July, it was agreed not to approve the raising of the weir located at the junction of Green and Campbell's drains by another 150mm for the reason that raising it will cause detrimental effect to other landowners, and that Council request WRC to increase the capacity of the pump to better match flows.

Mr Peter McGaffan has blocked the Campbell's drain but this is not affecting other farmers.

Kenny Growden spoke on the remedial action WRC will be taking to address the issue. Investigating the designing of a structure to stop water flow over the weir. Campbell's floodgate will be removed.

DRAINAGE REPORT – JUNE 2018 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 12 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2018 (2413697)

The Infrastructure Systems and Planning Manager presented the drainage report and financial report on the operations of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee for the 12 months to 30 June 2018.

RESOLVED

THAT drainage report and financial report on the operations of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee for the 12 months to 30 June 2018 be received.

EPDD18/20

Schouten/Buckthought

CARRIED

Each month Steve de Laborde advised he will be reporting on land drainage Non-Financial Performance Targets (NFPT's) which will also inform what work is currently being undertaken and related costs.

SPEAKING RIGHTS FOR WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL (WRC) REPRESENTATIVES

The Chair requested that WRC representatives who attend the Eastern Plains Drainage District meetings be given formal speaking rights to address the Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT WRC representatives be given formal speaking rights at the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee meetings.

EPDD18/21

Buckthought/Thorp

CARRIED

Tee Head Pump Station and Catchment

Kenny Growden reported on the Tee Head Pump station and catchment, indicating that a flap is required to balance water flows.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD18/22

Webster/Thorp

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee recommend to Council that the catchment divide (pipe flood flap) or similar, is reinstated to balance the drainage water flows to both pump stations as requested by the Waikato Regional Council.

EPDD18/23

Buckthought/Thorp

CARRIED

Updates on WRC Works Programme

- Pouarua pump station telemetry system improved – fault analysis being trialled
- Alexanders floodgate – have dropped the probes to improve drainage – farmers have indicated they are pleased with this action.

Kenny Growden advised that the updated Works programme will be available at the next meeting and future meetings.

Members Comments:

Peter Schouten – pumps are generally working well.

Richard Webster – large quantities of water are around at present which appears to be draining well.

The meeting closed at 2.20pm

CONFIRMED

R Webster
Chairperson

04 October 2018