

# 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, 22 FEBRUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr R Harris, S de Laborde (Infrastructure Systems and Planning Manager), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

### **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

EASTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD (30-11-17) (2344306)

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 30 November 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD18/01

Webster/Schouten

**CARRIED**

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

Flooding Issues/Coastal Inundation - January Weather Event - (Green Drain /Campbell Catchment)

Landowners - Peter McGaffan and Russell McGaffan were in attendance to address the Committee and staff on their dissatisfaction regarding severe flooding issues they have experienced to their properties during the extreme weather event which affected the Hauraki Plains/Kaiaua area in January.

They believed that the flooding on their farms has been exacerbated by the Green and Campbell drains not clearing water away fast enough in times of high rainfall and king tides causing their properties to become water laden over a long period of time. Grass and crops have been lost due to the severe ponding.

It was agreed that a steering committee be formed to look at the implications of the flooding with WRC staff, HDC's Steve de Laborde, Adrian de Laborde and the Chief Executive to address the issues involving the Campbell catchment as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED**

THAT a steering committee be formed consisting of WRC staff, HDC's Steve de Laborde, Adrian de Laborde and the Chief Executive to look at the implications of the flooding affecting the Campbell catchment.

EPDD18/02

Buckthought/Webster

**CARRIED**

The Chairman thanked the landowners for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns and advised them that the Committee would be in contact in due course to follow up on the issues raised by them.

DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER 2017 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FOR THE 4 MONTHS TO 31 OCTOBER 2017 (2306708)

The Infrastructure Systems and Planning Manager and Drainage Overseer presented the Drainage Report for January 2018 and Financial Report for the 6 months to 31 January 2018.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received.

EPDD18/03

Caddy/Buckthought

**CARRIED**

Chemical spraying

48km of drains were sprayed to in January.

Machine cleaning

5.5 km of drains were machine cleaned in the year to date.

Maintenance/Fencing/Culverts

Routine maintenance items were undertaken.

Pump operation

Regular inspection runs were undertaken in this period. Pump hours for September were 244 hours.

0 man-hours were spent on screen cleaning in the period.

Floodgates

Floodgate inspections were completed. Cleared Mill Creek and Fishers Road.

## **BY-LAW APPROVALS**

There were no bylaw approvals granted.

## **SUBDIVISIONS COMMENTED UPON**

There were no subdivisions.

## **RAINFALL**

The table and graphs of the Ngatea Monthly Rainfall depths since 1993 were attached. The rainfall total for January was 100 mm. The year to date total from July 1 is 632mm.

## **CAPITAL WORKS**

### Stop bank survey

The Prices stopbank has been surveyed. The others will be done over the next few months. The results are quite favourable, see annexure.

### Green's Drain

Direction has been given from WRC to Hauraki DC to widen the Green's Drain as proposed. WRC believe that the current system can cope with this change in the drainage network which will connect to the Factory/O'Carroll's system. The drain will be designed to a 1.2 cumec max flow capacity.

As a result of this, the Campbell drain blocked would force the water along the Green's drain. The design still needs to be worked through to calculate the extra width required.

Steve de Laborde and Roger Hunter explained this is a remedial measure using the GIS advising that this should assist in alleviating the issues of flooding on Mr McGaffen's property.

### Drainage Bylaw Review

Committee members were requested to consider the current bylaw and to provide feedback into the review process. Copies of the Drainage Bylaw were distributed.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### South Catchments and Awaiti Canal - Lack of Tidal Movement

The Drainage Overseer presented some options that could be considered to address this issue of improve water flow out of the canal.

Roger Hunter asked if WRC could clean the Awaiti drain due to high silting and weed growth restricting the water from being released.

## **RESOLVED**

THAT WRC staff de-silt the Awaiti Canal from the Northern end to the T-Head.

EPDD18/04

Webster/Schouten

**CARRIED**

Roger Hunter left the meeting at 3.30pm. Deputy Chair, Kim Reid took the Chair.

Ross Harris left the meeting at 3.40pm.

#### MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no significant comments made regarding the member's drainage areas.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter  
Chairperson

K M Reid  
Deputy Chairperson

29 March 2018