

# 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 28 JUNE 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** Mr Adam Munro (WRC Manager | Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated Catchment Management), Mr K Growden (WRC Team Leader | Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated Catchment Management), S de Laborde (Manager, Infrastructure Systems and Planning ), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms D Bezuidenhout (Acting Council Secretary)

### **APOLOGIES**

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of B Conroy be received and sustained.

EPDD18/12

Reid/Caddy

**CARRIED**

### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2018 (2384733)

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 27 April 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD18/13

Buckthought/Reid

**CARRIED**

DRAINAGE REPORT – APRIL AND MAY 2018 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 11 MONTHS TO 31 MAY 2018 (2399862)

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 11 months to 31 May 2018.

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received.

EPDD18/14

Reid/Schouten

**CARRIED**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Relocation of Ngataipua Road West Side Drain

The Ngataipua 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 stop bank 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 Ngataipua Road West side drain away from under roadside power poles.

EPDD18/15

Green/Nicholson

**CARRIED**

### Waikato Regional Council Update

Adam Munro provided an overview of WRC works programme and progress on projects. WRC wish to promote better transparency and open dialogue between all parties. Feedback from WRC to the committee is to happen through Adam and Kenny.

A new pump system telemetry is being looked at. Kenny explained how this modern and factual system will assist with sorting issues in real time. Technology seems to be a game changer for HDC, farmers and WRC. The system will only be accessed by appointed persons.

Requested that Steve and Kenny to meet to work through how everything in general is going and work on a drainage plan.

### Tee Pump - Letter from Buchannan

What is the timeframe on this report? Will it be completed prior to the next meeting?

### Stream Mouth Openings

What method will be used and how much will be done? Under the RMA it is a permitted activity and will be done at low tide.

- The navigation canal will be dredged 30m x 1m deep and will impact slightly on the Piako river flow.
- Borrough pits to be redone.
- Foreshore baling and silage – erosion control

### Campbell's Progress

Referred to Manager's report for an update on progress.

Kenny Growden and Adam Munro of WRC provided an overview of their works programme and progress on projects.

Steve and Kenny to meet to work through how everything in general is going and work on a drainage plan.

Better communication with all parties is required and all feedback from WRC to the committee will come through Adam and Kenny.

### Machine Cleaning

Operational agreement between HDC and WRC. Machine cleaning provided better results. Steve de Laborde advised that the budget determines the priority of how often certain drains are done.

It was suggested that the budget for machine cleaning be increased to maintain the same level of service. For the past 10 years the Drainage Committee have had the same budget. Steve highlighted that there is a new budget and advised where the funding is allocated. Any additional funding to be recommended in annual plan.

### River Road – Eastern Side (Piako)

AECOM consulting are doing a review on the future of the stop bank. An options report is due the following week and will be shared with the Committee.

### Members Comments:

Kevin Caddy - all is going reasonably well. Desilting made a huge difference and we are monitoring silt levels. Good work on the stop bank – it is appreciated.

Ted Nicholson - Silted roadside drains and vegetation needs some work.

Richard Webster – Is the Drainage Committee paying for Campbell's? Steve responded that it is only operational maintenance. Money spent is negligible as there have been a lot of discussion around this.

Andrew Green - Bush Road drain clean is looking good – appreciated. Culvert at Pipiroa collapsed, is there any progress?

### Realignment of Prices Drain

Due to various parts of the Prices drain being piped over the years within the property situated at 5377 State Highway 2, Ngatea, it has now become a restriction that Council has allowed.

The solution would be to divert the drain around the property, however, this would require digging a new drain across land owned by NZTA. A letter is therefore required to be sent to NZTA requesting permission to do so.

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the Committee chair recommends to staff that a letter be sent to NZTA requesting permission to realign the drain over a portion of their land.

EPDD18/16

Hunter/Buckthought

**CARRIED**

### Weir Reinstatement (Annexure A) - Discussion

A community meeting was suggested but communication is key, perhaps better to consider an individual approach.

The Drainage Overseer explained the technical issues if the weir were to be raised by 100mm.

Roger Hunter was not in favour of this happening and he noted that 4 ratepayers in the area were not happy. The problem is causing issue further up from the weir.

Steve de Laborde will speak with HDC – Chief Executive Langley Cavers about this issue.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter  
Chairperson

02 August 2018