

# HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

## EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE, 84 ORCHARD WEST ROAD, NGATEA ON  
THURSDAY, 08 AUGUST 2019 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

### **PRESENT**

Messrs R Hunter (Chairperson), K J Reid, K R Caddy,  
P Schouten, R Webster and Cr D Swales (Council  
Representative)

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr G Leonard, Brendan Manning ( WRC Works Supervisor -  
Projects & Compliance ), S de Laborde (Drainage Manager),  
Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council  
Secretary)

### **APOLOGIES**

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of Andrew Green and Cr P Buckthought be received and sustained.

EPDD19/10

Reid/Webster

**CARRIED**

### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES – (06-06-19)  
(2595401)

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held  
on Thursday, 06 June 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD19/11

Reid/Caddy

**CARRIED**

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

Review of Asset (Tee Head pump) – C. Buchanan’s Property

Steve de Laborde updated on this matter and explained the cause of flooding on  
Buchanan’s property. The possible solutions is to lower the probes on the Awaiti South  
pump. Brendan will go back to WRC to see if probes can be lowered on the pump.

WRC Update Report – Brendan Manning

- Kerepehi Transport contractor has cleaned Campbell’s floodgate with long reach equipment.
- Pipiroa floodgates are working well.
- Pump maintenance – Awaiti south and west. Replacing concrete beams redoing frame and general tidy up.
- Kerepehi transport are digging the sediment traps at Campbell’s floodgate at the back of Peter McGaffan’s farm.
- Ngataipua floodgate – digging sediment trap.
- Very wet conditions noted.

- Blow out of sediment trap downstream of Cox's floodgate is planned to be repaired this summer using old power poles for this.
- Orongo floodgates – cleanings from Ferry road and SH25 – a lot of rubbish was in the spoil. The cleanings were full of rubbish.
- Awaiti canal – digging another section this summer – Ferry Road to Reservoir Canal.

DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MAY AND JUNE 2019 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 12 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2019 (2602625)

The Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager presented the monthly operational activity report for the period 12 months to 30 June 2019.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received.

EPDD18/12

Schouten/Reid

**CARRIED**

Chemical spraying

7.32kms drains have been sprayed in May and June. 316.43kms have been sprayed year to date.

Machine cleaning

43.8km of drains have been machine cleaned during the period of May and June 2019.

Maintenance/Fencing/Culverts

Routine maintenance items have been undertaken. The weir block in the Campbell drain was removed.

Pump operation

Regular inspection runs were undertaken in this period. Pump hours for May were 12 and pump hours for June were 73.

There were 52 man-hours spent on weed screen cleaning in May and June.

Floodgates

Floodgate inspections were completed as required.

Capital Works

Capital works this year consist of work on the four Terrace stopbanks. This work is to be done over 2 years. Plan to clean the drains this year, let the mud dry out and then re-shape them next year. The surveys have been completed.

Land Drainage Rates - 'We need to Talk' 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP) Feedback Document

Roger Hunter asked that staff provide how many kilometres of drains are maintained by Council across all drainage districts and that a breakdown of the number of drainage assets be brought back to next meeting in October. He considered this information be made available to all members as it was not shown within the 'We need to Talk' 2018-28 LTP document and believed it was important that ratepayers were aware of this information also.

## Drain Spraying

Areas 2, 3 and 4 – there were no drains sprayed in May and June.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Replacement of Eastern Plains Drainage member - Brent Conroy – Area 5

The Chair requested members consider seeking interest from landowners to take the place of Brent Conroy, member for Area 5.

## MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Kim Reid - Paeroa drain at the back of his property in Old Netherton Road drain - there is a problem with overgrown vegetation. The Drainage Overseer advised that this drain has been resprayed. H drain is working well. He conveyed his appreciation to the Drainage Overseer for cleaning the Morrison roadside drain.

Keven Caddy – raised issue of rubbish being dumped into council drains – inquired how this issue can be dealt with.

Richard Webster – Johnston's Drain – water is getting away well.  
Green's corner – programmed for this year.

Kaihere Road stopbank – stability is an issue for the road (due to a long dip in the road). Asked that Brendan Manning follow this up with WRC.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter  
Chairperson

03 October 2019