

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, 04 APRIL 2019 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE Cr J H Thorp (alternate), B Manning (WRC - Works Supervisor – Projects and Compliance), S de Laborde (Manager, Planning and Infrastructure Systems), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of B Conroy and K Caddy be received and sustained.

EPDD19/04

Reid/Schouten

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON (07-02-19) (2536445)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 7 February 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD19/05

Thorp/Reid

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

WRC Update - Awaiti Canal

Work has been very successful.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE – Brendan Manning

Northern canal Floodgate - Pipes have now been stabilised along Awaiti Canal by installing a grout under the pipes.

Campbell's floodgate project has been completed. Stopbank height has been reinstated to RL 3.5 and the floodgate pipe invert has been lifted to reach RL -1.0m.

River spraying has been completed.

Piako River mouth was surveyed in 2009. Removing silt from the river mouth was deemed as minimal and still remains the same. The invert survey has shown that the silting on the Piako river mouth has minimal affect on drainage.

DRAINAGE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 8 MONTHS TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019 (2556151)

RESOLVED

THAT the Drainage Report for February 2019 and the financial report on the operations of the Eastern Plains District Drainage Area for the (for the 8 months to 28 February 2019) are received.

EPDD19/06

Buckthought/Schouten

CARRIED

Drain Maintenance

The Drainage Overseer updated on status of drain maintenance schedule of works.

- All Eastern Plains drains have been sprayed.
- Machine cleaning has commenced.
- Diggers are currently in the Prices Drain, north feeder and others.
- Maintenance of culverts by Fertiliser shed has been completed.

It was noted that due to the dry weather conditions over a long period, the recent rainfall has accelerated weed growth.

Bylaw Approvals

There have been several bylaw approvals processed since the last meeting.

Land Drainage Bylaw Review Workshop

Workshop on Land Drainage Bylaw completed today. Members commented that it was beneficial to have Councils Policy Analyst in attendance to take them through the review of the bylaw in detail.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ted Nicholson – advised that condition of drains in his area were satisfactory.

Kim Reid – noted 'H' Drain requires respraying appears to be a mass of small rushes.

Cr Buckthought thanked WRC for addressing issues at Campbell's floodgate. MOU being put together to further enhance WRC relationship with HDC.

Cr Thorp – no issues noted.

Richard Webster – raised his concern regarding a number of farmers undertaking their own drain cleaning.

Peter Schouten – the flap on Buchanan's floodgate has been reinstated.

Roger Hunter – suggested members go out to farmers in their areas and question them on the state of their drains so the map showing completed drainage maintenance can be updated on a more regular basis.

Brendan Manning – supported the good relationship the region has and continues to have with HDC.

The meeting closed 1.50pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter
Chairperson

6 June 2019