

## 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, 06 JUNE 2019 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

#### **PRESENT**

Messrs K J Reid (Deputy Chairperson – in the Chair),  
K R Caddy, T Nicholson, A Green, P Schouten, R Webster and  
Cr Swales (alternate Council Representative).

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs A de Laborde (Group Manager Engineering Services,  
B Manning ( WRC Works Supervisor - Projects & Compliance),  
S de Laborde (Drainage Manager), B Stephens (Drainage  
Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary).

#### **APOLOGIES**

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of R Hunter and Cr Buckthought be received and sustained.

EPDD19/07

Nicholson/Schouten

**CARRIED**

#### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 4 APRIL 2019 (2563855)

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 04 April 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD18/08

Webster/Nicholson

**CARRIED**

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

Noted: Corrections on Page 2 of minutes.

Kim Reid requested a correction in the minutes under his comments that it was not H drain he was referring to, it was the Old Paeroa Drain which required respraying.

Richard Webster requested a correction in the minutes under members comments, that he was referring to farmers cleaning board drains not their own drains.

#### **Waikato Regional Council Update**

##### Northern Canal Floodgate

New retaining walls have been constructed.

### Campbell's Floodgate

Desilting the channel – should be completed and operational by today.

### Cox's Floodgate

Desilting outlet – to be completed next week.

### Pump Station Upgrade – Tee Head Pump Station

New electronic switchboard has been installed at the pump station.

### EPDD DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 10 MONTHS TO 30 APRIL 2019 (2587866)

The Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager Presented the monthly operational activity report covering the months March and April 2019 and Financial Report for the period 10 months to 30 April 2019.

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the Drainage Activity Report for March and April 2019 and the Financial Report for the period 10 months to 30 April 2019 be received.

EPDD18/09

Reid/Caddy

**CARRIED**

### Rainfall

Low rainfall for this time of year.

### 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.

### Drainage Bylaw Review Update

Decision to be made that bylaw only applies to land drainage or areas in the whole district.

'No Activity Rule' - kept to 15m set back rule".

### Mechanical Cleaning

Due to unavailability of diggers the budget is likely to be underspent.

Adrian de Laborde explained the likely underspend. Finance staff are currently working with the team on a procurement strategy. A working party is being established to review processes.

### Drain Spraying – April 2019

Steve explained the map showing drains sprayed in current month.

Adrian explained the rates spread to cover spraying of drains owned by HDC.

Need to identify ownership of drains. Maintenance agreements. Costs related to maintenance of toe drains. HDC are meeting with WRC to review ownership of drains.

Steve advised the Committee that staff are currently looking at changing how and when drains are maintained to better prepare for the high rainfall events.

Andrew Green asked about exploring the option for a Council owned digger.

Adrian advised that it is more cost effective to use external contractors.

### **General Business:**

Member's feedback on drainage matters in their areas.

### **MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Andrew Green – Willows drain needs cleaning. Property owner did not want drain cleaned. Will be undertaken in November.

Peter Schouten – boundary drain Greg Garrett – needs tidying up – pine trees growing there.

Keven Caddy – commended good result of spraying Harris/Caddy drain undertaken.

Cr Swales – Roundup / Glyphosate – commented about the use of this herbicide as being the only cost effective option for controlling weed growth.

Kim Reid – massive regrowth in Old Paeroa Drain. The Drainage Overseer will follow up. H Drain is looking good.

Roger Hunter had requested this item be raised in his absence.

Review of Asset - Tee Head and new flap new information around this asset, it may require a review of this catchment. Conal Buchanan has complained about flood water running onto his property.

Both WRC and Adrian have responded in writing to Mr Buchanan's previous request. Steve and the Drainage Overseer will look at this before the next meeting and will report back.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter  
Chairperson

04 July 2019