

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, 07 FEBRUARY 2019 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

K Growden (WRC Team Leader - Hauraki/Coromandel Integrated Catchment Management), J H Thorp (alternate), A de Laborde (Group Manager - Engineering Services), S de Laborde (Manager Infrastructure and Planning Systems Manager), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of B Conroy be received and sustained.

EPDD19/01

Webster/Nicholson

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD (04-10-18) (2477469)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 04 October 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD19/02

Thorp/Reid

CARRIED

WRC UPDATE

- Campbell's Floodgate – work will be carried out from 25 February 3 weeks' work.
- Awaiti Canal Desilting – Cleaning of the bottom section of the Awaiti Canal, from Piako River to Ferry Road bridge has been completed, this has achieved the desired result of removing greater volumes of water out over the low tide, and better action for floodgates in whole reach.
- Most programmed projects have been completed.
- Hikutaia Cut – being used a lot at present by water skiers, swimmers dog walkers etc., WRC having issues with illegal dumping in area, so will put up some signs, if it continues gates may need to be locked to area.
- Telemetry – Pouarua control gear is up and running, preliminary results are very good, with mobile control of station as well as greater benefits, like the ability to slow pumps down when weed becomes an issue, to allow time to get to site to clear, without pumps faulting, and ability to draw water from further up drain. Dependant on budgets and outcome of trial WRC looking to put this on other sites in area, starting with main town pumps.

DISTRICT DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2018 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 6 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2018 (2520637)

The Manager, Planning and Infrastructure Systems presented the district drainage activity report covering September to December 2018 and the financial report for the period 6 months to 31 December 2018.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD19/03

Buckthought/Webster

CARRIED

Summary of Operational Activity

Adrian de Laborde explained drain machine cleaning budgets. Staff will circulate this information to all members.

Land Drainage Bylaw - final date for bylaw review is March 2019.

Members requested that the map detailing the entire land drainage area be provided to members for their information. Staff will email this information out to all members.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Keven Caddy – thanked Kenny Growden for his attendance commenting that he found these updates very helpful.

Andrew Green - Prices Drain - orchard east road needs cleaning, board drain by Fishers is not working.

R Webster – asked Kenny Growden about the Oyster bed at entrance to Piako, is it due for cleaning/desilting. Kenny responded that WRC is getting the area surveyed and will bring information back to committee. The results from Piako and Waihou river mouths show no requirement yet to clear for hydraulic purposes, so just monitoring as there may be a point that the cost to dredge may be cheaper than maintenance cost for bottom reach floodgates.

Peter Schouten – Gavin Flint culvert – headwall required repairs.

Kim Reid – Roadside drain and H drain requires spraying. Drainage Overseer advised that the helicopter should be undertaking this work shortly.

Cr Buckthought – thanked Adrian, Steve and the Drainage Overseer for update on machine cleaning budgets and routine work being increased.

R Hunter – requested Committee undertake a review of whole catchment before work commences.

Cr Thorp thanked the Drainage Overseer for addressing slip on the Rotokohu Canal.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter
Chairperson

4 April 2019