

## 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, 84 ORCHARD WEST ROAD, NGATEA ON THURSDAY, 01 OCTOBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

#### **PRESENT**

Messrs R Hunter (Chairperson), K R Caddy, T Nicholson, A Green, P Schouten, R Webster, Cr P Buckthought and Cr R Garrett

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

S Clark – WRC - Works Supervisor, Paeroa Team 1, Integrated Catchment Management, S de Laborde (Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

#### **APOLOGIES**

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of K Reid and D Coldicutt be received and sustained.

EPDD20/18

Webster/Schouten

**CARRIED**

#### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION: EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 06-08-20 - 2815172

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 6 August 2020 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

EPDD20/19

Webster/Buckthought

**CARRIED**

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

There were no matters raised.

#### Waikato Regional Council Update – Steve Clark (Works Supervisor)

- All pumps electrical systems are being inspected.
- Awaiti south pump has had a new switchboard installed.
- Next week WRC are starting a number of pump refurbishments. Wani and Louch McDuffs will have the motors and pumps serviced.
- New access culvert has been constructed into Blake's floodgate through Webster's farm.
- WRC have now purchased portion of McGaffen's land when it came up for sale, WRC are currently working through options for this land.

- 'Shovel ready' projects – planting of green corridor eastern side of the Piako from Pipiroa to end of Daggars Road up to 15m wide from the existing fence on the edge of the river. WRC were going to undertake these projects anyway but the 'shovel ready' initiative has hastened the period up significantly. The project consists of planting of flaxes, grasses and some trees.
- Central Government has introduced new rules - National Environmental Standards for Freshwater Regulations 2020 (NES) established to regulate activities that pose risks to the health of freshwater and freshwater ecosystems. The regulations came into force on 3 September 2020.

The standards are designed to:

- protect existing inland and coastal wetlands
  - protect urban and rural streams from in-filling
  - ensure connectivity of fish habitat (fish passage)
  - set minimum requirements for feedlots and other stockholding areas
  - improve poor practice intensive winter grazing of forage crops
  - restrict further agricultural intensification until the end of 2024
  - limit the discharge of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser to land, and require reporting of fertiliser use.
- WRC are still waiting for clarification on consent processes. Any consents that need to be obtained should be worked out jointly with HDC and WRC as the issues are the same. A separate consent would then be applied for.
  - Cr Buckthought asked for a progress update on Campbell's floodgate. Steve advised that WRC staff are still working through all the different options and possibly looking at a new site altogether between Campbell's and Factory gates, but at the present time, nothing has been finalised.
  - Roger Hunter commented on O'Carroll's floodgate. He stated that there is a dip in the bank close to the cycle trail that may cause a possible health and safety issue to cyclists using that section of the trail.

#### DRAINAGE REPORT – JULY AND AUGUST 2020 - 2829001

The Infrastructure Systems and Planning Manager took the members through the drainage activity report covering the months of July and August 2020.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received.

EPDD20/20

Hunter/Webster

**CARRIED**

There were no financials available.

#### Vegetation Control

1.14kms of drains have been sprayed July. No drains were sprayed in August.

#### Mechanical Cleaning

There has been 700 metres of drains machine cleaned during July. No drains have been machine cleaned in August.

### Other works:

Routine maintenance has been undertaken around the district. Inspections of floodgates, culverts and pump stations have also been undertaken and cleared as required. There were approximately 70 hours of screen cleaning undertaken during July and there was approximately 55 man-hours of pump screen cleaning in August.

### Pump Operation (attached Appendix A)

Regular inspection runs were undertaken in this period. There were 1151 pump hours for July and 876 pump hours in August. The summary for the year to date were attached.

### Rainfall (attached Appendix A)

The table and graphs of the Ngatea Monthly Rainfall depths since 1993 were attached. The rainfall for July was 85mm and for August was 116mm.

The year to date total from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 is 201mm that is 77% of the average expected to the end of August.

### Bylaw Approvals

Bylaw approvals were granted in the period as follows:

Culverts: Fisher – Hamilton Road – Wharepoa Right Side North (C47)

There were no subdivisions for comment.

### MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Keven Caddy – some ratepayers have requested that their pumps be turned off to retain ground water.

Roger Hunter – due to the lack of rain, weed growth is down.

The meeting closed at 2.00pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter  
Chairperson

3 December 2020