

## 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 TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

#### **APOLOGIES**

#### **RESOLVED**

There were no apologies.

#### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

CONFIRMATION: EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON (03-10-19) (2665555)

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 03 October 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

EPDD20/01

Reid/Buckthought

**CARRIED**

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

Items for consideration for inclusion in LTP 2018-28

Members queried projects for inclusion in the LTP.

Richard Webster was concerned that information from HDC and WRC on operational works projects and why they are happening in advance is not well communicated to the Eastern Plains Drainage Committee. He asked that the Committee be included in the same information being discussed.

Roger Hunter asked that a priority list of drains that are programmed to be cleaned be sent through to all committee members.

#### **WRC UPDATE**

- Erosion work on Main River by Kopu Bridge to Turua – this work has been undertaken as protection work.
- Awaiti pump station – remedial work has been completed.

- No. 10 floodgate – new flaps just out of kerepehi. Flaps have been replaced. New sluice gates have been replaced with hydraulic rams.
- Awaiti West pump station – re-piling of building has been undertaken as well as 3 other pump stations over the last couple of years.
- Cox’s desilting pipe – burrowpit was filling up. Two new pipes have been installed.
- Tractor has been purchased as a cost saving initiative. Will be used for spraying predominantly and will assist with work on floodgates and pumps.
- Disbanding of Waihou-Piako Catchment Committees – Roger Hunter updated on this matter. Previous members representing Hauraki Plains have voluntarily requested they seek no remuneration for attending catchment committee meetings but stressed that they be reinstated. Currently awaiting a response from WRC. These committees do not have any delegated authority but are advisory only. He believed the effects of the communities will be serious without them.

DRAINAGE REPORT – SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2019 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 6 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2019 (2705141)

The Infrastructure Systems and Planning Manager presented the drainage report for September to December and financial report for the period 6 months to 31 December 2019.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received.

EPDD20/02

Caddy/Buckthought

**CARRIED**

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT – 2020-21 BUDGET REVIEW (2705253)

Adrian de Laborde presented the report. Primary consideration is the operational budget for next financial year.

Staff have aligned the 2020-21 annual budget to what was indicated last year.

LAND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2020-2023 TERM

Staff updated on the upcoming Land Drainage Advisory Committee election process which would be taking place over the period 25 February to 31 March.

MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Andrew Green stated that the culvert head balls in Flint’s portion of the drain need repair.

Ted Nicholson – due to the extreme dry conditions there appears to be no drainage issues in his area.

Richard Webster and Peter Schouten – no issues.

Keven Caddy – noted the very good work carried out by WRC re the dig-out of the Awaiti Canal which has been dug out to Awaiti Road.

Brendan Manning advised that the middle section of the Awaiti Canal has been taken out under the consent.

Kim Reid – stated that H drain has no weed for a change due to dry weather.

Roger Hunter – considered drains are looking good all round.

### P3 Group Support

The Chairman asked the members if they know of any farmers that may be under stress due to the current drought conditions or other issues of concern that they refer them to the P3 group who are available for support.

The meeting closed at 2.27pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter  
Chairperson

7 May 2020