

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, 06 MAY 2021 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

PRESENT

K J Reid (Deputy Chairperson – in the chair), K R Caddy, T Nicholson, A Green, D Coldicutt, P Schouten, R Webster, Cr P Buckthought and Cr R Garrett (1.00-2.05pm)

IN ATTENDANCE

S Clark (WRC - Works Supervisor, Paeroa Team - Integrated Catchment Management), K Botting (WRC-Infrastructure Programme Lead, Business and Technical Services, Integrated Catchment Management), E J Wentzel (Utilities Manager), G Russell (Land Drainage Contractor), B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of R Hunter be received and sustained.

EPDD21/28

Caddy/Webster

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION: EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 04-03-21 - 2903769

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 04 March 2021 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

EPDD21/29

Webster/Buckthought

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Richard Webster raised matter on page 2 regarding the pipes at Johnson's that have failed through corrosion.

Steve Clark advised that the pipes have been ordered and will be replaced. Ownership of the pipes is something that needs to be addressed between HDC and WRC.

Re-naming of Land Drainage Committees

A further discussion was held as regards to the proposed name change for the Land Drainage Committees. It was advised that a submission has been received through Council's Long Term Plan consultation process suggesting the name be changed to 'Water Management' Committees.

It was considered that this name does not clearly reflect the true purpose and role of the Committees. Further consideration on the name change will be sought from the Committee along with input from the Utilities Manager and Group Manager - Service Delivery.

WRC Operational Updates: Steve Clark, WRC - Works Supervisor

- Commenced opening the Waihou floodgates through to Turua on 7th May. Completed through to the highway except for Cox's floodgate but there is not enough water in the system. Will not be doing the Piako floodgates as there is also not enough water in the internal system.
- An access culvert at Huirau Road has been replaced.
- Paeroa team will be undertaking some under-sowing on the bank of the northern canal around the back of the peat dome has been carried out.
- Advised update on McGaffan's / Campbell's floodgate will be covered in Karen Botting's report.

DRAINAGE REPORT – FEBRUARY – MARCH 2021 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 8 MONTHS TO 28 FEBRUARY 2021 – 2936213

The Utilities Manager presented the drainage report for February-March 2021 and the financial report for the period 8 months to 28 February 2021.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD21/30

Webster/Green

CARRIED

HDC Drainage Overseer Update – Operational

The Drainage Overseer provided a summary of activity since the last meeting.

- Sprayed all of eastern area and respraying where there is regrowth.
- Minimal machine cleaning has been required.
- Quite a number of drain slippages – these are being retained with timber retaining walls.
- Low pump running hours due to the drop in seasonal temperatures.
- Digger is in the south catchment currently undertaking weed cleaning.

Financials

It was noted that there has been very little expenditure to date.

Waikato Regional Council - Shovel Ready Projects

Karen Botting spoke on the shovel ready projects as follows:

Piako River Asset Rationalisation

Karen presented the concept plan of the Piako River Asset Rationalisation project, explaining its location and advised the purpose of the project is to combine 3 floodgates into one asset.

Commissioning of new asset will happen first, then other floodgates will be decommissioned.

Consultation is being undertaken with all stakeholders affected by the project which will be undertaken in two stages.

Concept plans will be reviewed with construction to commence in the summer of 2022-23.

Cr Garrett left the meeting at 2.05pm.

Piako Green Corridor Project

Karen advised she will bring the green corridor project concept plan to the next meeting of the Committee in July.

Action: Council Secretary to email all member's contact details to Karen to allow her to send information on WRC shovel ready projects to all members.

Member's feedback on drainage matters in their areas:

The members were invited to raise any matters requiring consideration within their designated drainage areas.

Richard Webster – commented that land is very dry for this time of the year.

Ted Nicholson – no issues raised.

Peter Schouten – asked that the schedule of drain cleans be emailed to all members. Staff will follow up.

Andrew Green – The issues related to Barriball's drainage have not been addressed to date and requested a resolution be found. The Drainage Overseer to investigate further.

Keven Caddy – raised his concern that some of the riparian plantings undertaken by WRC appear to be dying. WRC staff took note of this and will investigate.

Kim Reid – drain between Reid's and TK's banks are slumping. Roadside Netherton – Morrison drain also. Drains are not being sprayed thoroughly which is causing bank slumpage.

The meeting closed at 2.24pm

CONFIRMED

K J Reid
Deputy Chairperson

01 July 2021