

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

PAEROA RURAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAEROA RURAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON THURSDAY 31
AUGUST 2017 COMMENCING AT 12.30PM

PRESENT

Messrs M Peters, P Casey, Cr Buckthought (alternate Council representative) and Cr J H Thorp (Council Representative) (from 1.00pm)

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs S de Laborde (Infrastructure Planning Manager - Drainage), A de Laborde (Group Manager – Engineering Services), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of K Gillingham be received and sustained.

PRDD17/03

Peters/Casey

CARRIED

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

CHAIRPERSON

Nominations were called for the position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Peter Casey nominated Mike Peters to the role of Chairperson.

RESOLVED

THAT the election of Mike Peters to the role of Chairperson be confirmed.

PRDD17/04

Casey/Buckthought

CARRIED

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Mike Peters nominated Peter Casey to the role of Deputy Chairperson.

RESOLVED

THAT the election of Peter Casey to the role of Deputy Chairperson be confirmed.

EPDD17/05

Peters/Buckthought

CARRIED

LATE ITEM

Pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Chairperson called for late items to be accepted.

RESOLVED

THAT pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the following late items be accepted for discussion.

Honorarium and Travel Allowance for Non-Elected Members (Land Drainage Committees)

The item was not on the agenda because the item was unavailable at the time of the agenda deadline.

Discussion on the item could not be delayed because the Council was required to adopt the changes to the non-elected member's remuneration arrangements as soon as practicable.

PRDD17/06

Peters/Casey

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON (30-03-17) (2194431)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Paeroa Rural Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 30 March 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

PRDD17/07

Casey/Peters

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Drainage Bylaw Review

It was advised that access has been improved to the Land Drainage Bylaw on the Council's website. A link to the bylaw will be emailed to the members.

DRAINAGE REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD TO END OF JUNE 2017 (2266206)

The Drainage Manager presented the monthly report for August 2017 and financial report on the operations of the Paeroa Rural Drainage District for 12 months to 30 June 2017.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

PRDD17/08

Peters/Casey

CARRIED

Machine Cleaning

The lengths of drains machine cleaned in the year to 30 June were: 2.7km in Komata North, 1.1km in Opukeko, and 5.1km in Tirohia Rotokohu. The Partridge Drain in TRDD was machine cleaned in May, and has been the subject of discussions with the land owner regarding the management of the water level control weirs which were installed some 20 years ago.

Pump operation

Regular inspection runs were undertaken in this period. Pump running hours to the end of June totalled 992 (294%) in Komata North, 1,378 (367%) in Opukeko, and 3,076 (287%) in Tirohia Rotokohu. Since the start of the exceptionally wet autumn, 238 hours have been spent on weed screen cleaning.

The total pump running for the year of 5,446 hours is 287% of the annual average, and is the highest total in all districts since accurate records have been kept (21 years).

Floodgates

Regular inspections of Council and Waikato Regional Council gates were undertaken.

The Kuaioiti siphons have been checked and cleared regularly. The North drain floodgate headwall was replaced, and repairs made to the Vuglar floodgate flap

Stopbanks

No stopbank maintenance was undertaken in the period.

2018 LONG TERM PLAN – PAEROA RURAL DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE – REVIEW OF BUDGETS (2267565)

The Group Manager and Drainage Manager presented the 2018 Long Term Plan budgets for the Committee's consideration. Staff took the members through the LTP budgets.

No changes to the minor activity budget or service levels was made.

LATE ITEM

HONORARIUM AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR NON-ELECTED MEMBERS (LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEES) (2265892)

A report was presented requesting the member's consideration of the current honorarium and mileage allowance offered by Council to the district drainage committee members for their involvement in and travelling to committee meetings and oversight of their rural drainage areas.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received, and

THAT the honorarium and mileage allowance currently paid to members of the Paeroa Rural District Drainage Committee remain as the status quo.

EPDD17/09

Hunter/Webster

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON MAINTENANCE MATTERS

There were no comments of significance raised.

Staff Xmas Dinner Function and Invitation to Ian McLeod to Attend

The Chairman reminded members about the Wednesday, 15 November date which has been set for the District Drainage Committee Xmas function with the invitation of Ian McLeod to attend following his retirement from Council as Drainage Manager.

Members were requested to RSVP Carol Black by end of October for catering purposes.

The meeting closed at 1.32pm.

CONFIRMED

M Peters
Chairperson

29 March 2018