

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 02 AUGUST 2018 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Messrs B A Carter (Chairperson), B Keane, G Laurich, B Pirie (from 10.38am) , P Leonard, P Paterson, H Van Eyk, R Young and Cr D H Swales

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Kenny Growden (WRC Team Leader | Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated Catchment Management), Cr P Buckthought, Cr J Thorp, Mr S de Laborde (Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of P Johnstone and for be received and sustained.

WPDD18/19

Keane/Paterson

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 05 JULY 2018 (2410679)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 05 July 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

WPDD18/20

Swales/Keane

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FORM THE MINUTES

Speedy Farms – Orchard East Road, Ngatea – Flood Water Not draining through Culvert under SH2

Steve de Laborde advised he has written to NZTA on the feasibility of them repairing the culvert under SH2 draining Mike Speedy's property.

WRC- Current Works Programme: Silt Blockage of Waitakaruru Stream

Kenny Growden advised that this issue will be addressed as a combined effort between HDC and WRC.

Cr Swales commented that the bridge is causing the blockage.

Laurich and Ken Jones Property – Request for Private Drain to become Board Drain

Steve de Laborde is still to investigate this matter and correspond with the parties involved.

Mangawhero Road Flume

Steve de Laborde was asked to present a report to the next meeting on the status of investigations into the structure of the flume following a visit undertaken by Adrian de Laborde – Group Manager – Engineering Services.

DISTRICT DRAINAGE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018 AND FINANCIAL REPORT (FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2018 (2412656)

The Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager presented the Western Plains District Drainage Report for June 2018.

RESOLVED

THAT the Drainage Report for the month of June 2018 and the financial report on the operations of the Western Plains District Drainage Area for the 12 months to 30 June 2018 be received.

WPDD18/21

Thorp/van Eyk

CARRIED

Steve de Laborde outlined maintenance works and upgrades on stopbanks and pump stations.

Steve recently spoke to NIWA. Information shows land is subsiding. Ground level is reducing. Benchmarks are going down.

Looking at ground levels – checking if stopbanks are at the right height.

Topping up of stopbanks – over next 2 months looking at stopbanks and deciding where to get top-up soil from.

NIWA – has advised that the sea level is likely to rise by 1 metre in 100 years.

WRC stopbanks are half a metre higher than HDC stopbanks. HDC height is less due to cost.

There is only \$4,500 in budget for top-up of stopbanks.

It was explained that value is based on Optimal Replacement Cost (ORC) and depreciation is calculated on that, which gives the Optimised Depreciated Replacement Cost (ODRC).

Kenny Growden stated that costs are calculated for replacement.

Revaluation of assets every three years, apply replacement value of asset.

Kenny commented that benchmarks change to do surveys. Tararu gauge is calibrated very year. Levels are set using this gauge.

LINZ recalibrates gauge every year to check ground level to sea?

Cr Swales requested an update on HDC work programme.

The Drainage Overseer is working on it now. High spring tides are coming shortly. Works involve working on stopbanks when weather permits.

Canal West Road – Sea Breaching Stopbank

Harry van Eyk asked where is the stopbank to protect his and other landowners on Canal West Road. He was advised that there is no flood protection paid for by him at this point for that

side of the canal. That area had the option to come into the Waitakaruru scheme previously but they decided not to.

Explanation was given to Harry van Eyk that the F2 Area is for stopbanks and floodgates.

Brian Carter suggested that Harry approach HDC staff to investigate option of getting stopbank at the location he is concerned about. To do it through Council. Get other affected landowners together and go forward as a group. Requested Harry invite Cr Don Swales (as Council rep) to join in with any meeting about this matter.

Kaiaua Flood Event

Kenny provided an update on the issues caused by the last flood event affecting Kaiaua.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

WRC Staff Role in attending WPDD Meetings

Kenny asked the members to clarify to him what they saw was his role in attending the drainage meetings on behalf of WRC.

It was agreed that Kenny and other WRC staff be given formal speaking rights by the Chair when attending the WPDD meetings on behalf of WRC.

The committee members asked that Kenny attend to provide updates on maintenance matters of significance affecting the drainage district and provide feedback on questions the members may have in relation to the WRC Works Programme.

RESOLVED

THAT WRC Team Leader - Kenny Growden or other WRC land drainage staff be given formal speaking rights to address the Western Plains Drainage District Committee at their monthly meetings.

WPDD18/22

Thorp/Paterson

CARRIED

P Paterson – Waikaka and SH27 NZTA built bridge – farmers want old bridge and redundant culvert under bridge removed. It is causing restricted water flow. Water goes onto SH27 causing flooding which requires pumping out.

Kenny Growden advised it is an NZTA asset but he will investigate this issue.

P Paterson – asked for a status report on the Muggeridge Pump project. Steve de Laborde updated that it has been postponed as there was a budget blowout. Still planning to complete and be operational by 2019.

G Laurich – Laurich and Ken Jones Property – Request for Private Drain to become Board Drain. Requested Steve de Laborde follow up this matter as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 12.00

CONFIRMED

B A Carter
Chairperson

4 October 2018