

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE, 84 ORCHARD WEST ROAD, NGATEA ON THURSDAY 01 AUGUST 2019 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT Messrs B A Carter (Chairperson), B Keane, G Laurich, P Johnstone, P A Leonard, H van Eyk, R D Young and Cr D H Swales

IN ATTENDANCE Cr G R Leonard, B Manning (WRC Works Supervisor - Projects & Compliance), Mr S de Laborde (Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of Cr P Buckthought be received and sustained.

WPDD19/17

Swales/Keane

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 04 JULY 2019 (2604501)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 04 July 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

WPDD19/18

Swales/van Eyk

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Landowners causing obstruction to Drains

In discussion around the situation where landowners are blocking drains to divert water away from their property resulting in ponding onto other properties, the situation was discussed where Mr Graeme Bell has blocked a non-council owned drain which is causing ponding issues for the neighbouring Walsh property. It was therefore requested that Mr Bell be written to by Steve de Laborde advising him that he is not to block the drain with any structure and that he digs out the drain to allow free flow of water as per requirements in the Drainage Bylaw.

Members stressed that a letter be sent to Mr Bell as soon as possible. Steve de Laborde advised that the Group Manager – Engineering Services will be approving a letter to Mr Bell shortly.

WRC Update Report – Brendan Manning

Floodgate – Hopai Road – frame is broken so have undertaken a temporary repair and put a new flap on.

Mangawhero – maintenance programme - new flaps.

Maukoro stopbank – removed willow trees, doing stopbank upgrades over summer. Maukoro line stopbank will be patched and bank will be up to height.

Cleans – Ngarua and Carter’s outlet are being cleaned.

Muggeridge Project – on site meeting has been held with tenders for works. Pump station build still digging out. Weather has been very wet but project is progressing.

Ross young asked what controls is there to protect land further upstream at Mangawhero. Brendan stated he could not see an issue. There is more capacity now so this should not occur.

DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JUNE 2019 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 8 THE PERIOD 12 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2019 (2610413)

The Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager presented the monthly operational activity report for the period 12 months to 30 June 2019.

RESOLVED

THAT the drainage activity report for June 2019 and financial report for 8 the period 12 months to 30 June 2019 are received.

WPDD19/19

Johnstone/Keane

CARRIED

Chemical spraying

A total of 13.60km of drains were sprayed in June. 324.96km have been sprayed year to date.

Machine cleaning

55.5km of drains have been machine cleaned in the finance year to the end of June.

Maintenance/Fencing/Culverts

Routine maintenance items were undertaken.

Pump operation

Regular inspection runs were undertaken in this period. Pump hours for June were 379 hours.

The summary for the year to date was presented. There were 40 man-hours spent on weed screen cleaning in June.

Floodgates

Floodgate inspections were completed. Desilting was completed on the Mahuta, Costello, School and Booms South outlets. Smyth’s and Paul Leonards gates were also cleared.

Stopbanks

No maintenance was carried out in June.

Hearing of Feedback – Drainage Bylaw – 14 August

Ross Young asked what power Council has, if any, to enforce breaches of stock entering waterways.

As a point of interest, Cr Leonard advised the members that an Extraordinary meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 14 August to hear feedback following the public consultation process on the Drainage Bylaw and other bylaws.

Ross was advised that the Drainage Bylaw does not control stock entering waterways. This matter falls under the RMA and any breaches under the Act will be enforced by WRC under their Healthy Rivers Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 when it becomes operative.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments of note provided.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.

CONFIRMED

B A Carter
Chairperson

03 October 2019