

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON THURSDAY 04 APRIL 2019 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT Messrs B A Carter (Chairperson), B Keane, B Pirie (from 11.10am), P A Leonard, P Johnstone, H van Eyk, R D Young and Cr D H Swales

IN ATTENDANCE B Manning (WRC Works Supervisor - Projects & Compliance), Cr J R H Thorp, Cr P Buckthought, A de Laborde (Group Manager – Engineering Services), Mr S de Laborde (Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology for absence of G Laurich and P Paterson and for the lateness of B Pirie be received and sustained.

WPDD19/07

Keane/Swales

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2019 (2550037)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 7 March 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

WPDD19/08

Swales/Johnstone

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Waitakaruru Twin bridges

Cr Swales raised concern about the vibrations from the bridge caused from traffic is creating instability of ground around area.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Maukoro Canal Design - River Mouth

Discovery marine has noted that there is some fall to the river mouth so in regards to drainage the silt build up looks to have minimal effect at this stage however WRC require more information from HDC in regards to the Waitakaruru stream invert levels and the HDC floodgate invert levels. This information is required to determine if the invert of the river mouth is an issue. WRC requested information from HDC to be able to progress this work.

Waitakaruru Stream

Western Stopbank – WRC requested that they be informed of the results once the survey for the floodgate inverts. Brendan stated WRC needs this information to add into their model.

Pauls Wharf Drainage

After Easter WRC will be diverting the drain on River Road from Paul's Wharf to Rawerawe. Will also take out hump in the drain.

Ngatea Discharge Pump Station

Installing new discharge will commence on Monday 9 April.

Stability Works Update

Areas that slumped are now deemed safe enough to start raising the river berm level. WRC will undertake this over time to stop the tide coming close to the sheet pile.

School Bank

Upgrading SH2 to Benner Drive – given confirmation to build to half freeboard. Bank will be built to design flood level plus half free board. I.e. RL3.25m. Planned to complete next construction season.

Foreshore stop banks

Bailing of hay for use on stopbank. Bales will be used for stabilising earth on the stop bank works. This saved WRC purchasing all the hay for erosion stabilisation. Plan to carry out similar works next year. This has enabled WRC to save money on large capital projects.

River Sprays have been completed.

Earthworks for Muggeridge Pump Project

Adrian de Laborde tabled correspondence from Kate Ross – WRC Contractor | Technical Services, Integrated Catchment Management which advised that they would be communicating with landowners and stakeholders on the Muggeridge's project progress via a short newsletter. This will be sent out on a quarterly basis by the Regional Council's communications team using their campaign manager tool. Everyone with an email address on their contact list will get the newsletter at the same time.

Adrian provided an update on current activities at the site to date:

- Site blessing has been undertaken
- HDC have removed old water mains
- Earthworks at site are now being prepared for work to commence
- Estimated to start early April for completion in June 2019.
- Preparing documents for tenders

DISTRICT DRAINAGE REPORT FEBRUARY 2019 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 8 MONTHS TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019 (2556152)

RESOLVED

THAT the Drainage Report February 2019 and the financial report on the operations of the Western Plains District Drainage Area for the (for the 8 months to 28 February 2019) are received.

WPDD19/09

Keane/Johnstone

CARRIED

Update from Drainage Overseer on Maintenance Schedule

- Mechanical cleaning has commenced.
- Shortage of contractors at present.
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Brian Pirie attended the meeting at 11.10am.

Rainfall

Cr Swales commented that he could see no benefit for members to see statistical information on rainfall from '1993' – it is not needed every month.

LATE ITEM

Letter from Valda Laurich - Request Machine Cleaning

Brian Keane tabled a letter received from Valda Laurich who has written thanking Council for cleaning the Hauraki West drain but requested that the large stones and metal be removed from near the culvert under Pipiroa Road. The Drainage Overseer will enter the letter as a service request and investigate matter further.

RESOLVED

THAT the correspondence from Mrs Valda Laurich be received and that staff register the correspondence from Mrs Laurich into the service request system for follow up by the appropriate staff.

WPDD19/10

Swales/Keane

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ross Young – Mangawhero Flume – the Drainage Overseer has organised the repair of 6m of the flume. This remedial work will commence over next 2 months.

Peter Johnstone – raised his concern as to the shortage of digger contractors available. Adrian de Laborde responded that Council will be reviewing this situation.

Cr Swales – availability of Council owned digger 'on hand' would be helpful when there is limited availability of contractors.

Brian Keane – no matters of concern raised.

The members were reminded that the workshop on the review of the Land Drainage Bylaw would commence following the meeting which would include the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee. Members were also advised that Councils Policy Analyst would be in attendance to assist with the review process.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

CONFIRMED

B A Carter
Chairperson

6 June 2019