

## 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 06 JUNE 2019 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

**PRESENT** Messrs B A Carter (Chairperson), B Keane, H van Eyk (from 10.37am), R D Young, B Pirie, P Johnstone and Cr D H Swales (Council Representative)

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr A de Laborde (Group Manager Engineering Services), Mr 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 for absence of P Paterson, P Leonard and Cr P Buckthought and for the lateness of H van Eyk be received and sustained.

WPDD19/11

Johnstone/Keane

**CARRIED**

#### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 04 April 2019 (2563858)

#### **RESOLVED**

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

WPDD19/12

Swales/Keane

**CARRIED**

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### Mangawhero Flume

Steve de Laborde and the Drainage Overseer updated on the works programmed for the flume. Funding for this project would be included in the next financial year.

Steve de Laborde spoke on remedial works required to address the collapsing issue of the flume.

Harry van Eyk attended the meeting at 10.37am.

##### Graham Bell – Stopbank Issues (as discussed in previous meeting) – Roundtree Road Stormwater

Brian Pirie requested that this issue be discussed at this time as it was not noted in the previous minutes.

Water is coming down onto lower properties from Graham Bell's property.

Adrian de Laborde explained remedial work required to address the ponding onto properties beside the Bell property and advised on the timeframe within the Land Drainage Act that a landowner must address the issue. He believed that legal advice needed to be sought before any action is taken.

## **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE**

### Maukoro Canal

Surveying of river mouth – no information to date has been received from HDC for floodgate invert levels. WRC staff need to know what the levels are.

Brendan will formally send through a request to Steve de Laborde requesting the invert levels to allow for this project to continue.

In response, Steve de Laborde stated he would like more information on this project from WRC in the first instance. Brendan will ensure a full brief on this project is sent to Steve.

### Pauls Wharf Drainage

Brendan advised that the culverts have been installed and silt is being removed from the drain. Completion of the project should be the following week.

The project has been on hold until the traffic management plan was completed.

### Ngatea Town Discharge

A new pipe has been installed to cater for the Ngatea town discharge.

### Muggeridge's Pump Project

Brendan advised that the project is well underway. The backstop bank is currently being built. It is envisaged that the project will be completed by July. Powerco are currently working at the site and are progressing well. A metal track will be constructed shortly.

### Floodgate Maintenance

Cleaning of floodgates has been completed.

### Pumpstation Upgrades

Kaihere and Torehape switchboards are completed, with the Ngarua Central switchboard soon to be completed.

## **DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2019 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 10 MONTHS TO 30 APRIL 2019 (2587889)**

The Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager – Steve de Laborde presented the monthly operational activity report covering the month of April 2019 and Financial Report for the period 10 months to 30 April 2019.

## **RESOLVED**

THAT the Drainage Report and the financial report on the operations of the Western Plains District Drainage Area for the period 10 months to 30 April 2019 are received.

WPDD19/13

Swales/Keane

**CARRIED**

### Drainage Bylaw Review – Key Changes

A general discussion was held as regards to any changes proposed to the HDC Land Drainage Bylaw following the review by the Committee at their workshop held in April.

Members were advised of the key change in the set back distance from 10m to 15m. This distance being the area of land between the edges of the drain to the area where a landowner may commence an activity e.g. crop planting.

Cr Swales commented that his preference was a 10m set back.

### Machine Cleaning

Staff noted that there has been a shortfall in machine cleaning. The budget for this activity is under due to the unavailability of digger contractors.

Council is currently seeking digger contractors to undertake work. It was advised that in the next financial year there will be more emphasis placed on ensuring that digging work is undertaken more timely.

### Drain Spraying – April 2019

A copy of the drain spraying progress map to April 2019 was attached for the member's information.

### Siltation – Waitakaruru Twin Bridges

Cr Swales believed that the desilting of the twin bridges needs to be funded by NZTA as it is their responsibility. He asked what the viability was that Council organise a dredging barge to undertake this work and seek NZTA to cover costs for this.

### SH 25 to SH 2 Stopbank along Canal West Road – Level of Service

Harry van Eyk raised the issue of the stop bank along Canal West Road for a better level of service. Steve de Laborde advised that the levels along the road for a stopbank have been surveyed.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ross Young - Mangawhero Flume Slip – concern of road safety issue – requested that staff put in place some type of safety measure around the slip until the repairs are undertaken.

P Johnstone – the block has been taken out of the Kaihere Road drain. The contractor removed the block under the direction of Council as there is no need for block to be in drain. The members supported this view.

The meeting closed at midday.

CONFIRMED

B A Carter  
Chairperson

4 July 2019