

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, 04 JULY 2019 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT Messrs B A Carter (Chairperson), B Keane, P A Leonard (from 10.34am), P Paterson, H van Eyk, R D Young and Cr D H Swales

IN ATTENDANCE Mr K Growden (WRC Team Leader | Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated Catchment Management), (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 B Pirie, P Johnstone and G Laurich be received and sustained.

WPDD19/14

Paterson/Swales

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

Patrick Leonard attended the meeting at 10.34am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 06 JUNE 2019 (2595402)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 06 June 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

WPDD19/15

Young/van Eyk

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

Harry van Eyk requested that Steve de Laborde send him a list of surveyed stopbank heights.

Landowners causing Obstruction of 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 dig out the drain to allow free flow of water as per requirements in the Drainage Bylaw.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE – Kenny Growden

Muggeridge’s Pump Project

Kenny provided an update on the Muggeridge’s Pump project. The pump station is out for tender currently, with a contract period scoped for this coming summer season November 2019 – May 2020 with plan for pump station to be operational at end of this period.

Other Matters of Note:

- Trial on stopbanks opposite Ngatea College – Kaihere Road
- Haywards floodgate – need to review as this floodgate has no board drain feeder and is in a high risk zone for stopbank stability so may be removed if it can be redirected to Ngatea town.
- Johnstone’s Floodgate and Paul Leonard’s sites were structurally audited last year, some maintenance repairs are scheduled for this coming summer season.
- Electrical upgrades - looking to continue the work from Pouarua and Mill Road, Paeroa Main Drain and Steiner’s next on list. Others to follow are Mangawhero which is dependant on budget. This may help to review concerns of pump stations operating when gravity drains open which may help with running costs.
- New pump has been ordered to be installed at Paeroa main drain, a replacement component coming for Mill Road.
- Ngatea town pumps – pump discharge line has been fully replaced.
- Peter Paterson asked if there was always staff available in the cases where the pumps are tripping out. Kenny responded that WRC has a 24 hour phone line and stressed that he did not want farmers taking matters into their own hands attempting to fix electrical issues themselves as this is not only a health and safety risk but can cause damage to assets for people not knowing issues. A real concern is particularly when people restart or run pumps on manual when the fault they have tripped on is for asset safety reasons i.e. Over-heated bearings etc.

DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MAY 2019 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 8 THE PERIOD 11 MONTHS TO 31 MAY 2019

The Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager – Steve de Laborde presented the monthly operational activity report covering the month of May 2019 and Financial Report for the period 11 months to 31 May 2019.

RESOLVED

THAT the Drainage Activity Report for May 2019 and Financial Report for the period 11 months to 31 May 2019 be received.

WPDD19/16

Swales/Paterson

CARRIED

Machine Cleaning

Canal Dig – WRC have started digging canal as part of Muggeridge pump station project.

Mangawhero Flume Remedial Works to Address Road Safety Issue

Ross Young commended remedial works undertaken by Council to address the road safety issue where the road meets the flume.

Pump Operation

Pump operation has been low due to the fine weather the district has been experiencing.

Muggeridge Pump Station Update

While the Regional Council have started with their earthworks for the canal, HDC staff have been assessing the drainage works required to feed the Muggeridge pumping system. These works are a capital project scheduled for the next (19/20) financial year.

The works comprise of widening existing drains and creating a few new ones. There are also blocks that need to be put in place in certain drains to stop the higher ground draining back into the Muggeridge catchment. These works are planned to get underway in the next construction season, in approximately November.

Drainage Bylaw – Hearing of Feedback

The members were advised that the hearing of feedback on the Draft Drainage Bylaw will be held at an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 14 August 2019.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Maintenance Programme

Steve de Laborde outlined the preparation for works to be undertaken over summer by Councils preferred subcontractors in line with Councils newly adopted procurement policy.

A lot of machine cleaning has been undertaken in May and June as weather has been very suitable.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

No comments of note were received from the members as regards to their drainage areas.

The meeting closed at midday.

CONFIRMED

B A Carter
Chairperson

01 August 2019