

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON THURSDAY 07 MARCH 2019 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of P Johnstone be received and sustained.

WPDD19/04

Laurich/Keane

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE (07-02-19) (2536293)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 07 February 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

WPDD19/05

Swales/Buckthought

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Waitakaruru Twin Bridges

NZTA desilting below the bridges Adrian de Laborde has not received feedback on the status of this work from NZTA to date.

WRC UPDATE

Brendan Manning was in attendance and updated on current activities of WRC.

Muggeridge's Pump Project

Adrian commented on the Muggeridge pump project.

Earthworks – working through final details around start date. Kerepehi Transport Limited were the successful tender for the earthworks contract.

Land for the Mugeridge Pump site has been sold to WRC. The site will be blessed before commencing construction.

Harry van Eyk queried the desilting of Maukoro mouth. Brendan indicated that some survey work was required before they undertook the works.

Gavin Laurich – asked about the River Road drain project. Brendan advised this project should be completed before this winter.

DISTRICT DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2019 AND FINANCIAL REPORT (FOR THE 7 MONTHS TO 31 January 2019 (2544644)

The Manager, Infrastructure Systems and Planning presented the district drainage activity report covering the period 7 months to 31 January 2019.

RESOLVED

THAT the District Drainage Activity Report January 2019 and the financial report on the operations of the Western Plains District Drainage Area for the 7 months to 31 January 2019 are received.

WPDD19/06

Thorp/Keane

CARRIED

Stopbank Heights

Cr Swales asked about stopbank heights on the Karito and hot springs canal, are they up to the required design level? He was advised that survey work of the stopbanks was undertaken 10 years ago and they will be re-surveyed to evaluate design levels in the near future. The Maukoro Canal West Road stopbank will also be assessed.

Adrian de Laborde explained the general process in assessing the correct design levels for all stopbank taking climate change into account.

Summary of Operational Activity

Pumps

The Drainage Overseer spoke on the replacement/upgrade of pumps at Rowerawe.

Rainfall has been minimal therefore pump hours are down.

Land Drainage Bylaw

Members were requested to consider the copy of the land drainage bylaw (distributed to all members). It was requested that a review of the bylaw be workshopped with all committees on 4th of April. Councils Strategic Planner will be invited to attend the workshop to receive member's feedback.

Drain Cleaning / Spraying

The Drainage Overseer advised of helicopter spraying undertaken the previous week. In 2 weeks time, all drains that are on the Plains spray programme will be completed then spraying will commence in other areas. Staff are a month ahead in the spraying programme as work commenced a month earlier than usual.

Harry van Eyk asked regarding depreciation in the statistical information, what does 'P' stand for? Adrian de Laborde advised that there is no depreciation of drains only pumps and floodgates. Adrian advised he will find out what 'p' stands for.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Gavin Laurich – no issues.

Ross Young – Mangawhero Flume – Project team has been asked to design a retaining wall. Building consent is required. This is being undertaken at the present time for the repair the flume.

Ross asked if the life span of the flume has been assessed. Adrian stated preliminary planning will be undertaken for the 2019-20 financial year.

Don Swales – repairs on the Indian outlet, wished to congratulate staff on a job well done and is advised it is appreciated by landowners.

Harry van Eyk – no issues.

Cr Thorp – commented on climate change past projections.

Cr Buckthought – asked about the enforceability of Council to any breaches of the Land Drainage Bylaw. Adrian de Laborde stated that the bylaw is supplementary to legislation, however there is difficulty in enforcing the bylaw as the bylaw does not have any enforcement measures in it.

Land Drainage Bylaw Review

It was agreed that a workshop be held to include both the Western and Eastern Plains Drainage Committees on the bylaw to start at 11.00am followed by lunch at 12.00 prior to the Eastern Plains Committee meeting.

Land Drainage Maps

Steve de Laborde tabled maps showing drains that have and have not been cleaned from 2013 and beyond. Noted: Colours in legend showed frequency of cleaning.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

CONFIRMED

B A Carter
Chairperson

4 April 2019