

# HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

## WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE, ORCHARD WEST ROAD, NGATEA ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2020 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

### **PRESENT**

Messrs B A Carter (Chairperson), B Pirie (Deputy Chairperson), B Keane, G Laurich, P Paterson, M Karl, R D Young, Cr Buckthought and Cr R Garrett

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs A Munro Manager | Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated Catchment Management, B Manning (WRC - Works Supervisor – Projects and Compliance), 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)

Cr Buckthought welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Western Plains District Drainage Committee for the 2020-2023 triennium and called the meeting to order.

### **APOLOGIES**

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apologies of Peter Johnstone and Patrick Leonard be received and sustained.

WPDD20/04

Buckthought/Carter

**CARRIED**

### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

### **Standing Orders and Conduct at Meetings**

The Group Manager – Engineering Services updated on standing orders and conduct at meetings.

### **Speaking Rights – Waikato Regional Council Representatives**

Cr Buckthought requested that the Waikato Regional representatives be given speaking rights when in attendance at all meetings of the Committee for the 2020-2023 triennium.

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the Waikato Regional Council representatives be given speaking rights at all meetings of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee over the 2020-2023 triennium.

WPDD20/05

Buckthought/Carter

**CARRIED**

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

Cr Buckthought called for nominations for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Brian Pirie nominated Brian Carter to the role as Chairperson.

**RESOLVED**

THAT Brian Carter be elected as Chairperson.

WPDD20/06

Pirie/Keane

**CARRIED**

Brian Keane nominated Brian Pirie to the role of Deputy Chairperson.

**RESOLVED**

THAT Brian Pirie be elected as Deputy Chairman.

WPDD20/07

Keane/Carter

**CARRIED**

Brian Carter assumed the chair.

CONFIRMATION: WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES HELD ON 04 FEBRUARY 2020 (2723486)

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 4 February 2020 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

WPDD20/08

Buckthought/Laurich

**CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters raised.

Waikato Regional Council Update

Adam Munro, WRC Manager | Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated Catchment Management addressed the committee on key matters.

Adam advised that the Muggeridge's Pump Station project group have applied for \$3m from central government's Provincial Growth Fund. Further discussion was held as regards to costs involved in the Muggeridge Pump project.

Adam advised he would provide figures around the Muggeridge Pump Project to the next meeting of the committee.

"Shovel ready – Piako habitat enhancement project" – iwi and DoC are involved in this project to offset impacts of the Piako scheme.

WRC staff are working with HDC on cleaning internal drains.

Brendan Manning advised on pumping status following recent rainfall.

A number of toe drains have been sprayed.

Electrical fault was repaired Rawerawe.

Areas of the stability works project had minor repairs undertaken to address isolated slumping.

Brendan advised that Pauls Wharf and Paul Leonard drain has had a structural audit looking to reline the Paul Leonard pump discharge line.

### Brendan Manning taking up new WRC Position

The Committee thanked Brendan for his input over his time attending the committee meetings. The Chair conveyed on behalf of the committee their best wishes to Brendan in his new role.

Brendan advised that Steve Clark - WRC – Works Supervisor Plains and Coromandel would be attending the Eastern and Western meetings from now on.

### WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2020 (2766996)

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the Drainage Activity Report to April 2020 and the financial report on the operations of the Western Plains District Drainage Area for the (for the 10 months to 30 April 2020) are received.

WPDD20/09

Carter/Pirie

**CARRIED**

#### Level of Service

Members raised concerns regarding water lying for too long on pastures not being drained quickly enough. The members also voiced their dissatisfaction that drains cannot be cleaned when requested, only under urgency.

Adrian de Laborde stated that the level of service would be addressed in HDC's LTP process.

Adam Munro advised that modifying watercourses to reduce flooding require a resource consent.

Level of service requires that no ponding will occur for more than three days after an event of 38mm within 24 hours.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the WPDD Committee has serious concerns at the current resource consent conditions and the ability to deliver the drainage expectations of ratepayers, and

THAT Committee recommend to the Hauraki District Council that it approaches local MP and Central Government to express issues raised.

WPDD20/10

Carter/Buckthought

**CARRIED**

#### Review of Land Drainage - LTP Budgets

The members were advised that the Western Plains budgets would be considered at a meeting of the Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August with Council Strategic Planner in attendance at the Ngatea Service Centre.

#### Land Drainage Bylaw

It was advised that the Council Secretary would send a copy of the Hauraki District – Land Drainage Bylaw to the all members for their reference.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Brian Keane requested that a district tour be undertaken as soon as practicable before calving season.

It was agreed that the committee and key staff meet on Thursday, 2 July at the Ngatea Service Centre to undertake a tour of the drainage district to review key assets from 9.00am to 2.30pm

The meeting closed at 12.25pm

CONFIRMED

B A Carter  
Chairperson

6 August 2020