

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE, ORCHARD WEST ROAD, NGATEA ON THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2020 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT Messrs B A Carter (Chairperson), Laurich, P A Leonard, P Johnstone, P Paterson, M Karl, R D Young, Cr Buckthought and Cr R Garrett

IN ATTENDANCE His Worship the Mayor – D A Adams, (Ian Sara - WRC Works Supervisor, ICM Hauraki/Coromandel), A de Laborde (Group Manager – Engineering Services), S de Laborde (Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer), Mrs T Casey (Strategic Planner) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of Brian Keane be received and sustained.

WPDD20/11

Carter/Pirie

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There no were late items.

CONFIRMATION: WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES (04-06-20) (2770587)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 4 June 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.

WPDD20/12

Johnstone/Buckthought

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

District Tour – 02 July

Following a review of projects noted on the district tour undertaken by the Committee in July, Peter Paterson queried what the status currently is of the Muggeridge's pump project.

WRC Funded Projects Update

Adrian de Laborde provided an update on the Muggeridge pump project and other projects that have received funding from the WRC funding round.

Funding agreements are yet to be finalised. Adrian will attend the Western Plains meeting in October to present details on projects funding at that time.

DISTRICT DRAINAGE REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2020 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2020 (2794988)

The Infrastructure Systems & Planning Manager presented the monthly activity report – June 2020 and the financial report for the 12 months to 30 June 2020.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

WPDD20/13

Carter/Pirie

CARRIED

Flood Protection - Levels of Service

Members voiced their dissatisfaction particularly around the levels of service and resource consent process required by the regional council prior to undertaking remedial flood protection works. Members commented that constraints caused by process can sometimes be detrimental when urgent land drainage/flood protection works are required.

Frequency of Western Plains Drainage District Meetings

Feedback was sought from the members on whether to hold bi monthly or retain monthly meetings. Four members were in support of bi-monthly and four wanted to retain monthly meetings. It was agreed that the meeting frequency stay at monthly but the Chair be given the authority to cancel a meeting if agreed in consultation with staff and the Council representative Cr Buckthought.

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW FOR 2021-2031 (2794987)

The Group Manager – Engineering Services and the Infrastructure Systems and Planning Manager took the members through the report and draft budget figures. The Strategic Planner attended in support of the report.

There were no amendments made.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee approves the draft budgets in Appendix A for recommendation to the Council.

WPDD20/14

Carter/Pirie

CARRIED

WRC Update - Ian Sara

- Waikaka South - bearing replacement on pump.
- Waikaka North – illegal start of pump caused blown electrical fuses. Electrical has now been upgraded.
- Major upgrade of electronic system - Apple Tree pump - \$50k upgrade was required as the original switchboard is from 1969.
- Mugeridge’s Pump Project is progressing but costs are high. Re-tendering in stages. WRC field staff should be doing a lot of the work.
- It has been proposed that Paul’s Wharf floodgate be abandoned.

- Plantings will be undertaken on the berms around the foreshore stopbanks – Ian advised he would report on this to the next meeting.

The members voiced their dissatisfaction that the Pauls Wharf floodgate and also that the Doug Leonard may be abandoned believing that they needed to be retained because they are integral assets for flood protection.

RESOLVED

THAT it is recommended to Council that the Paul's Wharf and Doug Leonard floodgates are not abandoned.

WPDD20/15

Leonard/Laurich

CARRIED

Retirement of Ian Sara

The Chair thanked Ian Sara on behalf of the Committee for his commitment and valued input over the years overseeing the operations of the WRC owned flood protection infrastructure in support of the Hauraki Plains land drainage network.

Members Feedback:

Ross Young – Mangawhero Flume – water is splaying out over the road. Need a sign to alert traffic when it overflows onto the road.

The Drainage Overseer suggested possible remedial action that could be considered to address this issue.

There were no other matters of significance raised by other members.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

CONFIRMED

B A Carter
Chairperson

01 October 2020