

# HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

## WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE, 84 ORCHARD WEST ROAD, NGATEA ON THURSDAY, 04 MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

### **PRESENT**

His worship the Mayor D A Adams, B A Carter (Chairperson), G Laurich, M Karl, R D Young, B Pirie and Cr Buckthought

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

S Clark (WRC - Works Supervisor, Paeroa Team - Integrated Catchment Management), A de Laborde (HDC - Group Manager - Service Delivery), EJ Wentzel (HDC Utilities Manager), C Moore (Manager Projects & Operations), B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and A de Waal (Utilities Administrator/Secretary)

### **APOLOGIES**

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of absence of Cr Rodney Garrett, P Paterson, B Keane and P Johnstone be received and sustained.

WPDD21/32

Karl / Laurich

**CARRIED**

### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

The Group Manager, Service Delivery introduced new HDC staff members in attendance. Staff members - Campbell Moore, EJ Wentzel and Anita de Waal spoke very briefly about their roles.

CONFIRMATION: WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 03-12-20 - 2868187

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 03 December 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.

WPDD21/33

Buckthought / Pirie

**CARRIED**

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

There were no matters raised.

### **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES – STEVE CLARK**

- A meeting on Tuesday, 2 March for WRC was held to discuss where projects are at.
- Eel recovery is still taking place with a few thousand eels being caught and released into the river and even more pest fish being caught and destroyed.

Shovel Ready Projects:

- Piako Green Corridor planting programme is still to be confirmed.
- WRC are putting together a working party which should include local drainage committee members for the input / representation on the Green Corridor Project. Gavin Laurich and one other have been appointed as the proposed speakers/representatives for this working group.

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER TO JANUARY 2021 – 2905711

The Group Manager – Service Delivery presented the drainage activity report.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Drainage Report November – January 2021 and the financial report on the operations of the Western Plains District Drainage Area for 7 months to 31 January 2021 are received. (Presented by Adrian de Laborde)

WPDD21/34

Pirie / Karl

**CARRIED**

Member's feedback on drainage matters:

The members were invited to raise any matters requiring consideration within their designated drainage areas.

No matters of significance were raised.

New Staff

The Drainage Overseer advised that he has a new staff member, Dallan Priest who will be joining his team.

Re-Naming of all Land Drainage Committees

The Group Manager – Service Delivery has been asked to take a report to Council to consider the 'change of name' of the Drainage committees to reflect their revised environmental focus. He stated that this matter requires further consideration of all committee members and asked members to provide feedback to him with their suggested naming. Once feedback has been received, he will advise of these.

Drain Cleaning

Members were reminded that if they identify any drains that require cleaning to advise the Group Manager – Service Delivery. The helicopter spray programme is due to start in two weeks. The Group Manager also asked that he be updated if members observe any trapped eels that need to be dealt with.

The meeting closed at 11.30am

CONFIRMED

B A Carter  
Chairperson

06 May 2021