



Report 06.233

23 May 2006

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Monday, 22 May 2006, at 2.00pm.

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Baber, Kirton.
Messrs Dalziell, McQueen, and Southey.

Officers Present:

G Dick, N Corry, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, T Taylor.

Public Business

Procedural Items

RSW 105 Apologies

Resolved

Cr Baber/Mr Dalziell)

That the Committee

- (1) Accept the apologies for absence from CrTurver and Mr Read.*
- (2) Accept the apology for lateness from Cr Buchanan.*

RSW 106 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the meeting.

RSW 107 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Mr Southey/Mr McQueen)

That the Committee:

Confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 06.136) held on 14 March 2006.

Matter for Recommendation

RSW 108 Catchment Schemes Rating Reviews

Report 06.166

Files: WO/03/30/03 / WO/03/30/06

David Bulman, Scheme Classifier, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the Committee

1. **Receive** the report.
2. **Recommends** that Council at its meeting on 29 June 2006:
 - (a) *Set a differential targeted rate on all rateable rating units in the area of the Awhea-Opouawe Catchment Scheme on the following basis:*
 - *up to 55% of the revenue required will be set based on land value. Land value best represents the extent of benefits received by landowners in the Scheme.*
 - *up to 55% of the revenue required will be set and assessed on rating units (whether or not as the principal use) for residential purposes, as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit. The fixed amount will be \$100 plus GST for the first inhabited part and \$50 plus GST for any further dwellings. Rating units which have no residential use will not be rated the fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part.*

(b) *Set a differential targeted rate on all rateable rating units in the area of the Mataikona/Whakataki Catchment Scheme on the following basis:*

- *up to 55% of the revenue required will be set based on land value. Land value best represents the extent of benefits received by the landowners in the Scheme.*
- *up to 55% of the revenue required will be set and assessed on rating units (whether or not as the principal use) for residential purposes, as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit. The fixed amount will be \$15 plus GST. Rating units which have no residential use will not be rated the fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part.*

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 109 Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme Rating Review

Report 06.187

File: WO/02/01/26

David Bulman, Scheme Classifier, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the contents of the report.*
- (3) *Approves Councillors Buchanan and Long forming a sub-committee and given power to recommend the adoption of the new rating classification, subject to the endorsement of the ratepayers, to the Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee at its meeting on 29 June.*
- (4) *Recommends to the Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee that an additional \$100,000 (gross) of Scheme maintenance expenditure be approved as part of finalising GWRC's ten-year plan 2006-16.*

RSW 110 Kopuaranga River Enhancement Project

Report 06.192

File: WO/02/25/10

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*
- (3) Delays for one year the overall work programme as set out in the proposed 2006/16 LTCCP.*

RSW 111 Rough Hill / Wairangi Boundary

Report 06.197

File: WO/04/33/01

Tom Ward, Senior Conservation Forester, was present for the discussion on this item.

A supplementary letter dated 22 May 2006 from Stephen Franks, Tawini Ltd, was tabled.

Members discussed the three possible fence line options.

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Mr Southey)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*
- (3) Agrees to a fence on the Wairangi Station and Rough Hill Reserve boundary, based on Option (3), provided it meets Council's obligations as manager of the Rough Hill Reserve.*
- (4) Notes that the undertaking by Tawini Ltd, in their letter dated 22 May 2006 for the reserve land on the Tawini Ltd side of the proposed fence to not be cleared for stock use, and to be retained as a reserve area.*

Cr Buchanan arrived at 2.28pm.

RSW 112 Targeted Scheme Rates and Balances

Report 06.190

File: WS/04/09/01

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the Committee:

- (1) Note the information in the report.*
- (2) Approve Councillors Buchanan and Long forming a sub-committee to recommend the final scheme rates schedule to the formal Council meeting on 29 June 2006.*

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 113 Divisional Managers' Report

Report 06.188

File: WS/08/05/01

Concerning 4.2 – Catchment Management - BioWorks Business Plan

Members discussed the issue of external contractors tendering for work in the Wellington region. The matter of Target Pests winning GW contracts was discussed and the question of BioWorks tendering for work outside the Wellington region.

It was noted that a BioWorks report would be included in future Divisional Managers' reports to the Committee.

Concerning 4.2 – LARO Dept – Maringi Fire

Mr Dalziell reported on his concerns with the management and operational deficiencies at the time of the Maringi fire where approximately 1.5 km of his boundary fence had been destroyed.

It was noted that while GW staff assisted with the Maringi fire operation they were not responsible for the overall management of the operation.

Concerning 1.4 – Planning & Resources Dept – Groundwater

Andrew Jones, Groundwater Scientist, made a presentation on the current status of the Wairarapa basin groundwater investigation, including computer modelling work completed to date.

Resolved (Mr Dalziell/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the contents of the report.*

RSW 114 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 06.196

File: WP/02/14/02

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Mr Southey)

That the Committee

Receive the information.

RSW 115 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 06.189

File: WP/03/06/01

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receive the report.*
- (2) *Note the contents of the report.*

RSW 116 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 117 General Business

- (1) Mr McQueen enquired as to progress with the Wairarapa Irrigation Project Study.

It was noted that Go Wairarapa was currently working with Meridian although progress was moving somewhat slow. GWRC was maintaining its interest with the possibility of flow work being undertaken in one of the valleys to gauge whether there is sufficient water available to build a dam.

The issue now was whether there was sufficient interest from end users to get a scheme underway which would be a significant change to the traditional farming community on the flats.

- (2) Mr Dalziell enquired as to whether additional speaking time could be granted to submitters during the LTCCP submission process. Mr Dalziell said that the 5 minutes allowed each speaker did not give credit to submitters wanting to establish a relationship with the Council and considered a further extension of time was appropriate.

- (3) Mr Dalziell commented that further investment needs to be given to soil conservation in the region's 380,000 hectares of hill country of which 87,000 hectares is erosion-prone.

Cr Buchanan indicated that the Council would be addressing the level of investment issue through its integrated catchment management approach to managing resources in the region.

4.12pm The meeting closed.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: