

1 Welcome

Mr Crawford welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Kevin Moody RDC and Cr Dean McManaway

3 Notification of late items

Election of chair.

Mr Anderson took the chair and called for nominations.

4 Election of Chair

Resolved minute number **10/HRWS/016** **File Ref**

That Bob Crawford be nominated Chair.

B Journeaux / M Rowe Carried

Bob Crawford then resumed as Chair.

New committee members Paul Peterson, Mark Dawson and Bernie Hughes were welcomed onto the committee.

Rod Agnew was thanked for all his work for the scheme both as a local contractor and as a committee member. The meeting felt he had gone above and beyond the call of duty and it was greatly appreciated.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **10/HRWS/017** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-committee meeting held on 2 August 2010 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

B Journeaux / S Weston Carried

6 Matters arising

The Utility rates are still being worked on by John and will go in next year as a submission to the annual plan. Chalky explained the system and that submissions will be called for in May. This need to be considered at the next meeting to confirm the submission.

7 Correspondence

None.

8 Financial report

Resolved minute number

10/HRWS/018

File Ref

That the Hunterville Rural Water supply Sub-committee Financial Statement July 2010 to September 2010 be received.

S Weston / B Journeaux Carried

The increase in the rates that had been discussed has been billed to scheme users this billing period. Mr Anderson said that all but \$64,000 has been paid by scheme users which means that over 50% have paid the new rate. Mr Weston asked if there had been any complaints but none have been received.

The new unit price is \$194.56 which is a 15% increase plus the 2.5% increase in GST. The old unit price was \$180.

Resolved minute number

10/HRWS/019

File Ref

That the unit price increase to \$194.56 with the increase being retrospective to the last billing period.

B Journeaux / S Weston Carried

Mr McManaway commented that this should not have happened and Mr Anderson agreed and outlined that systems were now in place to prevent it happening again.

Mr Anderson updated the committee on three outstanding accounts that have received a letter saying they will be cut off in seven days. A 10% penalty has been added to the accounts. The committee endorsed the process and the disconnections. These people will also be charged a reconnection fee.

Mr Anderson confirmed the discounted rate for power runs for 2 years and is over and above the normal discount.

9 Hunterville Rural Water Supply - Operations report

Resolved minute number **10/HRWS/020** **File Ref**

That the Hunterville Rural Water Supply - Operations Report be received

AND

That Main Line Flow Meters are installed on the Northern Line (Ohingaiti) at a cost of \$5,700, the Main Southern Line at a cost of \$5,800

AND

That the remaining three Flow Control Valves be Refurbished (\$4000)

AND

That repairs at the Forks (\$6,500 estimate) and at Onepuhi (\$11,300 estimate) are completed

AND

That the requests for alterations to supply volumes be granted

AND

That the bulk storage be deferred

B Journeaux / S Weston Carried

The meeting discussed the operation report including the issues of scouring that occurred in the winter that has meant that work will need to be done before winter or else supply will be lost. The roading division is going to replace parts of the Otairi line as this has been exposed due to a change in the road alignment.

Mr Anderson outlined the new automated system for sending information about the volume of water being taken out to Horizons Regional Council. Providing this information is part of the resource consent. The new system has been trialled at Bulls and is working well. This is a very simple system and will be extended to the other sites. It is also cheaper than the present systems.

Issues with the pump at the intake were discussed and a wide range of solutions canvassed. The cost of a new intake gallery is high and this was compared with the annual costs of ongoing repairs. This is to be re-visited at the next meeting.

Mr Crawford reiterated that the reallocation requests will not change supply as it stands. Allocations go back to the original level when the property is sold. All requests now have to be in writing and go to the committee as in the past there were issues with these being handled in a casual manner.

10 General Business

Mr McManaway raised an issue with some scheme members tampering with flow restrictors and this means that those further down the line don't get water. The scheme rules allow for tanks to be locked if the restrictors are taken out without permission. Mr van Bussel said that if there is a need for extra volume as water has been lost for some reason then a call should go to Customer Services and they will handle it. A letter will be sent to scheme members reminding them that they must phone the Council and introducing the new people on the committee.

The next meeting will include a trip down to the river. To enable this the meeting will start at 5.30p.m. outside the Hunterville Town hall, then proceed to the river and then return to the Town Hall to hold the meeting.

11 Next meeting

7 February 2011

12 Meeting closed

9.00pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____