

# MINUTES

## EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 29 November 2022

**Time:** 4.00 pm

**Venue:** Kokako Street Pavilion  
2 Kokako Street  
Taihape

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**Present**

- Mr Jock Stratton
- Mr Peter Batley
- Mr Geoff Duncan
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Simon Plimmer *(via Zoom)*
- Mr Paul McLaren
- Cr Greg Maughan

**In attendance**

- Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager *(left at 5:25pm)*
- Mr Chris Pepper, Civil Engineer Manawatu District Council *(left at 5:25pm)*
- Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to CEO *(via Zoom) (left at 4:46pm)*
- Mr Dave Tombs, GM-Corporate Service *(via Zoom) (left at 5:46pm)*
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing *(left at 5:31pm)*

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## **1 Welcome / Prayer**

Mr Stratton welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cr Greg Maughan introduced himself as the new council representative.

## **2 Apologies**

**Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/024**

That the apologies for Mr B Mallalieu, Mr S Stoney and His Worship the Mayor be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Thomas. Carried

## **3 Public Forum**

No public forum

## **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest.

## **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

There were no changes to the order of business.

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/025**

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2022 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Thomas. Carried

## **7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**

### **7.1 Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings**

**Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/026**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings' be received.

Mr G Duncan/Mr P Batley. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - November 2022

There was no Chair's Report.

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Rural water supplies-options under the Government's three waters reform programme

Mr Hodder spoke to his report. Mr Hodder stated that the committee need to decide if it is used purely for stock water or is it mixed use, if its mixed use then an exception needs to take place and council would step away but is unsure if Council could still rate. It needs to be clear to Internal Affairs what the scheme is used for. Mr Stratton said he had always been told the usage was for stock water only. Mr Hodder said there would need to be evidence and that a statement wouldn't suffice. Mr Plimmer asked how is this funded? Mr Hodder said this is only the first bill and that if the scheme is part of the entity council don't rate. Mr Tombs said council could still be rating for the next 2 – 3years and could be about 4 – 5 years for rural water schemes. Mr Hodder said they could standardise the rate. Mr Stratton said he would like to retain a role in the scheme. Mr Hodder suggested meeting with all users and recommended Option C. Mr McLaren said if they are mixed use are council allowed to be involved and Mr Hodder said no. Mr Plimmer asked if there was a timeline. Mr Hodder advised that it is better to deal with it now. Mr McLaren didn't think they should be making a recommendation just yet. Mr Stratton said it is just starting the process.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/027**

That the memo (and attached briefing paper) 'Rural water supplies – options under the Governments three water reform programme be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Thomas. Carried.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/028**

That the Erewhon Rural water Supply Management Subcommittee considers that supply to farmers on the Erewhon scheme is 'mixed use' and recommends to Council that it (a) decides (in consultation with scheme members) whether the Erewhon scheme is to be put forward as an exception to automatic transfer to the Western Central Services Entity and that (b) convenes a meeting in early 2023 with all users of the scheme.

Mr G Duncan/Mr B Thomas. Carried.

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Financial Summary - October 2022

Mr Tombs spoke to his report.

**Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/029**

That the report 'Financial Summary – October 2022' be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr P McLaren. Carried

### 10.2 Operations Report- November 2022

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report and said the flow meter is still not calibrated and it has been relocated but needs to be blue ticked. Mr van Bussel tabled a quote from Taihape Plumbing for Rob Colliers line for consideration as he is not getting his allocated water.

Mr McLaren tabled his scope report. Mr Pepper spoke about the scope report and explained how they could approach it and that it would take him about 400 hours and estimated the cost to be between \$15 – \$20,000.00. Mr Pepper said he would like to survey the drain work. Mr Stratton asked if all that information should be held by council. Mr Pepper said he would need relative heights and that he could have a draft report by the next meeting. Mr van Bussel said this is just an option and the committee could still put it out for tender or ask for expressions of interest and Mr Pepper could still help with the report.

**Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/030**

That the Operations Report – 1 December 2022 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at **enter time**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on .

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Chairperson