



Rangitikei District Council

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 12 August 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

Contents

1	Apologies.....	2
2	Confirmation of Minutes.....	2
3	Matters Arising.....	2
4	Engineers Report.....	2
5	Financial Report	3
6	Members/Questions Reports.....	3
7	Date of Next Meeting.....	4

Present: Mr J Gilbert, Chairperson
Mrs M Mako
Mr G Melville
Cr A Gordon
Mr J Bird

In attendance: Mrs J Saywell, Asset Manager
Mr A van Bussel, Operations Manager
Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing
Mrs S Srhoj, Administration

Also Present: Mr O Dickinson, Manager of Mangaohane Station

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **15/ERWS/008** **File Ref**

That the apologies from Mr G Duncan, Mr S Ponsonby and Mr P Batley for absence be received.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr J Bird. Carried

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **15/ERWS/009** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee meeting held on 13 May 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting

Cr A Gordon/Mr J Gilbert. Carried

3 Matters Arising

Mr van Bussel reported that verification of the flow meter for consent compliance would be undertaken in conjunction with the Omatane Rural Water Scheme.

He added that discussions on the new Health and Safety Act were still ongoing with considerable debate on this issue.

4 Engineers Report

Mrs Saywell spoke briefly to her tabled report. She said that the final gauging for consent would need to wait for later in the year when the river levels had dropped.

Mr van Bussel tabled a quote of \$50,504.66 plus GST from Taihape Plumbing Ltd for the Erewhon Water Scheme renewal work.

The jobs included renewing a secondary main in Dan Moores, through Kim Duncans property and then to Peter Batleys boundary, connecting to the existing renewal. He added that the scheme was well within their budget with funds still available for any future renewal work.

Mr Smith said that he could not foresee any major issues down the line apart from a minor leak on Moore's property.

There was some discussion on the costs associated with the use of trace wire. Mr van Bussel said although it was quite expensive (approx. \$1.70 mtr) it was certainly worthwhile given that it would enable it to be detected well into the future. He said that in the past previous materials had just rotted away. Mr Smith added that the advantage of using trace wire was that it would still be good in another 30 years or so.

The committee were all in favour of accepting the quotes from Taihape Plumbing Ltd.

Resolved minute number **15/ERWS/010** **File Ref**

That the Engineers Report, as presented be received.

Mr Melville/Mr Bird. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/ERWS/011** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Plumbing Ltd quotes for the Erewhon Water Scheme Pipeline renewals be accepted subject to the jobs being undertaken when the weather permits and with the consent of the property owners.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr G Melville. Carried

5 Financial Report

Mr van Bussel advised that unfortunately a representative from Councils Finance Team was unable to be present at the meeting. He said that the accounts were to the end of May 2015 only and that they were all on budget. He added that over the past 5 years a lot of renewal work had been tidied up and that the scheme hadn't been down at all very much.

Cr Gordon said it would have been useful to have the whole year's financials which would show the opening balance. Members agreed, adding that they would like to see what had been spent along with funds available to be carried over. Mr Gilbert said that he and other members had struggled to understand the accounting system for a number of years.

Cr Gordon advised that he and Cr Rainey were working on a way in presenting the financial reports which would give a better understanding for members.

The committee noted the two typing errors in the Statement of Operations.

Resolved minute number **15/ERWS/012** **File Ref**

That the Statement of Operations: Period ending 31 May 2015, be received.

Mr J Bird/Mr G Melville. Carried

6 Members/Questions Reports

Mr Bird commented that overall the scheme was running very well and that it was good to know that they were below budget

There was some discussion on future repair work on the old pipe line that may be needed by John Gilbert's property. There was some concern regarding the number of people that this would affect if this line blew out. Mr Smith advised that it would take a day or 2 to

undertake repairs on this line as it was important to get the right jointing system and there would need to be quite a lot of engineering work done.

Mr van Bussel suggested that he and committee members spend the day on site with Mr Smith in order to give consideration for future renewal work. The projects would then be tabled and discussed at their next meeting.

Cr Gordon asked if the committee had a long term forecast of all projects. Mr Gilbert replied that their plan had been to target all problem areas where a lot of repairs were needed. Mr Smith added that where there had been a lot of leaks he had replaced the uncoated steel pipes with polyethylene.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held Wednesday 11 November 2015.

8 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 4.55pm.