

Rangitikei District Council

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting
Minutes – Wednesday 8 November 2017 – 4:00 p.m.



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Present: Mr J Gilbert (Chairperson)
Mr P Batley
Mr J Bird
Mr D Steedman

In Attendance: Mr D Miller, Asset Engineer, Roading and Utilities
Mr A Sargent, Management and Project Accountant
Cr A Gordon
Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing
Ms R Baird, Administration

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/047** **File Ref**

That the apologies from Mr G Duncan for absence be received.

Mr B Thomas/Cr A Gordon. Carried

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/048** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Erehon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 9 August 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate record of the meeting.

Mr P Batley/Mr J Bird. Carried

3 Matters Arising

Mr Sargent said there was no outstanding debtors to date.

Mr Miller said the Revised Rural Water Supply policy would go to the next Council meeting.

Mr van Bussel is still working on the letter to members reminding them that the scheme is a non-potable water supply.

4 Operations Report

Mr Smith said they haven't started work on Mangaohane yet. Mr Gilbert said he had spoken with new manager Emmett Thurston-Parris and he was keen to join the committee.

Mr Miller said the Big Hill T transmitter is working again.

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/049** **File Ref**

That the Operations report, be received.

Mr J Bird/Mr P Batley. Carried

5 Financial Report

Mr Sargent spoke to the report in two parts with the first being the financials ending 30 June 2017. Mr Sargent said the committee needed to be more prudent going forward after looking at the budget. He said the operational costs were a bit higher than what was budgeted for.

Mr Sargent explained depreciation against the budget. Mr Batley asked as a cash point of view is the scheme building up cash? Mr Sargent said yes.

The financials ending 30 September 2017 are tracking within the budgeted programme. Mr Miller explained the difference between the renewal costs and operational costs. Mr Smith said they had two major blow outs at Mangaohane as the AC pipe has been blowing out. Mr Miller said these pipes have been getting replaced over the district.

The committee discussed the unit rate and Mr Thomas asked if they should be increasing the rate to cover the cost of the proposed river crossing. Mr Bird asked if there was a blow out on the river crossing would it be covered by insurance. Mr Miller said he thought it would only cover for a natural disaster but would look into it.

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/050** **File Ref**

That the Erehon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee request a proposed unit rate for the February meeting.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr B Thomas. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/051** **File Ref**

That the statement of operations: Period ending June 2017 and 30 September 2017 be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr J Bird. Carried

6 Members/Questions Report

Mr Miller tabled a Compliance Report from Horizons and said that the scheme is 100% compliant.

Mr Steedman had a copy of the original Horizons consent and pointed out that Ngati Whitikaupeka had wrongly signed on behalf of the local Iwi and the description of where it was wrong and the trust would be seeking a review. Mr Steedman said they are going to set up an individual database to study the environmental effects at the weir and they will be closely monitoring it, to date they have found two types of algae. He said the owners would also be asking for a review on the agreement with the Rangitikei District Council.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 February 2018

8 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 5:35pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: