

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 6 September 2022

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

- Mr Peter Batley
- Mr Geoff Duncan
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Simon Plimmer [*via Zoom*]
- Mr Paul McLaren
- Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
- Cr Tracey Hiroa [*via Zoom*]

In attendance

- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer [*via Zoom*]
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
- Ms Rochelle Baird, Community Services Officer

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1 Welcome

Mr McLaren took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/017

That the apology for Mr Jock Stratton be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. 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/018

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 21 June 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 G Duncan/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

Mr Benadie emailed the Committee members the scope report, and apologised for the lateness. Mr Benadie said this is just a start and the Committee can adjust to what they want.

Mr Tombs said regarding the lease payments that they are up to date as of March, with another one due.

Mr McLaren said he had spoken with a few outside entities to give a review unless Council would like to recommend one. Mr Benadie said he could give some recommendations if the Committee needed. Mr McLaren said once the scope is finalised they may need some advice on how to manage it.

Mr Duncan said he would still like a Glossary of terms and would let Dave know.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/019

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

Mr P Batley/Mr G Duncan. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - September 2022

Mr McLaren spoke on behalf of Mr Stratton and said that the Sub-Committee had spoken with engineers from Worleys, WSP and Lumino and the options available and have a reasonable list of people that could do the review. Mr Duncan had found the review from 1996 done by Worleys and had given a copy to Mr Stratton. Mr McLaren said he could send a copy to members but it mainly related to the steel pipes corroding and the health and safety issues.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/020

That the Chair's Report – September 2022 be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Operations Report - September 2022

Mr McLaren said they need to learn more about the resource consent procedures.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/021

That the Operations Report – September 2022 be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

9.2 Financial Summary - June 2022 (draft)

Mr Tombs spoke to his report and explained that operating expenses had increased by \$10k with an extra \$160k with a capex of \$200k cash surplus and if it remains the same the debt should clear.

Mr Plimmer asked if there is a budget. Mr Tombs said yes there is a budget and could circulate if the Committee wanted and the Committee should decide how they want to spend the money. Mr Plimmer asked for confirmation of the additional increase in December and May. Mr Duncan asked if the invoicing could be done more frequently instead of 6 monthly he suggested 3 or 4 times a year. Mr Tombs said the financial year is set but they could change if for the next financial year.

Mr Tombs said there is a meeting on September 20 and said no one from the Committee had confirmed attendance. Mr Benadie said the CE of Ruapehu is very knowledgeable in regards to rural water schemes and it would benefit the Committee for someone to be present. Mr McLaren said a representative from the scheme would attend.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/022

That the report 'Financial Summary – June 2022 (draft)' be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr P Batley. Carried

9.3 ERWS Debt Framework

Mr Tombs said high levels of debt can have up to a years of rates without question it can be looked at as an overdraft of \$320k before a debt repayment plan would need to be looked at. Mr Plimmer said is there a limit on the amount borrowed, Mr Tombs said it would depend on the repayment plan.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/023

That the report 'ERWS Debt Framework' be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Thomas. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Presentation to Council 25 Aug 22

Mr Stratton and Mr McLaren approached His Worship the Mayor and Mr Peter Beggs, CE and asked for Council to subsidise the review cost up to 50%. Mr Tombs asked if it would be a loan or a grant. Mr McLaren said they would like a contribution from council of 50% or \$50,000.00 excluding GST. Mr Tombs would present to the next Council meeting 29 September.

10.2 General Business - Review Discussion

Mr McLaren asked if the local marae are provided with water, Mr Batley said no but they are allowed to take the overflow.

The meeting closed at 4.33 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 29 November 2022.

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Chairperson