

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 3 December 2024

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

Mr Jock Stratton
Mr Geoff Duncan
Mr Simon Plimmer
Mr Paul McLaren
Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Jeff Wong

In attendance

Cr Gill Duncan,
Mr Arno Benadie, GM Assets, Infrastructure & Projects
Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant
Mrs Leanne Macdonald, GM-Corporate Services
Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing
Ms Rochelle Baird, Administration

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/013

That the apologies from Mr Peter Batley, Mr Barry Thomas and Mr Steve Stoney be accepted.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There was no conflict of Interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Mr Stratton had 2 late items to put into the agenda.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/014

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024 **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 G Duncan. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

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

Mr McLaren asked where were the “glossary of terms”. Mr Pedley said he had done a brief description of interest charged and depreciation. Mr McLaren would like a brief description on every charge, Mr Pedley would email them.

Potential growth fund – Mr Plimmer said this is a two tier project and is for capital projects only or loans and for existing infrastructure. Mr Plimmer would like to know who puts in the submission council or the committee.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024

There was no chairs report.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 ERWS Financial Summary - 2024/25

Mr Pedley spoke to the report and explained that the metered charges would be on the next report. The committee discussed the \$50,000 grant that council had allocated to the committee. Mr Pedley said his understanding was that Mr Chris Pepper had not billed the committee yet and that the grant had not been used. Mr McLaren stated that the scheme had only been given a preliminary report and that the pipe conditioning report had still not been received. Mr Benadie would follow up with Mr Pepper.

Mr Benadie read the resolution that was passed "That Council approve a grant of up to \$50,000.00 to the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme for 50% of the costs associated with developing an Asset Replacement Programme for the Scheme, noting this would be unbudgeted expenditure."

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/015

That the report 'ERWS Financial Summary – October 2024' be received.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr S Plimmer. Carried

9.2 Operations Verbal Report- December 2024

Mr Smith said there had been a couple of blowouts otherwise the scheme was working well. The mag meter had been renewed and the flow meter was fixed. Mr Smith said he had been running the sluices regularly which took him 3 days to do and the water has improved. Mr McLaren said with technology now there must be a smarter way to do this with maybe an automated system? Mr Benadie said he could help with looking into this but could not commit until the end of February. The committee agree to continue with running the sluices. Mr Mallalieu asked about the sale of Mr Smiths business. Mr Smith said he would give the committee a lot of notice but he

would like to approach the local plumbers so that he could have a break from the scheme. The committee agreed to Mr Smith approaching the local plumbers.

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/016

That the Operations Verbal Report –December 2024 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr G Duncan. Carried

10 Discussion Items

Local Water Done Well

Cr Greg read the submission from the committee for Local Water Done Well.

Resource Consenting Process

The committee discussed the resource consent and the letter of engagement. His Worship the Mayor said they need to see if the committee can independently engage with AgFirst and would need councils consent to employ them.

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/017

Erewhon Rural Water Scheme (ERWS) recommends that Council –

1. Approves and accepts the Letter of Engagement from the AgFirst organisation dated 28 November 2024 including the approval of the schedule of charges for the consent consultation.
2. In doing so ERWS acknowledges that the consent will be between Rangitikei District Council, owner of the ERWS, and Horizons Regional Council as the regulator.
3. ERWS requests that the grant assistance of up to \$50,000 for 50% of the costs associated with developing an Asset Replacement Programme for the scheme given to ERWS by Rangitikei District Council Ref 22/RDC/348, is able to be used by the Committee as assistance to fund the asset replacement programme which includes the resource consenting process.

Mr G Duncan/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.

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

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Chairperson