

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

- Mr Jock Stratton
- Mr Peter Batley
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Simon Plimmer (zoom)
- Mr Paul McLaren
- Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
- Cr Jeff Wong (Alternative)
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Mr Andrew van Bussell Water Supply Specialist
- Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant
- Mrs Leanne Macdonald, GM-Corporate Services
- Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing
- Ms Dawn Hesketh, Administration

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/ERWS/001**

That the apologies from Mr Geoff Duncan, Mr Steven Stoney and Cr Greg Maughan be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

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3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **25/ERWS/002**

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 3 December 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 B Thomas. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

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

Mr McLaren asked if Mr Arno Benadie had followed up on the government funding for the Provincial growth fund.

HWTM A Watson had attended a Rural and Provisional meeting. He stated the grant money had virtually gone and ERWS was unlikely to receive any funding.

Mr A Benadie is to email Mr J Stratton with the outcome of potential funding.

Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/003

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

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Thomas. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - March 2025

There was no chair's report.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 ERWS Financial Summary - 2024/25

Mr W Pedley spoke to the report which is taken as read. The budget is proposed on raising the rates on the basis that ERWS are not planning any major work. If they are, Mrs L McDonald would adjust the forecast accordingly.

Mr W Pedley said the budget is as per what the council has adopted. Any money spent on consents is outside of the \$50,000 grant that has been approved by Council. If the money is not spent by June 2025 ERWS will need to apply to have it carried forward.

Mr J Stratton said ERWS had not allocated Capex funding as yet as they are still in the planning stage.

Ms L MacDonald said the maximum figure for CAPEX is \$50,000 . If more is left required the budget will need to be revised

Me S Plimmer asked what the expected time frame to consider a rate increase.

Ms L MacDonald replied that the Annual Plan planning was starting next week.

Ms L MacDonald spoke about depreciation and capital funding (CAPEX). At the end of the financial year she will be able to tell what CAPEX is left.

Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/004

That the report 'ERWS Financial Summary – Jan 2025' be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/005

That the proposed 2025/26 draft Annual Plan budget be included with the 'ERWS Financial Summary – Jan 2025' be reviewed and approved or amended if required.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

9.2 Operations Verbal Report- March 2025

Mr Smith said the scheme was operating fairly well, except for a couple of blow outs on Kelly Land Company. He has had to hire a welder. This line was renewed in approx. 2007 and it is the new pipe that is blowing. Mr Smith has asked Plumbing World for a price for 30 metre of pressure pipe. He said the sluicing has been effective in clearing the lines.

The scheme entered public excluded during this item.

Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/006

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Operations Verbal Report - March 2025

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
0.0 - Operations Verbal Report - March 2025	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Mr J Stratton/Mr B Thomas. Carried

The meeting went into open session

Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/007

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting,

Mr J Stratton/Mr B Thomas. Carried

Mr van Bussell reported the ATV side by side is costing a lot of money in repair work. Council own this vehicle as part of the general fleet but ERWS pay the maintenance.

Mr van Bussell is to discuss with Mr Benadie options for the purchase and operating costs of a new ATV side by side.

Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/008

That the Operations Verbal Report –March 2025 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr B Thomas. Carried

9.3 Update on Recommendations from the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme

Council received the following update from Council:

- Council approved and accepted the letter of Engagement from the AgFirst organisation, including the approval of the schedule of charges for the consent consultation
- 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.
- Council approves 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

Some discussion took place regarding the standard glossary terms which has been presented by Ms L MacDonald

Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/009

That the report ‘Update on Recommendations from the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme’ be received.

Mr S Plimmer/Mr P Batley. Carried

The meeting closed at 6.00pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 3 June 2025.

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Chairperson