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DISTRICT COUNCIL
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EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 9 June 2026
Time: 4.00pm
Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

Mr Peter Batley
Mr Geoff Duncan
Mr Barry Thomas
Mr Simon Plimmer
Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Diana Baird (zoom)

In attendance

Mr Calum Wilbur, Senior Accountant (zoom)
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Water Supply Specialist (zoom)
Mr Brent Manning, Contractor Assets
Mr Dean Smith, Taihape Plumbing
Ms Dawn Hesketh, Administration

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Mr Duncan opened the meeting at 4.00pm

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **26/ERWS/006**

That the apologies from Jock Stratton and Paul McLaren be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Thomas. Carried

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 were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **26/ERWS/007**

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 3 March 2026 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 Batley/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - June 2026

There was no chair's report.

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Erewhon RWS - Financial Summary - Year to Date 30 April 2026

Officers spoke to the report, noting that the budget needed to be finalised at this meeting.

The committee will develop the upcoming programme and distribute the \$5 million budget as needed.

There is no change to the meter charge rate for the year. Mr Duncan asked how the valuation had been done, Officers noted it had been done by an outside agency.

Officers noted there had been some quite major issues and leaks that had been dealt with in the last year.

Resolved minute number 26/ERWS/008

That the report 'ERWS Financial Summary – April 2026 be received and approved.

Mr S Plimmer/Mr B Thomas. Carried

8.2 Operations Report - June 2026

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report, and is hoping to get some 50mm pipe in the next couple of months.

Mr Smith stated he would be doing some bridge maintenance and cutting back trees to allow air to get in to enable the area to dry out.

Mr van Bussel would report back at the next meeting about contractors and the right planking to repair the bridge.

Mr Smith suggested getting in a digger during the summer period to clear weeds and other vegetation at the uptake.

HWTM said resource consent from Horizons would be needed. Mr van Bussel and Mr Smith would discuss this further. Mr van Bussel will consult with Horizons and also thinks iwi should be involved.

HWTM spoke about the effect of three waters reform on the scheme.

Mr Smith spoke about a leak in early May on Kaingaroa caused by a digger with the pipes close to the surface. Mr Smith and Mr van Bussel would discuss this. A reminder to landowners re obligation with digging will be sent out with the next rates demand.

Mr Manning spoke regarding his assessment of the scheme so far. He will collaborate with Mr Van Bussel to develop a procurement plan and outline recommendations for projects like the bridge requirement.

HWTM left the meeting at 4:50pm.

With the council-wide drinking water assessment complete, the finalised draft will now be submitted to the council and subsequently released to the public.

The Erewhon Rural Water Supply will be classed as mixed use as 50% or more is used for agriculture.

Resolved minute number 26/ERWS/009

That the Operations Report – June 2026 be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.00pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 1 September 2026.

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Chairperson