



Rangitikei District Council

Huntermville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 8 August 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

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Present: Mr Bob Crawford
Mr Brett Journeaux
Mr Paul Peterson
Mr Sam Weston
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager - Utilities
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager - Utilities
Mr Ivan O’Reilly, Reticulation Serviceman
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst/Planner

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Mr M Dawson, Mr J McManaway and Cr McManaway be received.

Mr S Weston / Mr P Peterson. Carried

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/018** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 13 June 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr B Journeaux / Mr S Weston. Carried

5 Chair's Report

The Chair reported that the Scheme was running smoothly, but was looking forward to an update on the new pump as part of the operations report.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/019** **File Ref**

That the Chair's Report to the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting on 8 August 2016 be received.

Mr B Crawford / Mr B Journeaux. Carried

6 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Ms Saywell requested the report was taken as read. The Committee discussed the new pump. Both the pump and motor are being sent back to the supplier in Christchurch. The motor failed and the shaft was bent during transportation. It is unclear at this stage whether the shaft bent due to the transportation or if there was a manufacturing fault. The pump is relatively new, so once the cause of the faults is found then further action may be taken. The pump is not having an effect on the operation of the Scheme.

His Worship the Mayor asked whether there are spare units in the Ohingaiti area. Mr O'Reilly confirmed there are no spare units in the area. The Committee agreed that the only way for a property to gain extra units in the area would be to purchase units off another property owner.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/020** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-4**

That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations report' dated 1 August 2016 be received.

Mr S Weston / Mr P Peterson. Carried

7 Financial Report – August 2016

Mr McIrvine spoke to the report. Figures have not been confirmed yet for year-end and will be provided at the next meeting. Power costs are over-budget (\$179,000 compared to a budget of \$140,000). Discussion was held about the need to have a list of the number of units being pumped to be able to quantify the power use. Mr McIrvine noted that cash flow was positive to the end of May. However, further bills in June could have an impact.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/021** **File Ref**

That the Financial Report to the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee's meeting on 8 August 2016 be received.

Mr B. Journeaux / Mr S Weston. Carried

8 Tutaenui Community Irrigation/Stock Water Scheme – update on pre-feasibility study

Mr McNeil provided an update on the pre-feasibility study. David Miller will be the project manager for the study; the Project Plan is being finalised over the next two weeks, with the governance group due to meet at the end of August. A meeting was held recently with representatives from the Ministry for Primary Industries. Key messages from this meeting were that there is work occurring throughout New Zealand which could be useful for the project, (however the work will not be available until it is published) and to make sure the study is constrained to pre-feasibility, with further funding possibly available for further work if the pre-feasibility study shows merit.

Discussion was held about potential costs associated with assets that need to cross Kiwirail assets. Mr O'Reilly confirmed that the viaduct was starting to leak. Options for a potential replacement were discussed. Mr McNeil noted that Selwyn District Council is challenging Kiwirail costs, which could prove a test case for the rest of New Zealand.

9 Updating the constitution

The Committee decided that they would compare the Policy with the 'red book' to ensure all issues are covered. The members would feed back their thoughts to a subsequent meeting.

The Committee discussed the use of the water from the Scheme for drinking and possible ways of ensuring people are aware the water is being provided as stock water only. Mr McNeil noted that either the Policy or Bylaw could be amended if required.

The Committee decided that a newsletter would be produced and sent to all parties on the Scheme. The newsletter would note that the water provided as part of the Scheme is for stock only, contact details to ring in the event of a leak, and any other relevant news.

10 General Business

Nil

11 Late Items

Nil

12 Next Meeting

Monday 17 October 2016, 3.00 pm

13 Meeting Closed – 3.55 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____