



Rangitikei District Council

Hunternville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 12 December 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

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Present:

- Mr Brett Journeaux – delegated Chair
- Mr Bernie Hughes
- Mr Mark Dawson
- Mr John McManaway
- Mr Sam Weston
- Cr Dean McManaway
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

- Mr David Rei Miller, Asset Engineer – Roading and Utilities
- Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
- Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager - Utilities
- Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager - Utilities
- Ms Linda Holman, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.00 pm.

2 Apologies

That the apologies from Mr Bob Crawford and Mr Paul Peterson be received.

Mr J McManaway / Mr Journeaux. Carried

3 Confirmation of order of business

Three late items were introduced: 1. pipe breakages; 2. an overview of the Water Supply Conference attended by the Mayor; 3. and a presentation by Ms Sue Bligh.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/027** **File Ref** **3-CT-3-2**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 October 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Journeaux / Mr Hughes. Carried

5 Chair's Report

No verbal report was supplied.

6 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Discussion was held on various matters arising from the Operations Report.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/028** **File Ref**

That the size of the pipe at the Makohine Viaduct does not change from 50mm.

Mr Weston / Mr Dawson. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/029** **File Ref**

That the chlorine gas tanks at the middle pump station are changed to 2 x 70kg chlorine bottles, and a bottle storage unit is built.

Cr D McManaway / Mr Dawson. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/030** **File Ref**

That one of the existing ACME pumps is serviced, and one new motor is purchased. The serviced pump and new motor will then be tested to evaluate which further investment needs to be made.

Mr Journeaux / Mr J McManaway. Carried

Mr van Bussel agreed to supply information about the age and capacity of the existing pumps and tanks to the Committee.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/031** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-4**

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

Mr Hughes / Mr Journeaux. Carried

7 Financial Report – November 2016

Mr McIrvine spoke to points in the report. Discussion was held around the method of setting budgets in the future to even out fluctuations and to help save in advance for upcoming known expenses.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/032** **File Ref**

That the Group Manager, Finance & Business Support, recommend to a subsequent meeting of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee a method for depreciating the high-wearing parts of pumps to smooth out water fee charge fluctuations.

Cr D McManaway / Mr Hughes. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/033** **File Ref**

That the 'October Month End and Budgets for 2018 Financial Year' report be received.

Mr Journeaux / Mr Dawson. Carried

8 Electricity Costs for Hunterville Rural Water Supply

Mr Miller made a PowerPoint presentation which was an overview and analysis of the information supplied in his report.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/034** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-4**

That the report 'Electricity Costs for Hunterville Rural Water Supply' be received.

Mr J McManaway / Mr Hughes. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/035** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-4**

That the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee endorse a budget for electricity in 2017/18 of \$180,000 through the Annual Plan process.

Mr J McManaway / Mr Hughes. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/036** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-4**

That the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee approve the pursuit of a quote for an energy audit on the scheme.

Mr J McManaway / Mr Hughes. Carried

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

Mr Miller spoke on behalf of the Chief Executive, Mr Ross McNeil. Progress is good, the consultants are close to completing stage one and are presenting at the upcoming Governance meeting. A survey has gone out to farms: 400 in the Hunterville and Tutaenui area, and these are expected to be collated in January. The economic analysis is yet to be done. This project is on track for 30 June 2017.

10 Updating the Scheme Committee Constitution

Regarding the Rural Water Supply Policy, Mr Miller has made the changes to the policy as recommended by the Committee, but there was some uncertainty as to how the Council resolution (Minute number: 16/RDC/330) affects this.

It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

11 Election of Committee

The Committee noted the information contained memorandum regarding the membership of the Committee. The Committee returned Mr Bob Crawford as Chair of the Committee.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/037** **File Ref**

That Mr Bob Crawford be elected as Chair of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-committee.

Mr Journeaux / Mr J McManaway. Carried

12 General Business

13 Late Items

1. Mr Journeaux raised the issue of pipes being damaged due to a lack of information about where they are – this happened recently and the contractor paid for the damage. Mr Miller said that links to the existing GPS maps that are held by the Council's GIS department will be included in the next meeting's Order Paper. Mr Miller also noted that information about location and depth of piping is available and the onus is on contractors to ask the Council. Additionally, Mr Ivan O'Reilly is able to visit free of charge to mark out pipe locations.

Resolved minute number **16/HRWS/038** **File Ref**

That the Operations Manager arrange for the invoice for damage to the pipe incurred by a contractor (as reported to the Hunterville Rural Sub-committee's meeting of 12 December 2016) be rescinded and the Sub-committee cover the cost.

Mr Hughes / Mr Weston. Carried

2. The Mayor gave an overview of the Workshop on Water Health that he recently attended. The key issues centred on liability, particularly in the wake of the Flaxmere event. The first requirement on the Council and the Committee is to inform all parties as to whether water is intended for stock supply only. However, even with that knowledge disseminated, the Council and the Committee are still responsible for water health. In the future Central Government will be playing a larger role in water health, with changes to come. However, there are no immediate changes that will affect the Committee.

With regards to disseminating information, Mr Miller will speak with the three rural water supply management sub-committees about their obligations: water treatment, notification, water safety plans, and regular testing. Ms Saywell suggested sending notifications with every bill, Mr McIrvine said he would arrange this.

3. Due to lack of time, Ms Sue Bligh's presentation was deferred until the next meeting.

14 Next Meeting

Monday 20 February 2017, 3:00 pm

15 Meeting closed at 4:59 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: