



Rangitikei District Council

Huntermville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 2 October 2017 – 3:00 PM

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The quorum for the Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee is 4.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

Present: Mr Brett Journeaux
Mr John McManaway
Mr Mark Dawson
Mr Sam Weston
Cr Dean McManaway
Mr Paul Peterson
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr David Miller, Asset Engineer – Roading and Utilities
Mr Andy Sargent, Management and Project Accountant
Mr Ivan O'Reilly, Waste/Water Technician
Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents: Hunterville Rural Water Supply Financial Statements commentary for the 12 months ending 30th June 2017
Hunterville Rural Water Supply Financial Statements commentary for the two months ending 31st August 2017

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies

It was noted that Mr S Weston was present at the previous meeting held on 7 August.

Resolved minute number **17/HWRS/26** **File Ref**

That the apologies for the absence of Bob Crawford, and Bernie Hughes be received.

Mr B Journeaux / Mr P Peterson .Carried

Cr Dean McManaway joined the meeting at 3.10pm

3 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

4 Confirmation of order of business

There was no change to the Order of business and no late items were suggested.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes from the meeting held on 7 August 2017 are attached.

Resolved minute number **17/HRWS/027** **File Ref** **3-CT-3-2**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 7 August 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr B Journeaux / Mr P Peterson .Carried

6 Chair's Report

No verbal report was provided at the meeting.

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

17/HRWS/019 –

- Council did not confirm the recommendation (from the section 17A analysis provided to the Committee's last meeting) to continue the present arrangements to support the scheme. Instead Council agreed that the present arrangements to support the

scheme be considered as part of the development of the Long Term Plan 2017/18 (Council resolution: 17/RDC/286)

8 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

No queries were raised at the previous meeting.

9 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Resolved minute number **17/HWRS/028** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-4**

That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations report' dated 1 October 2017 be received.

Cr. D McManaway / Mr P Peterson. Carried

Members discussed the proposed repairs to the middle pump station tank (item 2.1) Attempts to straighten the tank were unsuccessful; the suggestion was that it be rebuilt using existing materials, and replacing the tank liner. There is also an option to replace the tank.

Resolved minute number **17/HWRS/029** **File Ref**

Members will make a decision regarding the middle pump station tank once they have received more information regarding (1)the integrity of the current tank, (2)a guarantee of the repair work proposed and (3)receive a quote for a replacement tank.

Mr B Journeaux / Mr M Dawson Carried.

10 Financial Report

A report was tabled

Resolved minute number **17/HWRS/030** **File Ref**

That the Financial statements and corresponding commentary for the 12 months ending 30th June 2017 and for the two months ending 31st August 2017 be received

Mr M Dawson / Mr J McManaway .Carried

Mr Sargent spoke to the report, highlighting a few variances in budget vs actual income and expenditure. Overall the operational expenditure over the year shows a negative variance of \$44,000.

Members were concerned about the variance in the amount of water used vs the amount which has been billed for compared to the previous year. This variance has also doubled in the past two months. The lines are currently checked manually once a month, and questions were raised as to whether online monitoring could be undertaken more frequently.

Mr Miller offered to complete a reconciliation report.

Members were pleased that the previous recommendations to upgrade the middle pump station had delivered power savings of around 25% as stated by Mr van Bussel.

Mr Miller updated the members regarding the proposed cost for the energy audit. After consulting with Ivan Fraser, the costs was able to be reduced from \$9,800 + GST to \$7,600 + GST. He also had a discussion with EECA, and managed to obtain a 40% subsidy from them.

The Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee have made a decision to approve the electricity audit by Ivan Fraser for the Hunterville Rural Water Supply.

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

A presentation was provided at the meeting by David Miller. A survey was sent to 450 properties, which resulted in 77 surveys being completed, and 45 interviews conducted. The result showed that there is a large demand for more water. With this information, they put together a prefeasibility high level study, including cost estimates, which outlines three options to be able to supply more water to the region. The options were to either upgrade the intakes and pumps, remove Hunterville Township from the Scheme, or remove the southern zone. The report showed the estimated costs per option, as well as costs for combining the options.

This was positively received by the members. It showed no additional costs to existing shareholders, as costs will be covered by new participants into the scheme. A report completed by the government was mentioned by Mr J McManaway, as it showed that famers that have stock water are more profitable.

Next steps would be to drill down and come up with more accurate costs.

11 Late Items

None

12 Next Meeting

Monday 4 December 2017, 3.00 pm

13 Meeting Closed

4.31 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: