



Rangitikei District Council

Hunternville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 28 May 2018 – 4:00 pm

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Present: Mr Brett Journeaux
Mr Bob Crawford
Mr Sam Weston
Cr Dean McManaway

In attendance: Mr George McIrvine, Finance and Business Support Group Manager
Mr Andy van Bussel, Operations Manager
Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number

18/HRWS/015

File Ref

That the apologies of Mr Bernie Hughes, Mr Paul Peterson, and Mr Mark Dawson be accepted

Mr S Weston / Mr Bob Crawford. Carried

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 were no changes to the order of business

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number

18/HRWS/016

File Ref

3-CT-3-2

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 9 April 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr B Crawford / Cr Dean McManaway. Carried

6 Chair's Report

The Chair did not have anything new to report.

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

Council approved the rural water rates increase from \$247 (excl GST) to \$275 (excl GST) and that the Hunterville urban rates increase by CPI only.

There was no further comment from the Committee.

8 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

Increase in water being pumped:

Mr van Bussel addressed the Committee:

- The increase in water being pumped is mainly due to leaks, no further investigation has been held.
- Work on the leaks is currently underway.
- Since repairs have begun, the volume of water being pumped has decreased, and is now even lower than 2017 for the same period.

Estimated power savings:

Mr McIrvine stated that the estimated costs savings of having Hunterville Urban removed from the scheme would be approximately \$20,000-\$21,000. Water usage from Hunterville Urban decreased considerably when the meters were installed. Water charges caused people to address the water leaks.

9 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Mr van Bussel spoke to the report, highlighting:

- Horrocks line has now been commissioned.
- Middle pump station tank straightening work will commence 29 May 2018.
- On 9 May a lightning strike at the Otairi Pump Station damaged the PLC and controls. The excess is too high to claim on insurance for repairs.
- Lightning has damaged 2 flow meters, which could cost up to \$4,000 to repair. Looking at options to prevent this in the future, potentially using a lead cell battery or a lightning rod.

Undertaking	Subject	Water usage tables
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For Mr McIrvine/Mr Sargent to supply 2015 and 2016 tables showing m³ of water usage/supplied, so the Committee can have a three year trend.

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That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations reports' dated March and April 2018 be received.

Mr S Weston / Mr J McManaway. Carried

10 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Financial Report

Mr McIrvine spoke to the report:

- General rates and operational expenditure are currently over budget, mainly caused by electricity costs and MDC charges for repairs.
- Metered revenue is down, but this will correct itself once the next cycle of bills goes out (due May 2018).

Resolved minute number	18/HRWS/018	File Ref	3-CT-3-1
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That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Financial report for the 9 months ending March 2018' be received.

Mr S Weston / Mr B Crawford. Carried

11 EECA audit of power use

Mr McIrvine noted the Audit did not show any opportunity to save a lot of money.

Mr van Bussel stated that the Audit does not have any new suggestions for water saving either. The report did not touch on time of use pumping as requested. Mr van Bussel feels the Committee needs

to push the use of restrictors, and ensure that people are being billed for all of the water they are using.

Undertaking	Subject	quotes
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Mr van Bussel to provide quotes for pipework, and for second pump installation.		
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12 Late Items

As accepted in item 4.

The Committee had a discussion around the possible impacts from removal of Hunterville Urban from the scheme, should the bore be installed.

13 Next Meeting

6 August 2018, 4.00 pm

14 Meeting Closed

5.05 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: