

MINUTES

HUNTERVILLE RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 21 June 2021

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present: Mr Sam Weston
Mr Bob Crawford
Mr Mark Dawson
Mr Bernie Hughes
Mr John McManaway
Mr Patrick Henderson
Cr Richard Lambert
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Arno Benadie, Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager
Mr Ivan O'Reilly, Reticulation Serviceman
Mr Danny Le Mar, Manager Financial Services
Mr Girish Meher, Team Leader – Financial Services
Ms Tania Whale, Finance Officer - Revenue
Cr Fi Dalgety
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

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Tombs will provide the Committee with a report detailing cash-in and cash-out, with the cash balance. He acknowledged that it was a complicated issue and that the investigation findings should help to make matters clearer.

Mr McManaway raised an issue with capital items that are contributing to the internal loan. It is unclear how these are comprised.

The Committee determined that they would not receive the report until the investigation had been completed and updated financial information was presented.

Recommendation

That the report 'Huntermville Rural Water Scheme Financial Statements and Commentary for the year ended 31 May 2021 (Condensed)' be received.

Left to lie.

10 Late Item - Purchase of new pumps

Mr van Bussell advised the Committee that they may want to consider replacement of the two KSB pumps. These pumps are unreliable, do not start up very well and cannot pump enough water. The estimate cost for replacement would be \$50,000 each. Staff would also tidy up the pipe work in the process. It would take between five and six months to receive the pumps from overseas.

The Committee was hesitant to approve this before receiving the findings back from the external consultant and clarifying the Committee's funds. However, due to the time it will take for the pumps to be delivered from overseas, and wishing to obtain them prior to summer, they agreed that staff should order them now. Mr van Bussell will email confirmed costings and timings to the Committee via email.

The Mayor advised that Council is ordering pumps for another party and could look into pooling the orders (e.g. bulk order) to save on costs. Mr Benadie will look into this and determine if it is feasible.

Resolved minute number

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That the Committee gives its approval to Mr van Bussell to order pumps for the middle and top pump stations.

Cr Lambert/Mr Dawson. Carried

11 Late Item - Three Waters Reform

Mr Weston requested an update from the Mayor on the Three Waters Reform. The Mayor advised that the reform was planned to be implemented via a voluntary process. Council had yet to decide if they would opt-out of the reforms, as there was not yet enough information available from central government. The 2021-31 Long Term Plan is working on the assumption that water assets remain

under Council control. The Mayor also noted that all water assets will come under new regulations from central government, that will require all water to be treated. There is no possibility of separating urban and rural water in regards to new regulations and participation in the reforms. The Mayor commented that it is possible that central government will make it mandatory for local authorities to join the reforms.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Committee held on 20 September 2021.

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Chairperson