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HUNTERVILLE RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 21 June 2021

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Rangitīkei District Council

46 High Street

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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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1 Welcome

Mr Weston noted that Mr Sam Duncan and Mr Patrick Henderson were now members of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Committee.

2 Apologies

The Committee acknowledged the absence of Mr Beggs (the Chief Executive).

- 3 Public Forum
- 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations
- 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr Tombs advised that the Finance team were waiting on findings from an external consultants investigation. These findings will help to clarify historical financial anomalies for the Committee. Mr Tombs will forward these findings to the Committee, once available.

The Committee advised that there was an expectation that unconfirmed minutes would be emailed to Committee members shortly after a meeting concluded, in order to provide them with sufficient time to review the document. This had not been completed by staff for the March meeting. Staff confirmed that future minutes documents will be forwarded to Committee members as soon as they were ready for review.

Resolved minute number 21/HRWS/005

That the minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee meeting held on 15 March 2021 [without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr McManaway/Cr Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from previous Hunterville Rural Water Supply Meetings

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from previous Hunterville Rural Water Supply Meetings' be received.

Left to lie.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2021

Mr Weston advised that he knows an individual that the Committee may be able to sell surplus units of water to.

Resolved minute number

21/HRWS/006

That the 'Chair's Report – June 2021' be received.

Mr Weston/Mr McManaway. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Hunterville Rural Water Supply - Operations Report

Mr van Bussell advised that the liner in the Wairata Tank has been replaced. Costs for this will come under maintenance.

Resolved minute number

21/HRWS/007

That that 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report' to the 01 June 2021 Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee be received.

Mr Weston/Mr Hughes. Carried

9.2 Hunterville Rural Water Scheme - Financial Statement and Commentary for the year ended 31 May 2021 (Condensed)

In response to queries from Committee members, Mr Meher advised that accumulated depreciation disappears from financial statements once an asset is re-valued, revaluation being at depreciated replacement cost. Upon completion of the external consultants investigation, Mr

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 'Hunterville 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 21/HRWS/008

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 Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee held on 20 September 2021.
Chairperson