

MINUTES

HUNTERVILLE RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 21 November 2022

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present Mr Sam Weston
Mr Mark Dawson
Mr Bernie Hughes
Mr John McManaway
Cr Richard Lambert
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance Cr Greg Maughan
Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Mr Ivan O'Reilly, Reticulation Serviceman
Mr Steven Parkinson, Reticulation Serviceman
Mr Andrew Van Bussell, Reticulation Serviceman
Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to CE (Zoom)
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/026

Apologies have been received from Patrick Henderson and Bob Crawford.

John McManaway has advised he would be late.

Cr R Lambert/Mr M Dawson. Carried

3 Public Forum

Nil.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Nil.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Simon Taylor has provided a letter from his lawyer which shall be included in late items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/027

That the minutes of Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 28 September 2022 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr R Lambert/Mr S Weston. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

There have been no major updates to these actions since the previous meeting.

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/028

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

Cr R Lambert/Mr M Dawson. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - November 2022

The report was noted.

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/029

That the 'Chair's Report – November 2022' be received.

Mr M Dawson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Huntermville RWS - 2022/23 Financial Summary

Mr Tombs will follow up on any outstanding debtors.

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/030

That the report 'Huntermville RWS – 2022/23 Financial Summary' be received.

Mr S Weston/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.2 Rural water supplies-options under the Government's three waters reform programme

Mr Hodder took the committee through the report. There is uncertainty with rural water supply from central government, they have set up a working group specifically for the issues, which include the new regulations for drinking water and the mixed use of water from rural water supplies.

The committee acknowledged that there is mixed water usage and therefore it is a waste of resources investigating this. It does mean that the committee is subject to the requirements set by the Water Services Regulator. The Water Services Regulator has approved other solutions but the committee referenced other schemes and the costs associated with this.

The committee is aware that if the supply stayed with Council there would be a loss of expertise as staff will transition to the new entity. Council is able to provide administrative support providing rate invoices and setting levy rates. Mr Tombs would be the best to advise on the financial impact of the scheme staying with Council. The committee acknowledged the need for Council expertise to

keep tabs on specific titles. The entity will have to subcontract because they won't have the expertise either.

The committee were concerned regarding the 75% vote and that it needs better clarification whether voting is weighted to units owned or individuals who are a part of the scheme. Mr Hodder stated it was likely equal vote to those in the scheme.

There is an urgency to remove Huntermville Township from the scheme and there have been issues finding a formal agreement between the rural water supply and the township. There needs to be clear communication with the township regarding three waters and what this will mean for the township regarding who will be supplying the water and the rates costs for this.

The Committee recommended a report to Council early in the new year to investigate withdrawing from the entity.

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/031

That the memo (and attached briefing paper) 'Rural water supplies – options under the Government's three waters reform programme' be received

That The Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee recommends to Council that it undertakes following next steps:

- a. Get clarification from the National Transition Unit whether the provision of water to the town of Huntermville will be deemed a separate supply (and managed by the Western Central Services Entity) with the supply to farmers deemed a separate supply;
- b. if the supply to farmers on the Huntermville scheme is found to be 'mixed use' *and* if the National Transition Unit deems the supply to farmers on the Huntermville scheme is a separate supply, decide (in consultation with scheme members) whether this portion of the Huntermville scheme is to be put forward as an exception to automatic transfer to the Western Central Services Entity.

Mr S Weston/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.3 Operations Report-November 2022

Mr Steven Parkinson was introduced to the committee as a new water technician.

The committee questioned whether there are a number of fixes or costs that will continue. Mr Van Bussell and Mr O'Reilly stated these are ad hoc fixes as there are some areas that have been poorly installed or use of incorrect materials over the decades.

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/032

That the 'Huntermville Rural Water Supply - Operations Report' to the 1 November 2022 Huntermville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee be received and the two projects stated in 2.4 and 2.5 proceed.

Mr J McManaway/Mr S Weston. Carried

10. Late Items

Mr Taylor has requested a water unit as this was promised during the purchase of his property. John stated that this has not occurred since we only allow two units at a time. The land is now owned by Mt Hui holdings.

Defer this item to the next meeting. Council will provide evidence and look into their records and write back on behalf of the committee.

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/033

That Fi Dalgety join the HRWS committee.

Mr S Weston/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/HRWS/034

That the committee receive the tabled letter from Simon Taylor regarding units.

That the committee request Council to reply to Mr Taylor requesting evidence that the HRWS committee approved the transfer of one unit from Mr Willis prior to purchase

Cr R Lambert/Mr M Dawson. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.51pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on .

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Chairperson