

MINUTES

HUNTERVILLE RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 7 April 2025

Time: 4.00pm

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 Sam Duncan
Mr Shane Voelkerling
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Fi Dalgety (Zoom)
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Mr Andrew Van Bussell, Water Supply Specialist
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.59pm and welcomed the new committee member, Shane Voelkerling.

2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Cr Maughan was in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/008

That the minutes of Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025 **as amended** 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.

Mr B Crawford/Mr J McManaway. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

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

Item 1 – Asset Register

The asset register was tabled at the meeting by Mr Van Bussell.

Mr Van Bussell will investigate Scada versions and whether this will continue to be provided to the scheme or if an updated version is required.

Ms Macdonald undertook to advise on insurance for individual assets, noting that assets that are currently not in the asset register are not insured.

Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/009

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

Mr B Crawford/Cr R Lambert. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - April 2025

Mr Weston spoke at the water reform bill hearing and spoke of this to the committee.

Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/010

That the 'Chair's Report – April 2025' be received.

Mr S Weston/Mr M Dawson. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Huntermville RWS - 2024/25 YTD Financial Summary

Mr Pedley responded to questions that the rating units is \$353. 14 which is GST inclusive, and the township is \$348.48. Mr Pedley undertook to include the charges for the water units as part of the financial reporting.

The committee spoke of concerns if they were to put the rates up when there is a cash reserve how can the committee justify the increase especially with the risk that the Local Water Done Well may mean cash reserves are held by a separate entity. The committee noted that there is some potential maintenance work that may need to be completed this year, and the cost of the viaduct is unknown.

Budget

The budget remains largely unchanged, however noting that the Scada may impact on operational expenses.

The finance team have reviewed the power costs to align as best as possible however nothing is guaranteed if these will be actual costs.

Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/011

That the report 'HRWS Financial Summary as at 28 February 2025 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Mr B Crawford. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/012

That the 2025/26 Water Rate to stay the same as current financial year be approved.

Mr B Crawford/Mr M Dawson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/013

That the 2025/26 draft budget be amended with an increase of the capital budget to \$75,000, as detailed in the 'HRWS Financial Summary as at 28 February 2025 be received and approved.

Cr R Lambert/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Hunternville Rural Water Scheme Operations Report

Mr Van Bussell highlighted that any unit transfers require a letter to the Chair as a correct process, without this the units cannot be transferred across.

KiwiRail have accepted the design and the costs for this will come to a future meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/014

That the 'Hunternville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report February 2025' to the Hunternville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee be received.

Cr R Lambert/Mr B Crawford. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.58pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Hunternville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 9 June 2025.

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Chairperson