

MINUTES

HUNTERVILLE RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 10 August 2026

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Mr Sam Weston
Mr Sam Duncan
Mr John McManaway
Mr Shane Voelkerling
HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Fi Dalgety

In attendance

Mr Andrew van Bussel, Water Supply Specialist
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Mr Jaden Bustard, Reticulation Technician
Ms Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Policy Analyst
Mr Brent Manning, Consultant – B Spoke Engineering Solutions

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1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 4.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/021

That the apologies from Mr Bob Crawford and Mr Mark Dawson be received.

Mr S Weston/Mr J McManaway. Carried

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

Mr Manning provided a verbal update regarding the next steps surrounding Central Districts Water handover within Item 9.2 Operations Report – August 2026.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr Manning raised the miswording of Taumata Arowai as Territorial Authority in the bottom paragraph of page 12. He also raised the misphrasing at the beginning of Page 13 – compliance is required by 2030.

Mr McManaway requested that future minutes refer to him by name regarding issues he raises.

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/022

That the minutes of Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2026 **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 J McManaway/Mr S Voelkerling. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items

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

The report was received. The action items are discussed in the Operations Report.

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/023

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

Mr S Weston/Mr S Duncan. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2026

The Chair gave a verbal report, highlighting that Hunternville Rural Water Supply will be required to comply with the rules from Taumata Arowai and this process is going to require some work.

The Chair also raised concern that the process of unit transfers needs looking into as there is a large allocation of units being banked and not used, whether this is to increase capital value or for future use is not clear.

Members discussed revisiting the Scheme's guidelines as it has been a long time since they were established. Mr McManaway highlighted that this could help with recent issues such as pipes being damaged during construction.

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/024

That the Chair's Report – August 2026 be received.

Mr S Weston/Mr S Duncan. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Hunternville RWS - Financial Summary - June 2026

Mr Pedley spoke to the report, highlighting that expenditure is in line with actual contract rates.

Members raised concerns over the \$47,000 'wash up' charges. Mr Pedley confirmed that this was from the contract changeover period between April and June 2025 where there was dispute between providers and pumping stations. These charges would have been the same rates if being charged at the right time and had to catch up eventually.

Mr McManaway raised concern over the quality of the electricity contract and the absence of consultation with members regarding its establishment. Mr Pedley confirmed that the contract was sourced through Council's standard procedure of sourcing external contractors and was approved by Council. The contract will be ending in March 2028. Mr Pedley advised that next year's costs are contracted to come down.

Members raised concerns over the amount of staff costs. Mr van Bussel confirmed this was due to staff training and is projected to halve next year.

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/025

That the report 'HRWS Financial Summary – June 2026' be received by the Huntermville Rural Water Scheme Committee.

Mr S Duncan/Mr J McManaway. Carried

9.2 Operations Report - August 2026

The report was taken as read.

The next steps considering the upcoming water management changes were discussed and noted as urgent. Members discussed the need for consultation and documentation regarding drinking water status regulation, the potential options of outsourcing this consultation or taking on this task as a Committee and that connection locations need to be established first.

Mr Manning affirmed that the requirements of drinking water regulation is to do everything you can to reduce risk of contamination. This includes good source water, water source management plans, water safety plan (this covers operational staff, treatment regimes or treatment at the point of supply (households)).

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/026

That the report Operations Report – August 2026 be received.

Mr S Weston/Mr S Voelkerling. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/027

That the Huntermville Rural Water Supply Committee approves that work be completed on the Top pumping station tank to replace the roof, straighten walls and restrain wires at a total cost of \$23,357.00 + GST.

Cr F Dalgety/Mr S Voelkerling. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/028

That the Huntermville Rural Water Supply Committee approves that work be completed to replace roof on Middle pumping station at a cost of \$19,545.00 + GST to be delegated to the Chair Sam Weston.

Cr F Dalgety/Mr S Voelkerling. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/HRWS/029

That the Huntermville Rural Water Supply Committee approves minor pipe work and pipe restraints to continue to be repaired by Rangitikei District Council staff.

Mr S Weston/Mr S Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.29pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 12 October 2026.

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Chairperson