

# **MINUTES**

# Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee Meeting Tuesday, 20 April 2021

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# MINUTES OF RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL OMATANE RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TAIHAPE TOWN HALL, 90 HAUTAPU STREET, TAIHAPE ON TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2021 AT 3.00 PM

**Present:** Mr Lance Kelly, Mr Luke Bird, Mr Neil Gregory, Mr Richie Law, Mr Alex McKay,

Ms Ruth McKay, Cr Gill Duncan.

**In Attendance:** Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services Mr Girish Meher, Financial Services - Team leader Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager

Ms Rochelle Baird, Administration

#### 1 Welcome

Mr Kelly opened the meeting at 3:02pm.

#### 2 Apologies

#### **Resolved minute number**

#### 21/ORWS/001

That the apologies from His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Mr Andrew Ramsay and Mr Arno Benadie, Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure be accepted.

Mr McKay/Cr Duncan. Carried

#### **3** Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

#### 4 Confirmation of Order of Business

Mr Beggs asked to speak and said it was evident there is room for improvement for reports for the rural water schemes and that Michael Hodder is now investigating all historical records of the schemes so that anyone coming in will know the history including maintenance and depreciation of assets. Mr McKay asked if there is a record of materials used, heights, distances, flushing valves, maps etc. Mr van Bussel said there should be in the archives the original design "as built". Mr Tombs said the main focus at this stage is assets and finances. Mr Gregory asked if the bylaws and rules were up to date, and said he

had an original book as well as the change of rule book. Mr Beggs advised the committee to let council know what they would like to see in the report.

#### 5 Confirmation of Minutes

#### Resolved minute number

#### 21/ORWS/002

That the minutes of the Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee Meeting held on 11 November 2020 be confirmed.

Mr McKay/Cr Duncan. Carried

#### 6 Reports for Decision

#### **6.1** Proposed rate for 2021/22

Mr Kelly asked what would be the advice from finance for the proposed rate. Mr Meher said at this stage the amount could stay the same, unless there is some future maintenance to do. Mr van Bussel said if the committee decided to get a new telemetry expenses could increase. Mr Kelly asked if Horizons would cover that cost, Mr van Bussel would look into it.

#### **Resolved minute number**

#### 21/ORWS/003

That the proposed rate is \$72.84 per cubic meter, but to be reviewed in November

Mr Kelly/Mr McKay. Carried

## 7 Reports for Information

#### 7.1 Financial Statements and Commentary for the 8 months ended 28 February 2021

Mr Meher spoke to his report and said he had kept the report the same as the previous financial reports but asked the members what would they like to see in the report. Mr Meher explained that he is looking into the general rate and why it was received in 2017/18 and 2018/19. Mr Gregory said he would go through all the information he had and would let Mr Meher know. Mr Meher explained the public good rate and that it was used to balance the budget. Mr Kelly asked for justification of the costings from the services provided from Council. Mr Kelly also asked if the scheme is a utility as he was told at another council meeting that it was not. Mr Meher said he believed that councils were to consider schemes as a utility and he would look into it further. Mr Tombs said they hoped the initial review of the scheme would be done in the next two months.

Mr van Bussel asked when was the last time restrictors were looked at. Mr Gregory said when the scheme was built it was done at a cheaper option and feared more damage would be done if any investigation was done.

#### **Resolved minute number**

#### 21/ORWS/004

That a report is available at the next meeting of all users of the scheme.

Mr van Bussel/Mr Gregory. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number**

#### 21/ORWS/005

That the report 'Financial Statements and Commentary for the 8 months ended 28 February 2021' be received.

Mr Kelly/Mr McKay. Carried

#### 7.2 Operations Report

Mr Bird said most members are doing their own maintenance now. Mr Kelly suggested nominating two people to be in charge of maintenance, Ms McKay said she would help Mr Kelly and Mr Gregory offered to help if needed.

#### 7.3 Water Managers Report

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report and said the flow meter needs recalibrating and that he was getting a quote from Alf Downs and will on charge the costs to Horizons. He also asked Horizons to make contact if the data stops coming in. Mr Kelly asked why did the Horizons and RDC information vary. Mr van Bussel said he is having similar issues elsewhere and is looking into it. He said there is better equipment available now and could source quotes if the committee was interested. Mr McKay asked if this cost would be covered from Horizons, Mr van Bussel would look into it.

#### Resolved minute number

#### 21/ORWS/006

That the tabled Water Managers Report be received.

Mr van Bussel/Cr Duncan. Carried

## 8 Members/Questions

Ms McKay had investigated a radar system that is placed on the tanks and indicates a leak or low water with an alert system every 6 hours, an estimate was \$780 per tank and an ongoing cost of \$97 per year but it would save a lot of time looking for a leak. Mr Kelly said it would be good to look at for individual farmers.

Mr McKay thanked council staff for their effort in finally getting the answers that they have been asking for.

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# 9 Next Meeting

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The Meeting closed at 4:25pm.

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Chairperson