



Rangitikei District Council

Hunternville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 7 February 2011 – 6:40 p.m.

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Present: Bob Crawford, Chair
Mark Grace
Mark Dawson
Bernie Hughes
Paul Peterson
Brett Journeaux
Sam Weston
Cr Dean McManaway

In Attendance: Colin Anderson (RDC)
Andrew van Bussel (RDC)
Christine Godetz (RDC, minutes)

Apologies: Maurice Rowe
John McManaway for lateness

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **11/HRWS/001** **File Ref**

That the apologies of M Rowe and J McManaway (for lateness) be received.

Brett Journeaux/Mark Paterson. Carried

3 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **11/HRWS/002** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 6 December 2010 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Brett Journeaux / Paul Peterson. Carried

4 Financial report

Debtors are down to the last \$500 from \$1700 at the previous meeting. All have been sent notices, had 10% added on and Kevin Moody has advised them of disconnections, which will happen this month if not paid.

Andrew van Bussel confirmed treatment costs refer to chlorine costs.

The Committee felt that a Financial Statement up to October 2010 was not acceptable and required more up to date information.

The meeting discussed the May deadline for submissions regarding the utilities rates and would make sure their submission was in on time. Rangitikei and Manawatu are the only two councils currently charging such water schemes. Sam Weston asked if any refund could be backdated. Meeting felt this was not likely.

The meeting was very pleased that electricity costs for the last four months are down.

Andrew van Bussel advised the meeting that Steve Rostron had been made redundant and a new person was starting in March. The Committee requested a meeting with the new financial staff and hoped to have more detailed and up to date financial report by the next meeting.

Resolved minute number **11/HRWS/003** **File Ref**

That a meeting be arranged to include Bob Crawford, Sam Weston and one other Hunterville

Rural Water Scheme Committee Member, with Kerry Parkins (Financial Services Team Leader) and the new Financial Controller so that the Committee can make clear their requirements regarding future financial reporting to the Committee.

Sam Weston / Brett Journeaux. Carried

Resolved minute number **11/HRWS/004** **File Ref**

That the very limited Hunterville Rural Water Supply Financial Statement July-October 2010 be received.

Brett Journeaux /Sam Weston. Carried

5 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Council is looking into the condition of the Ohingaiti line pipe. Sam Weston felt it was the pressure that keeps going. Tension, incline and movement in the pipe are also a problem, especially as it is PVC. Colin Anderson will bring costs for the replacement of the pipe to the next meeting as this is a constant problem area.

John McManaway arrived 7.05pm.

John Henderson (end of line) has been without water on two or three occasions. Kevin Moody investigated and found a number of restrictors had been removed. He has spoken to those responsible but the meeting agreed the removal of restrictors is not acceptable especially when this resulted in users further down the line had no water.

Pipe renewals and flow meter invoices had still not been received.

The Committee discussed in depth the removal of restrictors being done without notification. It was felt anyone caught doing so should be locked out of the scheme or very heavily fined. Andrew van Bussel confirmed that some farmers do call in desperation when there is no water to the house so we do need option for them to be able to pull out a restrictor and then reinstate it the next day. If farmers rang in first it would not be so much of a problem. Bob Crawford will draft a relevant letter and email to the rest of the Committee for comment before sending to all those on the scheme.

Bob Crawford confirmed he has requested in the newsletter that we get all scheme users' email addresses so that Council can notify all of any emergencies, water problems etc. in a timely manner.

Resolved minute number **11/HRWS/005** **File Ref**

HRWS recommends that all Hunterville Rural Water Scheme participants maintain a minimum of 48 hours water storage on farm. This storage capacity is to be in the configuration of two independent 24 hour volumes and will become mandatory by

December 2011.

Sam Weston /Brett Journeaux. Carried unanimously

This will prevent the total loss in the event of an on-farm leak and will allow for recovery over a 24 hour period thus avoiding the need to remove restrictors during the filling process.

Andrew van Bussel confirmed there was no emphasis on Hunterville Rural Water Scheme to guarantee a water supply.

Colin Anderson explained the treatment renewal budget. Such budgets are generally set two years in advance. It is difficult to increase an amount once set therefore a slightly higher figure is entered which makes money available if needed. The budget is usually set by Council in June.

Resolved minute number **11/HRWS/006** **File Ref**

That the operations report to the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee's meeting of 7 February 2011 be received.

John McManaway / Mark Grace. Carried

6 General business

None

7 Next meeting

2 May 2011

8 Meeting closed

7.50pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____