



Rangitikei District Council

Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 11 May 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

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Present: Mr J Gilbert, Chairperson
Mr P Batley
Mrs M Mako
Cr E Cherry

In Attendance: Mr C Anderson, Water Manager, RDC
Mr A Van Bussel, Operations Manager
Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing
Mrs S Srhoj, Administration

1 Apologies

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

That the apologies from Mr G Duncan, Mr B Thomas and Mr J Bird for absence be accepted.

J Gilbert/P Batley. Carried

2 Confirmation Minutes

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

That the minutes of the Erehon Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee meeting held on 9th February 2011, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting

P Batley/J Gilbert. Carried

3 Matters Arising

Mr Gilbert said that he had been unable to liaise with Mr Bird in order to organise the 30 year celebration. Mr Anderson advised that Taihape Office staff could assist with the preparations for this event. This matter to be discussed further at the next ERWS meeting when a full committee would be present.

4 Engineers Report

There was some discussion on the Water Managers report. Mr Anderson said that all renewals were now complete. He advised that a good proportion of the water debt had been paid off.

Mr Smith tabled quotes for the proposed renewal programme. He said that there would be at least a 3 percent monthly increase in pipe and materials.

In order to avoid confusion Mr Van Bussel asked that Mr Smith describe the pipe using the inside diameter rather than the outside diameter.

The Committee were keen to accept the quotes in order to avoid future petrol and material price increases. There was some discussion on getting the materials placed on site. It was hoped that work could be done on one of the lines in December subject to weather conditions. Mr Smith said that he could get the machine into the flat paddock at Mangaohane and leave the rolled out pipe up against the fence. This would hopefully discourage the stock from getting into it.

Mr Van Bussel was unsure if the funds could be drawn until after 1st July 2011. Mr Smith to ask if the suppliers could wait for payment until then.

Resolved minute number **11/ERWS/007** **File Ref**

That the Engineers Report, be received.

J Gilbert/P Batley. Carried

Resolved minute number **11/008** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Plumbing Ltd quotes for the Erewhon Water Scheme Pipeline renewals be accepted subject to being able to make payment in July 2011.

J Gilbert/P Batley. Carried

5 Financial Report

Members queried the Operational Costs External Contractor as this included invoices from AF McKenzie for unknown products. Mr Van Bussel suggested that staff had probably used the wrong GL code. Mr Smith to look into this matter.

Resolved minute number **11/ERWS/009** **File Ref**

That the Statement of Operations: July 2010 – February 2011, be received subject to further investigations into the invoices received from AF McKenzie.

J Gilbert/P Batley. Carried.

6 Members Questions/Reports

Mr Gilbert asked that the proposed increase in the Taihape Plumbing Annual Charge out rate be placed on the next Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee Agenda for further discussion due to the lack of committee members being present.

Mr Gilbert had received a letter from Horizons re water take compliance. He asked that the letter be sent out with the minutes.

Mr Smith outlined how he had managed to increase the water flow on the Batley line. Mr Van Bussel said they would have to be vigilant in making sure that the water pressure is kept up. He asked Mr Smith to check the restrictor on the main line. Mr Gilbert said that there was quite a bit of sediment in this line. Mr Smith advised that they would open up the marac and let it run in order to flush it.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Erehon Rural Water Supply Scheme Sub-Committee will be on 10th August 2011.

8 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 4.45pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____