



Rangitikei District Council

Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 3 September 2008 – 3:10 p.m.

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Present;

Mr L Kelly, Chairperson
Mr L Bird
Mr N Gregory
Mr D Hammond
Mr A McKay
Mr J Platts
Mr A Ramsay
Councillor E Cherry

In Attendance

Mr Mr C Anderson, Water Manager
Ms R Baird, Administration

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/001

That the apologies from Mr J Taylor for absence be accepted.

Mr Gregory/Mr Bird. Carried

2 Election of Chairperson

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/002

That Mr Lance Kelly be reinstated as chairperson.

Mr Gregory/Mr Hammond. Carried

3 Minutes of Meeting

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/003

That the Minutes of the Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2007, as presented, be taken as read and verified as a true record.

Mr McKay/Mr Gregory. Carried

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Privatisation

Mr Kelly asked Mr Anderson if \$10,000 was a relevant figure to privatise the scheme? Mr Anderson said he thought the process would be expensive due to legal and administration

costs. Cr Cherry said there would be on-going costs and the scheme would need to employ a secretary and treasurer.

5 Water Manager's Report

Mr Colin Anderson, Water Manager, introduced himself to the committee.

Mr Anderson said the Council had received the final account from Horizons for the Resource Consent, which cost approximately \$3600.00. Mr Anderson said he had contacted Horizons for an itemized account as the amount seemed excessive.

Mr Anderson said there was a typing error in the report, the excess for the LAPP insurance is \$42,000. Mr Anderson said if there was a need to make a claim due to weather damage the claim could be combined with ERWS.

Mr Anderson stated that the draft Rural Water Supply By Law is up for review and would come out tomorrow. Cr Cherry said the committee would need to read it and then put submissions in.

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/004

That the Water Managers Report be accepted.

Mr McKay/Mr Platts. Carried

6 Scheme Overseer's Report

Mr Bird gave a verbal report. Hours spent on the scheme: Mr Bird 16 hours, Mr Hammond 7 hours and Mr Mike Barber 3 hours.

Mr Bird said he had checked the intake with Mr Barber in August last year. There was a break on Birds line in November and the intake was cleaned last month.

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/005

That the Scheme Overseer's Report be accepted.

Mr Bird/Mr Hammond. Carried

7 Financial Report

Mr Anderson said that a Fish Survey had been done on the scheme as this was a requirement from Horizons. There were no fish present. The flow meter had been installed.

Mr Kelly asked if there was a break on the line and the demand was exceeded would there be penalties? Mr Anderson said as long as Horizons were contacted and the break was fixed promptly he did not think the scheme would be penalised. Mr Kelly asked would it be possible for Horizons to contact the scheme members if their monitoring showed a break? Mr Anderson said he did not know how often Horizons were monitoring the line and thought

Horizons could charge for the service of contacting members. Mr Anderson would make enquiries to Horizons. Mr Anderson also suggested the option of setting up a cellphone that sends text messages to members if the line had a break but advised the cost was expensive.

Mr Kelly commented on the deficit amount in the financial report, which did not include the account from Horizons for the Resource Consent. Mr Gregory suggested the committee as a one off, double the rate for this rating year. Mr Kelly said this would only cover our deficit and not the account from Horizons.

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/006

That the Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee reaffirms to the Rangitikei District Council that the Omatane Rural Water Supply rate be doubled for the 2008/09 year.

Mr Gregory/Mr Bird. Carried

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/007

That the Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee agree to an extra one-off payment of the Omatane Rural Water Supply rate equal to last years rate.

Mr McKay/Mr Gregory. Carried

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/008

That the Statement of Operations 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, as presented, be received.

Mr Gregory/Mr Ramsay. Carried.

8 Member's Reports and Questions

8.1 Aerial Photographs

Mr Anderson tabled aerial photographs of an overview of the scheme, and asked all members to make note of any alterations or additions. Mr Gregory asked if maps could be sent to all members not present at the meeting. Mr Anderson handed over two extra copies to Mr Kelly who would pass onto absent members. Mr Gregory said when the tanks were put in there was a coding system. Mr Gregory said he would go through his old maps and send Mr Anderson any updates.

9.2 ORWS Contingency Fund

Mr Kelly said it had been suggested at a previous meeting that the committee have a contingency fund and asked members for their opinions.

Mr Gregory said if there was a major cost to the scheme he thought the Rangitikei District Council would be able to raise the funds as a loan. He did not think a contingency fund would have enough money to cover. Mr Gregory said if there was major work to be done would the committee consider asking other landowners if they would like to be part of the scheme, which would lower costs. He said that in the beginning other landowners were sceptical but may reconsider.

Mr McKay said the insurance policy should be suffice to cover a major expense. Mr Platts said a major problem would not necessarily mean a natural hazard, as the pipes are very old it could just be wear and tear. He said the scheme would have to take out a loan if that was the case.

Mr Ramsey thought a contingency fund would be good as there would be more maintenance needed due to the wear and tear. Mr Bird agreed with a contingency fund.

Mr Hammond would prefer to assess the fund as a year by year basis. He also questioned who would get the interest from the fund? Councillor Cherry said the scheme would.

Mr Kelly said he was undecided.

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/009

That the Rangitikei District Council investigate the pros and cons of a contingency fund for the Omatane Rural Water Supply and report back to the committee.

Cr Cherry/Mr Kelly. Carried

9 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved minute number: 08/ORWS/010

That the next meeting be held on 12 August 2009 at 3.00 pm.

Mr Kelly/Mr Gregory. Carried.

10 Meeting Closed

Meeting Closed 4.05 p.m.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____