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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 04.458

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Thursday, 22 July 2004 at 9.30 a.m.

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, and Southey.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, N Shakespeare, T Taylor, D Walker,
C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 307 Apology

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Benton)

That the apology from Mr McQueen be confirmed.

RSW 308 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the meeting.

RSW 309 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Long/Mr Benton)

(a) *That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 29 April 2004 (Report 04.284) be confirmed.*

Resolved (Cr Long/Mr Benton)

(b) *That the minutes of the meeting of the Orui Consent Sub-Committee held on 27 May 2004 (Report 04.373), be confirmed.*

Resolved (Cr Long/Mr Benton)

(c) *That the minutes of the Wairarapa Flood Damage Sub-Committee held on 27 May 2004 (Report 04.298) be confirmed.*

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 310 Review of District Council Sewage Monitoring Conditions

Report 04.419

File: WP/03/08/01

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Shields)

That the Committee endorses the proposed review of Wairarapa municipal wastewater monitoring conditions with the intention of incorporating the approach recommended in the NZ Wastewater Monitoring Guidelines.

RSW 311 Designations – Wairarapa District Plan

Report 04.412

File: WP/02/02/05

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

- (1) That the Committee approves the use of designations in the Wairarapa District Plan for key Greater Wellington assets.*
- (2) That staff be requested to further investigate the use of a bylaw to control activities on existing flood protection structures and report the findings back to this Committee.*

Cr McDavitt arrived at 9.44 am.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 312 Divisional Manager’s Report

Report 04.400

File: WS/08/05/01

Communications

A copy of the first of the proposed quarterly rural services newsletter was tabled for members information. This regular newsletter will cover topics of interest and relevance to the region’s rural landowners.

Bovine Tb – 2003/04 Programme Progress

A graph of year end figures outlining infected cattle herds in the Wellington region was tabled.

Mr O’Donnell said that the targeted figure for infected cattle and deer herds for the Wellington region had been 43 and it was pleasing to report that the total number achieved had been 22 resulting in a substantial reduction which had far exceeded all expectations.

Mr Dalziell expressed his thanks and appreciation to Committee members and staff for their attendance and excellent presentations given to the Animal Health Board at the time of their recent visit to the Wellington region. As a consequence of the issues and concerns presented, the Animal Health Board had since held a debrief. In terms of the graph presented and the the Animal Health Board’s focus to get a

national perspective, Mr Dalziell reported that infected cattle herds numbers for this region held opposite trends to Hawkes Bay and the West Coast regions where, in the latter case, infected herds had increased from 67 to 82 this year.

The Committee noted an increase in the spread of feral pigs in the region with evidence of releasing occurring, and a newsletter was seen as the best means of highlighting the associated risks with the spread of Tb.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 313 Status of Wairarapa Surface Water Takes

Report 04.415

File: WP/03/06/08

Stephen Thawley, Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Mr Benton took no part and did not vote on this item.

RSW 314 Status of Wairarapa Groundwater Takes

Report 04.417

File: WP/03/06/09

Stephen Thawley, Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Mr Benton took no part and did not vote on this item.

Morning tea: 11.00am

Resumed: 11.15am

Members agreed that the next item of business would be the public excluded report on the Grant of Lease – Section 98 Turanganui District – Turanganui River.

RSW 315 Public Excluded

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Cr Kirton)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Grant of Lease – Section 98 Turanganui District – Turanganui River

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:-

| <i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i> | <i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i> | <i>Ground under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i> |
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| <i>Grant of Lease – Section 98 Turanganui District - Turanganui River</i> | <i>To enable negotiations by the public authority without prejudice or disadvantage.</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (i.e. to enable negotiations by the public authority without prejudice or disadvantage).</i> |

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:-

Greater Wellington Regional Council – Rawahi Trust – Mr RH Warren

At 11.16am the meeting adjourned to the public excluded part of the meeting.

The open part of the meeting reconvened at 11.20am.

RSW 316 Financial Report for the Eleven Months to 31 May 2004

Report 04.

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 317 Soil Intactness Monitoring

Report 04.414

File: WO/03/06/05

Dave Cameron, Regional Land Management Officer, was present for the discussion on this item.

The Committee noted that in light of information on the flood damage that had occurred during the February flood event in the Manawatu region, it was considered timely for a greater promotion of soil conservation activities, particularly sustainability plans, for this region.

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Mr Benton)

That a request be made at the time of the Council's next LTCCP process for increased funding towards soil conservation and hill country erosion activities.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 318 Farm Environment Awards

Report 04.394

File: WO/03/06/07

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 319 **Decision – Appeal of Abatement Notice – I D Alexander**

Report 04.416

File: WP/03/02/03

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

That the report and decision be received and their contents noted.

RSW 320 **An Update on the Implementation of the Wetland Action Plan**

Report 04.406

File: WO/03/33/03

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 321 **Regional Council Input Into District Planning**

Report 04.

File: WP/02/14/02

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)

That the information be received.

RSW 322 **Resource Consents (Non Notified)**

Report 04.402

File: WP/03/06/01

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 323 **Catchment Works**

Report 04.407

File: WO/03/30/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 324 Questions

In response to a question, Cr Turver was advised that the rural services newsletters were to be produced on a quarterly basis to rural communities.

RSW 325 General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.35 am.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: