



Report 02.786

13 November 2002

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 12 November 2002, 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, McQueen and Southey.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 120 Apology

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the apology from Mr Dalziell be confirmed.

RSW 121 Public Participation

The Chairperson advised that Mr Joe Taylor had earlier indicated his intention to attend the meeting and wished to speak to Items 4 and 7 on the order paper. However, Mr Taylor had been held up.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That Mr Taylor be given the opportunity to speak during the meeting.

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.38 a.m.

RSW 122 Confirmation of Minutes

Matters Arising

Concerning RSW 112 - Proposed Moratorium on Groundwater Takes from the Kahutara Aquifer

Mr Benton commented that his reason for his dissension related to the moratorium being placed at a late stage on new or increased groundwater takes in the Kahutara sub-area of the Lower Valley groundwater zone because of a lack of information.

Concerning RSW 119 - Recognition Awards

Cr Turver enquired as to whether the Committee had commenced taking a leadership role to recognise outstanding contributions and assistance to Council activities by members of the public.

The Divisional Manager reported that the matter had been taken up with the Communications Manager.

Resolved

(Mr Benton/Mr Southey)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services & Wairarapa Committee held on 1 October 2002 (Report 02.655) be confirmed.

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 123 Board of Inquiry Report – National Pest Management Strategy (Bovine Tb)

Report 02.695

File: Y/4/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) That the Minister of Agriculture be advised that the Council is opposed to being legally bound to contribute to the National Strategy.*
- (2) That the Council seek to continue to be the Vector Management Agency for the Region.*

- (3) *That, if in the future the Council is not the Vector Management Agency for the Region, the Council will review its commitment to make rate funding available for vector control.*
- (4) *That discussions be held with the Animal Health Board to clarify flexibility arrangements within their general contestability requirements for vector control.*
- (5) *That officers report back to the Committee, if necessary, on the establishment of the Bovine Tb unit as a business unit.*
- (6) *That strong representation be made to the Animal Health Board to support AgQuality's continuation as the Disease Manager for the Region.*

RSW 124 Regional Pest Management Strategy – Annual Report 2001/02

Report 02.690

File: Y/19/0/4

The Committee agreed that key points from the Annual Report for the 2001/02 Operational Plan, and the Operational Plan 2002/03, be communicated to the media.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the Committee, as the delegated Management Agency, approves the Annual Report on the implementation of the 2001/02 Operational Plan for the Regional Pest Management Strategy.*
- (2) *That a copy of the Report be forwarded to the Minister of Biosecurity.*
- (3) *That the Report be made available for public inspection.*

RSW 125 Regional Pest Management Strategy – Operational Plan 2002/03

Report 02.689

File: Y/19/0/4

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Shields)

That the proposed Operational Plan 2002/03 for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022 be approved.

Morning tea: 10.45 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.00 a.m.

RSW 126 Proposed Dairy Industry Self-Management

Report 02.698

File: Y/21/1

Copies of Fonterra Co-operative's "Market Focused" document were tabled.

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the Committee notes and supports:

- (1) Fonterra Co-operative's scheme and its relationship to the Council's policies and practices.*
- (2) Staffs' awareness of the proposals and liaison, as appropriate, with development of the proposal.*
- (3) The need to monitor progress of the project with the aim of working together, as appropriate, in the future.*

Cr Kirton recorded his vote against the recommendation.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 127 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 02.680

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr Benton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

That a Whaka Drain Sub-Committee consisting of Cr Ian Buchanan, Cr Tony Draper, and the Divisional Manager, Wairarapa be established with power to act to resolve current issues, including rating, relating to the Whakawiriwiri Drain.

RSW 128 Financial Report for the Three Months to 30 September 2002

Report 02.687

File: Y/2/1/1

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 129 Soil Health Monitoring 2001/02

Report 02.677

File: Y/2/5/1

The Regional Soil Conservator was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 130 Recreational Water Quality Report 2001/02

Report 02.691

File: Y/12/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr McQueen)

(1) That the report be received.

(2) That the Kapiti Coast District Council, Hutt City Council and Wellington City Council be thanked for their support of the Region's recreational water quality monitoring programme.

Crs Shields and McDavitt left the meeting at 12.20 p.m.

RSW 131 Annual Incident Response Report

Report 02.681

File: Y/12/1/2

Resolved

(Mr Benton/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 132 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 02.678

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)

That the information be received.

RSW 133 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 02.679

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 134 Catchment Works

Report 02.685

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 135 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 136 General Business

The Chairperson tabled a letter from Sustainable Wairarapa advising of a forthcoming address by Hon Marian Hobbs, Minister for the Environment, on 21 November in Masterton, covering her recent visit to the Earth Summit in Johannesburg.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Benton)

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

- (1) Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme Classification Review – Puruatanga Farm Ltd – (J McDougall and others)*
- (2) Reserve Forests Review for the Year to 30 June 2002*

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>
<i>(1) LWVDS Classification Review – Puruatanga Farm Ltd – (J McDougall & others)</i>	<i>Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.</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. the right to a fair trial).</i>
<i>(2) Reserve Forests Review for the Year to 30 June 2002</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial activities and to enable negotiations 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 allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities and negotiations).</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:-

Wellington Regional Council - (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.27 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date: