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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 04.238**

30 April 2004

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**Report 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, 29 April 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, and Turver.  
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, McQueen and Southey.

**Also Present:**

Councillors Barr and Werry.

**Officers Present:**

S Blakemore, I Gunn, B Harris, W O'Donnell, L Race, D Walker, C Wright.

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 292      Apology**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)*

*That the apology from Cr Shields be confirmed.*

**RSW 293      Public Participation**

**Mr Joe Taylor, Federated Farmers (Wairarapa) Inc**

Mr Taylor referred to the Draft Regional Action Plan (Item 4 on the order paper) and the reference to the implementation actions by Greater Wellington for dairy herd stream crossings. Mr Taylor said that he would not like to see anyone who takes an earlier initiative penalised if waiving of resource consent costs takes place later.

Cr Buchanan said that the methodology and charging as set under the consents charging policy would need to be addressed. It formed a public process and it was therefore not possible to make an ad hoc decision. However, Mr Taylor's point would be noted when the next scheduled review of the consents charging policy takes place.

**RSW 294      Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* *(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*(a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 16 March 2004 (Report 04.151) be confirmed.*

*Resolved* *(Mr McQueen/Mr Benton)*

*(b) That the minutes of the meeting of the Orui Consent Sub-Committee held on 16 March 2004 (Report 04.158), be confirmed.*

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.37 am.

**Matters for Recommendation**

**RSW 295      Isolated River Works**

**Report 04.224**

**WO/02/40/01**

This matter was reported separately to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

**RSW 296      Regional Action Plan for the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord**

This matter was reported separately to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

Morning tea: 10.58 am

Resumed at: 11.10 am

Cr Kirton left the meeting at 10.58 am.

**Matters for Committee Decision**

**RSW 297      Amendments to the Proposed Bovine Tb Vector Control Programme 2004/05 – 2006/07**

**Report 04.223**

**WB/03/01/15**

The Committee discussed at length the Animal Health Board's advice that the proposed national total exceeded the available budget by \$14m and therefore their request to reduce the proposed 2004/05 programme which would significantly impact on the vector control areas for the following three years. Issues with the future timing of the vector control programmes were also discussed.

Mr Dalziell explained the Board's position and understood the concerns. He indicated that the Animal Health Board held two Board meetings per year throughout the regions and their next scheduled meeting was to be held in the Wairarapa on 27/28 May to which there was opportunity for Committee members to meet with Board members and discuss their concerns.

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)*

- (1) That the report be received and the information noted.*
- (2) That staff be requested to communicate the Council's concerns to the Animal Health Board regarding the major decrease in the proposed 2004/05 vector control programme.*
- (3) That staff discuss with the Animal Health Board the processes and timing of the vector control programme development in order to ensure that Regional Councils and the Animal Health Board achieve a budget timetable which fits all parties involved.*

**RSW 298      Animal Health Board Vector Management Contract**

**Report 04.221**

**WB/03/01/18**

Committee members expressed considerable concern at the likelihood of future contestability for vector management and the short two year term for the proposed vector management contract.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received and the Committee note that the Council's Chief Executive will only sign the new Vector Management Contract when satisfied that all material issues have been resolved.*

## **Matters Reported for Information**

**RSW 299      Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 04.204**

**File: WS/08/05/01**

**Concerning 4.4 – Road Closures**

Cr McDavitt commented on the nature of the February flood events and indicated that flood events needed to be taken into account as to whether an event has moved from local to regional or wider. He believed that discussions needed to involve more than just Greater Wellington staff with civil defence personnel, road and rail services also included to ensure all systems are in place at the time of any flood event emergency.

**Concerning 5.2 - Barrage Gates**

Members were advised that a media release was proposed prior to the commencement of the duck shooting season on 1<sup>st</sup> May to draw duck hunters awareness to the low water levels in Lake Wairarapa due to recent low rainfall and the painting of the Barrage Gates.

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Mr McQueen)*

*That the report be received and its contents noted.*



Mr Wright indicated that Greater Wellington was currently upgrading its website where it was proposed that data information such as flood height levels data would be available.

**RSW 305      General Business**

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

CR R LONG  
Chairperson

Date:

**Greater Wellington Regional Council - 31 May 2004**

*To be moved*

<p><b>That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on Thursday, 29 April 2004, Items RSW 292 to RSW 294 inclusive, and RSW 297 to RSW 305 inclusive, be adopted.</b></p>
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