



**Report 06.136**

15 March 2006

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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 Tuesday, 14 March 2006, at 9.30 am.**

**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.  
Messrs Dalziell, Read, McQueen, and Southey.

**Officers Present:**

D Benham (Chief Executive), G Dick, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Robertson, S Hill, N Shakespeare (until 10.48am), T Taylor.

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 94 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)*

*That the Committee*

*Accept the apologies for absence from Crs Baber, Kirton, and Turver.*

**RSW 95      Public Participation**

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

**RSW 96      Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Read/Mr Southey)*

*That the Committee:*

*Confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 05.702) held on 24 November 2005.*

**Matters Arising**

RSW 86 – Awhea-Opouawe Catchment Scheme Classification Review – following the presentation by Stephen Franks at the November Committee meeting Committee members were advised that the issues raised were being addressed.

Officers will report back to a future meeting.

**Matter for Committee Decision**

**RSW 97      Regional Bovine Tb Vector Control Programme – Funding Reductions 2006/07 – 2008/09**

**Report 06.41**

**File: WB/03/01/09**

The Committee was advised that there was considerable concern with the potential impact of the recent funding reductions on the vector control programme. The reduced funding had implications for meeting the Animal Health Board's goals and as importantly the capacity to maintain the gains achieved in lowering possum numbers incurred through the Bovine Tb programme.

Members discussed whether there was an opportunity to look at a sole supplier contract option for vector control and so maintain our capacity to undertake this work.

Members were advised that the Animal Health Board had reprioritised significant spending to the West Coast to get on top of rising Bovine Tb levels. The contestability model was part of the funding agreement with the Crown.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)*

*That the Committee:*

*Request officers to report back to the Committee on options available to Greater Wellington in responding to the Animal Health Board's budgetary situation.*

## **Matters Reported for Information**

### **RSW 98      Bovine Tb Vector Control – Status of Contracting Industry**

**Report 06.40**

**File: WB/03/01/05**

Additional information to Report 06.40 was tabled.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      Receives the report.*
- (2)      Notes the contents of the report.*

### **RSW 99      Scheme Rate Reviews**

**Report 06.68**

**File: WO/02/20/01**

**File: WO/03/30/01**

A presentation was given on the proposed rating classification for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme.

The Committee noted that following Stephen Frank's presentation at the previous Committee meeting a further submission had been received reinforcing his concerns with the proposed classification for the Awhea-Opuouawe Catchment Scheme. Members were advised that officers

proposed to recommend a different option to the forthcoming Advisory Committee meeting.

Reference was made to the ongoing problems at Usshers Hill in the Awhea-Opouawe Catchment Scheme. It was noted that staff needed to ensure Council policies were implemented consistently.

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) Receives the report*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*

Morning tea: 10.48am

Resumed: 11.00am

**RSW 100 Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 06.49**

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

*Resolved*

*(Mr Dalziell/Mr Read)*

*That the Committee*

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the report.*

**RSW 101 Regional Council Input into District Planning**

**Report 06.67**

**File: WP/02/14/02**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Read/Mr Southey)*

*That the Committee*

*Receive the information.*

**RSW 102      Resource Consents (Non Notified)**

**Report 06.66**

**File: WP/03/06/01**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)*

*That the Committee*

*(1)      Receive the report.*

*(2)      Note the contents of the report.*

**RSW 103      Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 104      General Business**

There were no items of general business.

Members noted that a LTCCP presentation would be given at the conclusion of the meeting.

11.24am      The meeting closed.

Cr F R Long  
CHAIRMAN

Date: