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Report 00.560

19 July 2000

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Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 18 July 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Macaskill, McQueen, Shields and Turver. Messrs Berkett, Beetham, Dalziell and Southey.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gum-i, W O'Donnell, L Race, G Schollum (until 10.52 a.m.), C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 213 Apologies

There were no apologies.

RSW 214 Public Participation

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

RSW 215 Confirmation of Minutes*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Mr Beetham)*

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 12 June 2000 be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation to Council**RSW 216 Bovine Tb Programme 2000/01****Report 00.533****File: Y/4/1/1**

The Committee noted that the non-approved Tora-Tuturumuri operation in south-east Wairarapa was to be reconsidered by the Animal Health Board during the review of the next National Bovine Tb Pest Management Strategy, and members requested that the reasons for this deferment be suitably communicated to the landowners in the area.

Resolved to Recommend**(Cr Shields/Mr Southey)**

- (1) That the confirmed Animal Health Board's position for the 2000/01 Bovine Tb programme in the Wellington Region be noted.**
- (2) That the non-inclusion of the Tora - Tuturumuri operation in the 2000/01 year and the approval of the North Wairarapa Eradication Zone be noted.**
- (3) That the forecasted variations from the approved budget as a result of these changes be also noted.**

Matter for Committee Decision**RSW 217 Review of Wairarapa Schemes****Report 00.481****File: Y/1/1/O**

Cr Long complimented officers on the report and suggested that the report and attachments be forwarded to all scheme members of the various advisory committees to assist with

increasing their awareness of each scheme's current financial status.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) *That the report be received and the information noted.*
- (2) *That the need to place all schemes on a viable financial basis be reaffirmed.*
- (3) *That the need for classification reviews on several schemes, as outlined in the report, be endorsed.*
- (4) *That the issues be discussed with the relevant scheme committees and any other interested parties as appropriate.*
- (5) *That policy parameters be developed for the financial management of the schemes.*

Morning tea: 10.52 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.05 a.m.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 218 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 00.514

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Concerning 3.1 – Lower Tauherenikau River

Cr Buchanan indicated that there was a need to progress policy development in conjunction with the Department of Conservation and the Fish & Game Council on the management of the Tauherenikau River delta and the potential impact on the protected natural areas as an indigenous habitat.

Concerning 5.6 – Floodwarning

A floodwarning newsletter comprising historical information and records and a hydroline brochure outlining the telephone services for accessing river and lake levels in the Wellington region were tabled.

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 219 Wairarapa Drought Prediction Using the Southern Oscillation Index

Report 00.515

File: Y/13/1/0

K/5/5/2

Mike Harkness, Hydrologist, was present for the discussion on this item.

Mr Dalziell stated that the seasonal forecasting information was most encouraging and very relevant to farmers economic viability and considered that the rural sector would benefit from receiving accurate and regular seasonal weather pattern predictions and quarterly forecasts in conjunction with the MetService and NIWA reports.

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That officers be requested to investigate the feasibility of providing weather pattern predictions to rural landowners, and report back to the Committee in due course.*

RSW 220 Annual Hydrology Reports

Report 00.519

File: Y/ 13/1/0

Matthew Morgan, Section Leader – Resource Investigations, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Cr McQueen left the meeting at 12.14 p.m.

RSW 221 Annual Compliance Monitoring**Report 00.534****File: Y/12/2/0**

Stephen Yeats, Compliance Officer, was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved**(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 222 Land Use Compliance Monitoring**Report 00.517****File: Y/12/2/8***Resolved**(Mr Beetham/Mr Dalziell)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 223 Annual Incident Response**Report 00.520****File: Y/12/1/3***Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 224 Water Races Forum**Report 00.513****File: Y/12/2/5***Resolved**(Mr Berkett/Mr Southey)*

That the report be received and the information noted.

RSW 225 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)**Report 00.516****File: Y/12/2/0***Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 226 Statutory Planning

Report 00.521

File: Y/1 1/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the information be received.

RSW 227 Catchment Works

Report 00.508

File: Y/O/4

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Turver)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 228 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 229 General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.28 p.m.

Cr F R Long
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 3 August 2000

To be moved

That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 18 July 2000, Items RSW 213 to 229 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.