



MINUTES

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management
Committee Meeting**

23 November 2018

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WRINKLY RAMS, OMARAMA,
ON FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 11.00AM**

PRESENT: Member Simon Cameron (Chairman), Member Matthew Bayliss, Member Sandra Hampstead-Tipene, Member Barry Shepherd, Member Richard Subtil, Member John Sunckell, Member John Wilkie, Member Craig Dawson, Member Stuart Barwood

IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Gilchrist (Facilitator), Joy Paterson (observing) Chris Eccleston (Ecan), John Benn (Department of Conservation), Arlene Goss (Committee Administrator), three members of the public.

1 OPENING

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from member Lisa Anderson, and from Matt Bayliss for lateness.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 VISITORS

The chairman welcomed Joy Paterson who has applied to join the committee, and also welcomed the mokopuna of member Sandra Hampstead-Tipene.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

Barbara Gilchrist read out a resolution from the Lower Waitaki zone committee to support Network Waitaki in its efforts to ensure security of supply. This is on page 16 of the agenda. A resolution was passed to support Network Waitaki.

Richard Subtil raised the issue of recent rain bringing down material from the Clay Cliffs. Discussion was held on the effects of this on Lake Benmore and the TLI of the lake. It was noted that the committee had already looked into the issue and it was found to be too expensive to prevent erosion. Works would only shift the problem upstream or downstream.

Matt Bayliss joined the meeting at 11.07am.

Mr Subtil suggested that boulders be placed in one spot to prevent further cutting in. Discussion was held on rock reinforcement. The committee agreed to re-visit this issue and invite the Ecan river engineer to speak to the committee. Mr Subtil will attempt to get a photo taken from the air and will circulate this to members. Staff were directed to follow up on this issue.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2018/19

Moved: Member Barry Shepherd

Seconded: Member Stuart Barwood

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 21 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2018/20

Moved: Member Barry Shepherd

Seconded: Member Sandra Hampstead-Tipene

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee endorses the following resolution passed by the Lower Waitaki Zone committee at its meeting on October 18:

That the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury zone Committee writes to Network Waitaki's Chief Executive to support Network Waitaki's application to MBE's Provincial Growth Fund for support for development of a new supply point to guarantee long term security of supply of electricity in North Otago.

CARRIED

5.2 MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE LOWER AND UPPER WAITAKI ZONE COMMITTEES ON OCTOBER 18, 2018

These minutes were noted by the committee.

5.3 UPPER WAITAKI COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT 2019 PROGRAM

Chris Eccleston spoke on behalf of Tami Woods, who could not attend the meeting. He provided background to the paper in the agenda. Questions were asked about the need for another layer of process in addition to farm environment plans. Mr Eccleston said for some people it would be less helpful than others. Feedback was given on the process and the need for auditing. It was noted that this process would not require more visits to farms than what was currently undertaken.

Mr Eccleston was asked if the focus could be put on consent holders who were previously subject to enforcement action. He would take this question back to staff and this would be considered as part of the action plan.

The committee then resolved that the Wairepo, Kellands Pond area be added to the list as a catchment of concern.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2018/21

Moved: Member Matthew Bayliss

Seconded: Member Sandra Hampstead-Tipene

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water management committee requests staff to add the Wairepo Kellands Pond area as a catchment of concern for a 'whole of farm' approach, alongside the existing focus in the Omarama catchment.

CARRIED

5.4 IMMEDIATE STEPS BIODIVERSITY DECISIONS

The balance of the fund is \$104,000. If the committee agreed to fund the projects in the agenda, it would all be spent until the end of the financial year in July, 2019. Discussion was held on whether remedial work at the Clay Cliffs would qualify for biodiversity funding. The committee was unsure.

Regarding the Omarama Fencing Project, the committee questioned whether the planning was advanced enough to understand what it was committing to. Where would the fencing go, how much would it cost, who would be contributing to the cost?

Richard Subtil said this was an application from the Omarama Stream Water Users Group, of which he is a member, and he answered questions on the project. It was agreed to fund the project subject to Rob Carson-Iles coming back to the committee with clarification on where the money was to be spent.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2018/22

Moved: Member Richard Subtil

Seconded: Member Matthew Bayliss

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee agrees to fund the Boultons Gully Willow Control Project in the amount of \$7,500 from the Immediate Steps Biodiversity Fund.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2018/23

Moved: Member Richard Subtil

Seconded: Member Craig Dawson

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee agrees to fund the Omarama Stream Fencing Project in the amount of \$41,669 from the Immediate Steps Biodiversity Fund, subject to staff coming back to the committee with clarification on where the money will be spent.

CARRIED

5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Ian Whitehouse was invited to update the committee on the Bridge Project.

Barbara Gilchrist updated the committee on the Love Your Lakes campaign and other communication activity including a competition in December. Fridge magnets have also been distributed to all holiday homes in Twizel.

The chairman noted the loss of Scott Theobald who worked locally for the Department of Conservation. John Benn from the Department of Conservation spoke. He updated the committee on a new limit for cadmium in fertilizer. This may impact New Zealand. Also a disease called white rust (*Albugo candida*) has been found on a native plant in the basin for the first time. This plant is named *Lepidium Solandri*, is located at Simons Pass, is very rare and has gone extinct in Otago.

The committee heard feedback on how the work of the committee was being received elsewhere and agreed they were making good progress. Member Barry Shepherd noted this was his last meeting and was thanked for all his work for the committee. Barbara Gilchrist also said this would be her last meeting as committee facilitator.

The chairman thanked everyone for their work this year.

5.6 PAPERS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

The papers on the agenda were noted.

The Meeting closed at 12.00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the first Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held in 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON