

MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

17 June 2020

**MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WAIMATE EVENT CENTRE, 15 PAUL STREET, WAIMATE
ON WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2020, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Community Member Bruce Murphy (Chair), Community Member Emily Anderson, Waihao Runanga Rep Suzanne Eddington, Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins, Community Member Barney Hoskins, Community Member Daniel Isbister, ECan Cr Nicole Marshall, Community Member Brent Packman, Community Member Jared Ross, Community Member Kate White, Te Rūnanga o Moeraki Rep Keiran Whyte

APOLOGIES: Waimate Cr Fabia Fox, Member Michael Mcmillan

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Moore (Facilitator),
Waihao Wainono Community Catchment Group Roger Small and Chris Batstone; Fonterra Kirsty Simmonds and Anna Dyer; DoC John Benn; Waimate District Council Mira Tripathi, Waimate Mayor Craig Rowley, Waitaki Irrigators Collective Jen Fellowes, Irrigation NZ Elizabeth Soal & Ella Stokes, MGI & INZ Craig Evans,
ECan Zone Delivery Peter Burt; Zone Manager Chris Eccleston, Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie (via MS Teams), Tangata Whenua Facilitator Brad Waldon-Gibbons
Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)

OPENING

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and Kieran opened the meeting with a karakia.

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/8

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That apologies from Cr Fabia Fox be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS

The Chair welcomed Waimate Mayor Craig Rowley and other visitors:

Waihao Wainono Community Catchment Group: Roger Small and Chris Batstone

Fonterra: Kirsty Simmonds and Anna Dyer

DoC: John Benn

Waimate District Council: Water & Waste Technical Support Officer Mira Tripathi

Waitaki Irrigators Collective: Jen Fellowes

Irrigation NZ Elizabeth Soal, Ella Stokes, Morven Glenavy Ikawai Irrigation Ltd Craig Evans

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

See Declaration of Interests

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/9

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Waihao Runanga Rep Suzanne Eddington

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 18 March 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record, with minor amendments.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/10

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That the Informal Notes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Zoom Meeting held on 20 May 2020 be accepted.

CARRIED

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/11

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That the Declarations of Interests Register be received, with the updated information below.

CARRIED

Note:

Bruce Murphy is a MGI Shareholder.

5.2 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/12

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Cr Nicole Marshall

That the Correspondence Report be accepted.

CARRIED

5.3 TE REO WORDS (WITH KEIRAN)

Pureora – Pareora river

Otaia - Otaio

Punatarakao – Buchanan's Creek

The Chair noted that prior to the meeting the Zone Committee had a closed discussion on recent severe erosion on farmland bordering the Waitaki river main stream. An information briefing for next week is to be arranged via zoom and held for members, ECan staff and any other agencies.

5.4 REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/13

Moved: Cr Nicole Marshall

Seconded: Waihao Runanga Rep Suzanne Eddington

Councillor Nicole Marshall highlighted what's happening at the Regional Council:

- The Zone Committee Review is proceeding and scheduled to be completed by August. A review will also be completed on the Regional Committee to see if it is still fit for purpose
- Clarification has been requested on conflicts of interest management
- The CE recruitment is underway, with hopes to have appointment in August
- The Annual Plan is being signed off tomorrow (18 June), with an average rate increase of 4%
- A Coastal Plan review is scheduled
- The hearings for submissions on Oceania Dairy Ltd's ocean pipeline & discharge consents is possibly the end of July – all submissions are now available online
- Applications were declined for Ngai Tahu representation on ECan. There are difficulties within the different acts (LGA and ECan Act). A meeting will be held with the iwi representatives to progress this)
- The Government's Essential Freshwater Package has been released and when passed into law will have implications on current plans and new targets will need to be set

CARRIED

5.5 INZ BUILDING TRUST UPDATE - JUNE 2020

Irrigation NZ Chief Executive Elizabeth Soal, and Craig Evans, Chief Executive of Morven Glenavy Ikawai Irrigation presented a powerpoint and answered questions. 'Building Trust' is a national project being piloted in the Waitaki catchment managed by Irrigation NZ. The project has created a portal for combining water quality data from sources such as regional council and irrigation schemes to provide communities with transparent information about water quality, trends and actions being undertaken to address water quality issues. The proposed launch date is July.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/14

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Community Member Jared Ross

That the Zone Committee receives the update and thanked Irrigation NZ for the presentation.

CARRIED

5.6 PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S FRESHWATER PACKAGE

The Committee held an information verbal discussion on the Government's Freshwater Package and its potential implications to the catchment.

The Committee agreed to take a late item 'Waihao Wainono Catchment Group Update'.

5.6 WAIHAO WAINONO CATCHMENT GROUP UPDATE (LATE AGENDA ITEM)

Roger Small and Chris Batstone (Independent Facilitator) updated the Zone Committee on their mission and projects including the proposed Waihao Walkway Project. The Zone Committee congratulated and agreed to support the Catchment Group on their work.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/15

Moved: Member Kate White

Seconded: Waihao Runanga Rep Suzanne Eddington

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee endorses the work of the Waihao Wainono Catchment Group and subsequently provides a letter of support for any future funding applications or requests for assistance..

CARRIED

5.7 MAHINGA KAI TARGETS BY BRAD WALDON-GIBBONS (TANGATA WHENUA FACILITATOR)

Brad presented to the Zone Committee of what Mahinga kai encompasses and its relevance to the CWMS Fit for Future and goals review that was completed in 2019.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/16

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Community Member Jared Ross

That the Mahinga Kai Targets report be received.

CARRIED

5.8 FACILITATORS UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/17

Moved: Cr Nicole Marshall

Seconded: Te Rūnanga o Moeraki Rep Keiran Whyte

That the Zone Committee receive the update.

CARRIED

- Zone Committee Review is proceeding, with the next step setting up meetings with territorial authorities
- A Fencing of Waterways Expression of Interest handout was circulated, with feedback to Dave who will facilitate any funding requests. Kennedy Lange at ECan is also looking at this.
- Action List: Catchment Coordinator (NOSLAM) – Needs to be farmer-driven and empowered from the ground up. Will be important to get funding.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5.6 OTHER ITEMS RAISED NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kate White asked for the below items to be considered:

- Wallaby Management – Pest Management Funding
- Rules of Meeting – a reminder of the Zone Committee's Code of Conduct
- Information sign opposite Nosh on the Wainono Lagoon. The Committee asked for a field trip to be arranged to take in the Wainono Lagoon car parking areas/Box/Lundies Ford and the Marae
- A review of what the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee has achieved in the last year
- An update from ECan on Zone activities and how things are tracking– i.e., good management, PC3, PC5

This is an update for everyone that we met at Gert Vantkloosters place last Friday to look at the river erosion issue that has arisen on his property and also on other sites adjacent to the river. I know it was short notice and that meant some committee members were unavailable but thank you to those and the Ecan staff that did attend. We also had CR Sheila Paul and Waimate Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain attend this meeting. Gert outlined the scale of land he had lost and showed us where he had just recently spent 60k with a dozer just to divert one of the main streams of the river away from his property.

I think all people attending were surprised by the scale of the works that private land owners were having to undertake to protect their land.

Two key points coming out of the meeting were Point 1 how to slow the loss of land and infrastructure through erosion and how it is funded in the short time and Point 2 the need for a rating review to look at how rates are used to maintain the river

After the meeting held in Kurow for adjacent land owners a River Liaison Group

Daniel Isbister from our Committee is a member. They wish to look at how to deal with the two points stated above and to form a view of how Ecan are monitoring the Meridian Consent

Of particular interest to this group are

Condition 1 which states The Grantee(Meridian) shall exercise this permit in conjunction with all other rights which the Grantee holds in connection with the generation of electricity with in the Waitaki River system, in such a manner as to minimise, as far as possible, any adverse effects of the rights on the Waitaki River system

Condition 7 which states The Grantee(Meridian) shall: a)take such precautionary measures which the Canterbury Regional Council may require to prevent damage from erosion which is likely to occur as a result of the exercise of this permit : and, b) make such remedial repairs which Canterbury Regional Council may require to remedy damage from erosion which occurs as a result of the exercise of this permit

River Liason group will be looking for a recommendation of support from us to ensure these conditions of consent are being monitored correctly by Ecan

River workshop (9 July) WEC: small committee was formed to work on an action plan. Members are:

Cr Peter Scott

Cr Kevin Malcolm (ORC)

Cr Sharyn Cain

Jeff Page (Meridian)

Gert van't Klooster (Land owner)

Russell Hurst (Land owner)

Walter Cameron (Land owner)

Reuben Allan (Land owner)

Shaun McCracken (ECan River Engineering)

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members and visitors at 3.37pm, and asked Kieran to close the meeting with a karakia.

The Minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting scheduled on 15 July 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON