



MINUTES

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management
Committee Meeting**

18 September 2020

**MINUTES OF THE
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, OTEMATATA
ON FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Simon Cameron, Matthew Bayliss, Richard Subtil, Cr John Sunckell, Kieran Whyte, Cr Ross McRobie, Michael McMillan

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Whitehouse (Facilitator), Chris Eccleston (Ecan), Ian Lyttle (Ecan), John Benn (DOC), Janine Roux (Ecan), Lesley Woudberg (Ecan), Arlene Goss (Mackenzie District Council – Governance Advisor), and four others.

1 OPENING

Kieran Whyte opened the meeting with a karakia and the chairman welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Joy Paterson, Cr Stuart Barwood, John Wilkie and Cr Miriam Morton.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest other than those attached to the agenda.

4 VISITORS

There were no formal visitors at the meeting.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 17 JULY 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/71

Moved: Cr Ross McRobie

Seconded: Mr Matthew Bayliss

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 17 July 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 INTERESTS REGISTER

The interests register was noted.

5.3 IMMEDIATE STEPS BIODIVERSITY FUNDING 2020-2021

This report was from Jenna Hughes-Games, Land Management Advisor, Environment Canterbury. It outlined the projects proposed for 2020 – 2021 Immediate Steps Biodiversity Funding in the Upper Waitaki zone. Jeanine Roux spoke on behalf of Jenna Hughes-Games. Each application was considered separately as follows:

Quailburn Bog Pine Protection – No concerns were expressed.

Richard Subtil arrived at 9.35am.

Glenmore Tarns – The committee said it was good to hear positive discussion around the benefits of grazing for controlling weeds. They did not have any questions. They did not have any questions. Member Kieran Whyte raised the issue of the McGregor outlet he said as you entered the station at the outlet there were a number of unfenced cattle making a mess. This area was used for trapping and transferring tuna. It would be good to clean it up. The chairman offered to talk to the owners of the station.

Upper Ohau – The chairman said it would be good to get on top of this weed area. Lisa Anderson asked if there would be continued weed control in this area, as there would be seeds in the system. Funding has been allocated for the next five years for weed control.

Spring Creek Willow Control -- Discussion took place on this area. There were no concerns.

Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust – The committee recognised the involvement of the community in this project.

Cr Sunckell said a challenge had been issued regarding the legitimacy of previous decisions made by the committee on allocating money from the Immediate Steps front. He said this had been checked by the auditor general and the committee had been cleared of wrongdoing. He reminded the committee that their decisions were written in the form of recommendations to Environment Canterbury to allocate the funding.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/72

Moved: Ms Lisa Anderson

Seconded: Mr Kieran Whyte

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee recommends to Environment Canterbury that 2020 – 2021 Immediate Steps Biodiversity Funding be allocated to the following:
 - Quailburn Bog Pine Protection: \$17,600;
 - Glenmore Tarns (additional funding): \$7,405;
 - Upper Ohau (Dobson River) Landscape Weed Control (additional funding): \$30,000;
 - Spring Creek Willow Control: \$7,000;
 - Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust Native Planting: \$4,600.

CARRIED

5.4 SOUTHERN ZONE TEAM PROGRESS REPORT

This report is from Chris Eccleston, Zone Manager - Southern, Environment Canterbury.

Chris Eccleston provided an update on the projects and activities of Environment Canterbury's Southern Zone Team in the Upper Waitaki zone. He circulated a one-page summary of his report. A copy of this summary is available as an attachment to these minutes.

The committee noted that the items "Community Drinking Water Protection Zones" and "Willowburn Mahinga Kai" were behind schedule.

Richard Subtil said the Willowburn work was behind schedule or delayed in several areas. The TLI of the lake was influenced by the Willowburn Stream, so he would like to see more attention given to this area.

Discussion took place on the prioritisation of staff resources. The committee asked for more resources to be allocated to the work in the Upper Waitaki Zone.

Chris Eccleston suggested that a future agenda item would be a plan to address those items that were falling behind. Discussion continued on whether some outcomes were possible to achieve under current legal arrangements and other restrictions.

5.5 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

Chris Eccleston was asked for an update on the Ruataniwha toilets. Mackenzie District Council and Ecan would co-fund a temporary toilet there over the summer period. They were expecting a large influx of people over the holiday. The committee agreed to re-look at Lake Ruataniwha next year when the e. coli results were available.

Cr Ross McRobie said other areas would also need toilets, including the Alps2Ocean cycleway. This was not just a Ruataniwha issue. He asked for someone in the zone committee to take responsibility for this issue in the wider area. The chairman asked for this to be recorded and for a follow-up on who was going to do the work. Cr McRobie noted he would be attending and upcoming Alps2Ocean summit.

A suggestion was made by Richard Subtil that Ecan supports farmers to apply for funding from various sources. Discussion followed on this.

Facilitator Ian Whitehouse said the next zone committee meeting was going to focus on Tekapo. This would be a community meeting. The committee agreed to do a field trip to Glenmore Station after the Tekapo meeting. To allow enough time they would start the meeting at 9am at the Tekapo Hall.

A hangi was suggested for the November meeting at Omarama.

The committee was alerted to an opportunity to contribute its views to the tourism taskforce. An online submission was due next Tuesday. It was agreed the committee needed to submit on the effects of tourism on water quality. Ian Whitehouse agreed to organise a submission with feedback by email.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/73

Moved: Cr Ross McRobie

Seconded: Chairperson Simon Cameron

That the report be received.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed with a karakia at 10.49am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON