



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management
Committee Meeting**

17 September 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ONLINE ON ZOOM
ON FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 9.30AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Elizabeth McKenzie (Ecan), Cr Miriam Morton (Waimate District Council), Janine Roux (Committee Facilitator, Ecan), Graeme Clark (Ecan), Kate Doran (Ecan), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), Rick Ramsay (Aquaculture Group), Chris Eccleston (Ecan), David Stone (Ohau resident), Emily O'Connell, John Benn (DOC), Arlene Goss (committee administrator).

1 OPENING

The chairman welcomed everyone and asked those present to introduce themselves. This was followed by a karakia from member Kieran Whyte.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/93

Moved: Mr Richard Subtil

Seconded: Cr John Sunckell

That the apology received from Cr Stuart Barwood be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 REPORTS

3.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 20 AUGUST 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/94

Moved: Cr Ross McRobie

Seconded: Cr John Sunckell

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 20 August 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

3.2 INTERESTS REGISTER

This information was noted.

5.3 LOVE OUR LAKES CAMPAIGN PLANNING

This report was from Kate Doran, Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor, Environment Canterbury. It was to inform the Zone Committee on the background for 'Love Our Lakes' as well as planning for the upcoming summer and future Love Our Lakes campaigns.

Kate Doran went through the main features of the upcoming campaign. She asked members of the committee to share information in local social media groups. Member Richard Subtil asked for consistency in messaging across the districts.

The chairman asked to follow up on the suggestion that water testing for recreation be expanded to include Loch Cameron. Graeme Clark from Ecan would follow up on this.

Keiran Whyte raised the communication message of not being able to gather food from a lake that was poor quality, as well as not being able to swim in it. Kate Doran would note this as an idea for future discussion. Graeme Clark said raising the issue and making the public aware would be valuable.

The committee agreed to go ahead with the Love Our Lakes plans for this coming season, in addition to the Lake Ruataniwha responsible toilet use campaign.

5.4 REQUEST TO SPEAK ABOUT LAKE MIDDLETON

Lake Ohau resident David Stone asked to speak to the committee as a member of the public, about Lake Middleton.

He said a fish survey done last year was disappointing. He wanted to get the non-native fish out of Lake Middleton and restore the water and surrounds. He asked about a Maori name for Lake Middleton.

John Benn from DOC spoke about current work at Lake Middleton reserve. He said there would be consultation with Runanga and the Ohau Conservation Trust. DOC has engaged a landscape consultant who was familiar with the area. The boundary was now well marked and defined. Road and access works had been done.

Reports going back to 1895 showed eels/tuna had never been recorded in the lake in 120 years. There were six fish species in the lake. All in small numbers.

Discussion took place on why tuna were not present in Lake Middleton, the status of the reserve and the connection of Lake Middleton with Lake Ohau. John Benn offered to send out a report he had prepared on Lake Middleton to those present.

A question was asked about the state of the public toilets at Lake Middleton. Cr Ross McRobie offered to follow up on the status of these toilets with the Waitaki District Council.

5.4 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

This report was from Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury, and provided information that may be of interest to the Zone Committee, that was not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

CWMS progress report – This report was noted by the chairman who said the zone committee had achieved some wins and was communicating them to the public. Changes had been made to focus on the outcomes of zone committees rather than the actions.

CWMS action plan fund – Janine Roux would like to workshop what the zone committee would use its money for this financial year.

October/November meetings – October would be a workshop to plan for the next year. Would the group like to hold a hangi this year? Discussion took place. The committee agreed that these were worthwhile community events. They agreed that a hangi would be held at Richard Subtil’s property in November. Janine Roux will organise a date.

5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Member Mat Bayliss said he has spoken to Cr Emily Bradbury of Mackenzie District Council regarding plans for the Twizel River and received a positive response. Discussion was ongoing and a report would come back to the committee in October.

The Meeting closed with a karakia from Kieran Whyte at 10.39am.

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

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CHAIRPERSON