

MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

15 July 2020

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

- PRESENT:** Chair Bruce Murphy, Waihao Runanga Representative Suzanne Eddington, Waimate Cr Fabia Fox, Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins, Community Member Barney Hoskins, Community Member Daniel Isbister, Arowhenua Runanga Representative Michael Mcmillan, Community Member Kate White, Te Rūnanga o Moeraki Rep Keiran Whyte
- APOLOGIES:** Deputy Chair Jared Ross, Community Member Emily Anderson, Community Member Brent Packman, ECan Cr Nicole Marshall
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Dave Moore (Zone Facilitator), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)
ECan Councillor Peter Scott; Fraser Walker-Pearce (Communications and Engagement Advisor) and Tom Byrne (Land Management Advisor); Hilary Fraser (Area Engineer Southern)
Jen Fellows (Waitaki Irrigators Collective), John Benn (DoC)
Morven Glenavy Ikawai Irrigation Company Ltd Chief Executive Craig Evans and Chair Alan Gibson

OPENING

The Chair welcomed members and asked Keiran Whyte to give a karakia to open the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/18

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That apologies from Brent Packman, Jared Ross, Emily Anderson, and Cr Nicole Marshall be received and accepted.

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF MINOR OR MAJOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Chair highlighted two minor items that will be taken under later in the agenda.

- a. An email received on 15 July 2020, 10.02am from Chairman of the Lower Waitaki River Rating Liaison Group; and
- b. An update by the Chair on the Oceania Hearing

2 VISITORS

The Chair welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Daniel declared he has an association with the Lower Waitaki River Rating Liaison Group, being a member of the group.

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/19

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Barney Hoskins

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 17 June 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

No further amendments or additions were noted.

5.2 TE REO WORDS – WITH KEIRAN WHYTE

Te kohuranui is the real name for Kurow River

Otamatakou is the real name for Otematata

5.3 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/20

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Barney Hoskins

That the Correspondence Report be accepted.

CARRIED

5.4 REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Cr Peter Scott provided an update on the Regional Council:

- ECan are working their way through the replacement of Chief Executive.
- Work ongoing on changes to Regional Policy Statement, and looking at how this affects the rest of Canterbury
- Started initial process for Long Term Plan
- Work on the Coastal Management Plan will begin soon
- Essential Freshwater Reform legislation coming through, and looking at how this will affect other plans

- There has been a lot of work continuing throughout COVID-19 lockdown

5.5 NEW ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY STAFF

Tom Byrne, Land Management Advisor; and Fraser Walker-Pearce, Communication and Engagement Advisor were introduced to the Committee.

5.6 MORVEN GLENNAVY IKAWAI IRRIGATION COMPANY LTD - OVERVIEW OF AUGMENTATION TO WAIHAO RIVER

Morven Glenavy Ikawai Irrigation Company Ltd Chief Executive Craig Evans, and Chair Alan Gibson presented to the Zone Committee.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Cr Fabia Fox

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee request a briefing on the Integrated Data Programme from Environment Canterbury.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Barney Hoskins

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee holds a further meeting to explore detailed information about the issues and benefits relating to more Waihao River augmentation at a venue to be agreed between the Chair and iwi reps of the Committee.

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Note:

The Chair asked Craig Evans how far through the process as a Company they were in getting a Nutrient discharge allowance consent from Ecan. He replied the agreed time frame was to have this process concluded by the end of August

The meeting was adjourned at 2.45pm for afternoon tea.
The meeting was reconvened at 3.00pm.

It was agreed the visit to the Wainono lagoon following the meeting was postponed due to the meeting running longer than expected.

5.7 WAITAKI RIVER ENGINEERING AND RATING

Hilary Fraser, Area Engineer Southern, gave a presentation on Lower Waitaki River rating district objectives and funding.

A copy of her presentation would be emailed out to members.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/21

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Barney Hoskins

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee requests Environment Canterbury conducts a Lower Waitaki Rating Classification Review at the earliest opportunity.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED DUE TO PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Daniel Isbister, Kate White and Bruce Murphy

Note:

Cr Peter Scott briefed members on a recent Waitaki River Meeting held with Meridian and other stakeholders.

1. Meridian make 40% voluntary funding to work carried out beneath the dam (to the River Rating Liaison group)
2. ECan indicated they will assist the farm owners with erosion. There are currently 11 key spots with an estimated \$1 million of damage.
3. A meeting of the Lower Waitaki River Rating Liaison Group will be held on Friday (17 July) meeting, where a work programme and costing from ECan engineers will be put forward.
4. A resolution will be sought from the Lower Waitaki River Rating Liaison Group at this meeting asking ECan to fund this work; as well as a resolution to get the community together and have review of the entire rating district involving all stakeholders, Councils and Meridian.

Dave was asked to forward the last minutes of the Lower Waitaki River Rating Committee to all members.

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Lower Waitaki River Rating Liaison Group email

Chair Bruce Murphy read out an email from Gert van't Klooster asking for support from the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee on their request to ECan to undertake a review of the Lower Waitaki River Rating District and the rating classifications.

The email will be forwarded to all members.

5.8 FACILITATORS UPDATE

- The Zone Committee Review is proceeding to timeframe.
- Colin Hurst is keen to get an Otaio Makikihi Catchment Group started and for Zone Committee support. Possible meeting in August.
- A combined meeting with Upper Zone Committee may be held later in the year
- The Committee indicated they would be keen for a field trip in the spring

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Oceania Hearing Update

Chair Bruce Murphy updated the Committee on the Oceania Hearing, which is in process this week at the Waimate Shears building.

5.4 GENERAL BUSINESS – REGIONAL COMMITTEE WITH BARNEY HOSKINS

There will be a Regional Committee Workshop on 28 July to review the form and function of the Regional Committee.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 4.12pm.

The minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting scheduled on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON

INFORMAL NOTES TAKEN AT MEETING ON WAITAKI EROSION AT GERT VAN'T KLOOSTERS ON FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2020

A meeting was held at Gert Van't Kloosters property to look at the river erosion issue that has arisen on his property and also on other sites adjacent to the river. The meeting was short notice and some committee members were unavailable but thank you to those and the ECan staff that did attend. Waimate Cr Sheila Paul and Waimate Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain also attended

Gert outlined the scale of land he had lost and showed 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.

People attending seemed 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:

1. How to slow the loss of land and infrastructure through erosion and how it is funded in the short time; and
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 was formed. Daniel Isbister from our Committee is a member. The group intends 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 is:

- 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; and
- Condition 7 which states The Grantee(Meridian) shall:
 - i. 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,

- ii. 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

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

ALSO TO NOTE:

A **Waitaki River Erosion Workshop** was held at the Waimate Event Centre on 9 July, with a small committee 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)

Bruce Murphy
Lower Waitaki SCC Zone Committee Chair