



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Mackenzie Forestry Board Meeting

27 August 2019

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
MACKENZIE FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE
ON TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2019 AT 9.35AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Graham Smith, Cr Stuart Barwood, Cr Chris Clarke, Cr Anne Munro

IN ATTENDANCE: Suzette van Aswegen (Chief Executive), Simon Mackenzie (General Manager Operations), Kevin O’Neil (Forestry Manager), Terry O’Neill, by phone (District Forester), Adrian Hodgett (Finance Manager), Gisela Craig (Governance Advisor), Alice Geary (Fairfax Media)

1 OPENING

The Mayor opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Kevin O’Neill declared an interest in the item discussed under “PUBLIC EXCLUDED”.

4 VISITORS

There were no visitors.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING - 21 MAY 2019

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MFB/2019/59

Moved: Cr Stuart Barwood

Seconded: Mayor Graham Smith

The Minutes of the Forestry Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 were received and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 FORESTRY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT TO JUNE 2019

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Financial Report for the Mackenzie Forestry Board for the period ending June 2019.

The Finance Manager corrected the figure under “other income” on page 8. It should read \$281,908, to reflect the amount under Point 1 in the “Variance Analysis” (see same page). He then explained the significant climb of operational costs due to conifer control. The Mayor commented on the maintenance of the different forest blocks and, according to the Forestry Manager, there are no issues with maintenance.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MFB/2019/60

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

The report was received and information noted.

CARRIED

5.3 FORESTRY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Forestry manager spoke about the recent log-price drop, but was successful in maintaining prices for pole/post timber. Discussions were held in regards to what types of forest to be planted in the future. Improved strategic planning is already under way in regards to variety/profitability. The District Forester mentioned that harvesting at Burke's Pass is currently under way and spoke about challenges due to mixed species.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MFB/2019/61

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

The information was noted.

CARRIED

5.4 DISTRICT FORESTER AUGUST REPORT

The District Forester reported back on the finalized work in Tekapo. The final cost is still unclear, but might exceed the estimate. Some areas were inaccessible due to steep terrain, especially near the power house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The information was noted.

5.5 HARVESTING OF BURKES PASS AND TEKAPO

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To formally approve the recommendation for the harvesting of Burkes Pass and Tekapo - made to the Forestry Board by Terry O'Neill in July 2019 – noting the Forestry Board provided e-mail approval on 9 July 2019.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MFB/2019/62

Moved: Cr Stuart Barwood
Seconded: Mayor Graham Smith

1. The report was received.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MFB/2019/63

Moved: Cr Stuart Barwood
Seconded: Cr Chris Clarke

2. The harvesting proposal from Forest Management Limited was formally approved.

CARRIED

5.6 FOREST ESTATE VALUATION

The forest estate has been valued by the District Forester, and he explained how the value is calculated by using a method that is best practice. The Mayor commented on the report and suggested to have a ten year plan in place regarding projected income to be derived from different maturing blocks of wood. The 'Price History' information sheet was tabled and discussed with the District Forester. These figures will be attached to the minutes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The information was noted.

Attachments

- 1 Price History graph attachment Forestry Committee meeting 27 August 2019

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MFB/2019/64

Moved: Cr Anne Munro
Seconded: Cr Chris Clarke

The public was excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
6.1 - Forestry Manager Contract Renewal	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
6.2 - Minutes of Public Excluded Forestry Committee Meeting - 21 May 2019	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MFB/2019/65

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

The Council moved out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 10.20am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mackenzie Forestry Board Meeting held on 8 October 2019.

.....CHAIRPERSON

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