



Unconfirmed MINUTES

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management
Committee Meeting**

21 February 2020

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE OMARAMA COMMUNITY CENTRE, OMARAMA
ON FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Simon Cameron, Lisa Anderson, Matthew Bayliss, Richard Subtil, Cr John Sunckell, John Wilkie, Kieran Whyte, Cr Ross McRobie,

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Miriam Morton (Waimate District Council), Tami Woods (Ecan Facilitator), Chris Eccleston (Ecan), Kate Doran (Ecan), John Benn (DOC), Shirley Hayward (Ecan), Henrietta Hazlett (Ecan), Jenna Hughes-Games (Ecan), Rick Ramsay (Alpine Salmon), Ruth Grundy (reporter from Omarama Gazette), Barry Shepherd, Arlene Goss (Mackenzie District Council – Governance Advisor).

1 OPENING

The chairman welcomed everyone and asked Kieran Whyte gave a karakia.

Cr Miriam Morton from the Waimate District Council was welcomed to the meeting as an observer. It was noted that the current Terms of Reference for the committee do not allow her to have voting rights. She was invited to join the table.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Stuart Barwood, Joy Paterson, and Michael McMillan who will be the Arowhenua representative on the committee from the next meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Tami Woods outlined the new Conflict of Interest rules and asked the members to review the two reports on conflicts of interest in the agenda. She drew their attention to the flow chart on page 25 of the agenda, and the list of conflicts on page 7.

She suggested that members add a list of the resource consents they personally hold, if any. She offered to search consents in the system and add these to the list for each member.

Richard Subtil asked for his consents to be added. Members asked questions about whether some of their individual situations were relevant.

Tami Woods circulated the hard copy of the interests register to the members so it could be updated and signed.

3.1 ATTACHMENT

Attachments

- 1 Interests Register Updated Feb 22 2020

4 VISITORS

There were no visitor presentations at the meeting other than from Environment Canterbury staff.

5 REPORTS

5.3 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 20 SEPTEMBER 2019

John Benn from the Department of Conservation requested some changes to the minutes related to Lake Middleton. These changes were read out by Tami Woods and agreed to by the committee. The changes are:

Under Item 5.8: Lake Middleton, Track Around the Lake, the following to be added to the sentence beginning "There is still a boundary issue on the side of the lake to be resolved..."

... and a baseline, vegetation survey needs to be undertaken in the wetland before any decision on hard structures such as walkways, can be made. This was because there is a high rate of endemism in the Mackenzie Basin and if there are rare or threatened plants (or other species) in the wetland, constructing a walkway through it may be inappropriate.

Under Item 5.8: Ohau Conservation Trust, the following to be added:

John Benn provided a variety of examples of where DOC, local communities, private land owners and other organisations (e.g., ECan, LINZ) ARE, or have worked together on projects; some funded by the Zone Committee, including the Forks Stream fish barrier, wilding conifer control across the basin and weed control in the Hopkins & Dobson Valleys.

And the following to be added:

It was pointed out that ECan, via the harbourmaster, has jurisdiction over navigation rules and by-laws on the lake, not DOC.

Mr Benn then updated the committee on the work being carried out at Lake Middleton.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/55

Moved: Member Richard Subtil

Seconded: Member Lisa Anderson

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 20 September 2019 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting, with the changes noted above.

CARRIED

The chairperson asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

5.4 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the regional committee, on page 20 of the agenda, was received.

5.5 ACTION LIST

Tami Woods went through the action list with the committee.

She will continue to seek an update on Destination Mackenzie and the land survey report around Lake Middleton.

Tami Woods provided an update to item 3 on the Action List. Jeremy Severinsen had advised that he would pay for a survey and had been in touch with Alastair Ensor who represents the landowner. He recommended that the zone committee contact Alastair to follow-up.

John Benn from the Department of Conservation suggested that if the boundary was not an issue the money could go towards a management plan instead of carrying out a land survey. Richard Subtil replied that nobody knows where the boundary is so nobody can do things on the land. DOC needs to carry out the survey with the agreement of the neighbouring land owner.

Cr McRobie suggested the delay on Destination Mackenzie may be due to work being done South Island-wide at the Mayoral Forum level. The committee agreed that even if this was happening, an update was required. A resolution was drafted to register their disappointment with the lack of information.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/56

Moved: Cr Ross McRobie

Seconded: Member John Wilkie

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee registers its disappointment that after five months nothing has been received from the parties involved in Destination Mackenzie.

CARRIED

5.6 MANAGEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The purpose of this report was to outline the recommended approach to managing zone committee conflicts of interest following the revocation of exemptions to the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

This report was considered earlier in the meeting, under Item 3 "Declarations of Interest".

5.7 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY, AND CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATES

The purpose of the report was to elect, review and amend, if needed:

- Election of Chair, Deputy Chair and Regional Representative for 2020 as set out in the Terms of Reference; and
- Meeting dates, times and location.

Election of Chairperson

Chairperson Simon Cameron vacated the chair and the governance advisor called for nominations for the position of chairperson.

Simon Cameron was nominated by Richard Subtil. This was seconded by Matt Bayliss.

There were no further nominations, so Simon Cameron was appointed chairperson.

Cr John Sunckell thanked Simon Cameron for his work and leadership on the zone committee.

Election of Deputy Chairperson

Mr Cameron called for nominations for the position of deputy chairperson.

Matt Bayliss was nominated by Lisa Anderson. This was seconded by Simon Cameron.

There were no further nominations, so Matt Bayliss was appointed deputy chairperson.

Election of Regional Representative

The committee agreed to continue with a previous decision that whoever was available from the committee to attend in Christchurch would attend the regional committee meetings on behalf of the water zone committee.

Meeting Dates

The committee agreed that once a year they needed to meet in Otematata and Lake Tekapo.

The next meeting, In March, would be a hangi at Richard Subtil's property at Omarama. Mr Subtil asked to move the March meeting to March 27. Tami Woods will email members to allow them to check their calendars.

It was possible that a joint meeting of the Upper and Lower Waitaki Zone Committees could be held at Otematata in April.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/57

Moved: Member Richard Subtil

Seconded: Member Matthew Bayliss

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee elects Simon Cameron as chairperson for 2020. Nominated by Richard Subtil.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/58

Moved: Member Lisa Anderson

Seconded: Chairperson Simon Cameron

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee elects Matt Bayliss as deputy chairperson for 2020. Nominated by Lisa Anderson.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/59

Moved: Chairperson Simon Cameron

Seconded: Member Matthew Bayliss

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee appoints "any member who can attend a regional meeting in Christchurch" as regional representative for 2020.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/60

Moved: Chairperson Simon Cameron

Seconded: Member Matthew Bayliss

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee meets from 9.30am to 1pm on the following Fridays:

21 February – Omarama

20 or 27 March tbc – Hangi at Omarama

17 April

15 May

19 June

17 July

21 August

18 September

16 October

20 November

CARRIED

5.8 LAKE RUATANIWHA E.COLI REPORT

This report was from Henrietta Hazlett, Resource Management Officer at Environment Canterbury, and provided information on the high level of *E. coli* found in Lake Ruataniwha on the 1st of January 2020, and the subsequent compliance investigation.

Henrietta Haslett and Shirley Hayward took the committee through the power point presentation on page 32 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on whether the campground and its oxidation pond could have contributed to the high e.coli readings. It was agreed that even if it wasn't the source of the e.coli, the oxidation pond was still a risk to the lake in the event of an earthquake or other failure. The committee agreed to write to Mackenzie District Council in support of joining the campground to the main sewer line.

The committee also discussed how the impact on the lake was directly linked to human activity and signage linking poor water quality to human activity and the steps people could take should be installed at Lake Ruataniwha.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/61

Moved: Member Lisa Anderson

Seconded: Member John Wilkie

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee endorses the proposed next steps at Lake Ruataniwha, which are to wait for results from the campground oxidation pond review, continue to regularly sample the lake and continue compliance presence in the area, including FST sampling over high use periods.

3. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee writes to Mackenzie District Council in support of the need to join the Lake Ruataniwha campground to the main sewerage system.
4. That the committee recommends that signage linking poor quality water to human activity is installed at Lake Ruataniwha.

CARRIED

5.9 AHURIRI ARM LAKE TROPHIC LIMITS

Richard Subtil and Lisa Anderson updated the committee on the response to the Ahuriri Arm Lake Trophic Level Limit exceedance, and the formation of an Ahuriri Catchment Group. They said that local farmers were strongly supportive of the formation of the Group.

The need for compliance to focus on the areas of nutrient highest impact, using information gathered by compliance and land management staff to next communicate steps farmers need to take, and a concern about whether the outcomes sought by the committee in their Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) would be achieved, was also discussed.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/62

Moved: Member Richard Subtil

Seconded: Member Matthew Bayliss

1. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee notes progress on the response to the Ahuriri Arm Lake Trophic Level Limit exceedance.
2. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee supports the formation of the Ahuriri Catchment Group;
3. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee invites the Ahuriri Catchment Group to continue:
 - To engage with the Zone Committee; and
 - Seek support of the Committee, where needed, to help the group achieve its goals.
4. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee asks Environment Canterbury to establish and prioritise robust compliance in the Ahuriri area, with the focus in the areas of the highest impact on nutrient loss.
5. That communication with farmers emphasises the steps they can take to improve trophic limits in the Ahuriri Arm, using the compliance and land management information gathered in the past six months.
6. That Environment Canterbury provides the committee with information about how effective the operative planning regime for Ahuriri Arm of Lake Benmore will be in achieving the outcomes as sought in their ZIPA.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.32am and reconvened at 11.50am.

5.10 IMMEDIATE STEPS FUNDING FOR THE FERINTOSH ROWAN CONTROL PROJECT

This report was submitted by Jenna Hughes-Games, Environment Canterbury. The purpose of this report was to formally confirm the allocation of Immediate Steps (IMS) funding to the Ferintosh Rowan Control project.

The Committee endorsed this project earlier in the year by e-mail. This report was to formally record the Committee's decision to allocate the funding.

Jenna Hughes-Games updated the committee on the work carried out so far. DOC are working with the landowners and they are heavily involved.

John Benn from DOC outlined work due to start within the next two weeks to address some very heavy infestation. He said it was a very worthwhile project from a biodiversity viewpoint.

Discussion took place on priorities for Immediate Steps funding. The committee expressed a desire to look into other sources of funding and ways to encourage tree planting. Tami Woods suggested holding a session on this at a future date.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/63

Moved: Member Lisa Anderson

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee approves Immediate Steps funding of \$10,000 towards the Ferintosh Rowan Control Project.

CARRIED

5.11 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

Tami Woods noted the committee had a replacement for Arowhenua representative Sandra Hamstead-Tipene. Michael McMillan would be at the next meeting.

The chairperson will be presenting the committee's annual report to the Environment Canterbury and Mackenzie District Councils. A volunteer was requested to present it at the Waitaki District Council. Richard Subtil agreed.

Discussion took place on key messages around litter and toileting. The committee saw a need to emphasise these messages to the public.

Kate Doran from Ecan answered questions on the 'Love Our Lake' Campaign. The branded bags will be reprinted for upcoming events.

The committee agreed to invite the region's responsible camping ambassadors to the next meeting.

Mackenzie District Council is currently consulting the public on the future management of Lakes Alexandrina and MacGregor. Tami Woods suggested the committee invite someone to speak on this matter. The consultant was happy to come along. An update was sought, but it was noted the Committee would be happy if this was in the form of a short update from Cr Stuart Barwood.

Concern was expressed about a lack of representation on the committee from the north of the basin. Tami Woods was asked to follow-up with the community board and other contacts to see if there were people that could help bring issues from the north to the committee table.

Matt Bayliss suggested that members read the report on tourism from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment on. He said this was important information and he would like to understand how Ecan and other councils would respond to this report. Discussion took place on this matter and the committee drafted the resolution below.

Tami Woods will email everyone a link to the report.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/64

Moved: Member Matthew Bayliss

Seconded: Chairperson Simon Cameron

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee asks the elected representatives on the committee to come back with a response on how their council intends to respond to the report on Tourism from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 12.36pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on 20 or 27 March 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON