



# **MINUTES**

## **Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting**

**17 July 2020**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MERIDIAN ENERGY MEETING ROOM, TWIZEL  
ON FRIDAY, 17 JULY 2020 AT 9.30AM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tami Woods (Ecan Facilitator), Chris Eccleston (Ecan), Ian Whitehouse, Brad Waldon-Gibbons (Ecan), Jenna Hughes-Games (Ecan), Ian Lyttle (Ecan), Rick Ramsay (Alpine Salmon), Ruth Grundy (reporter from Omarama Gazette), Arlene Goss (Mackenzie District Council – Governance Advisor), Robert McIntyre, Rebecca McIntyre, Carey-Mai McIntyre (Buscott Station), Alan Campbell (Twizel)

## **1 OPENING**

Michael McMillan opened the meeting with a karakia.

Mat Bayliss welcomed the committee to the Meridian Energy building and outlined health and safety procedures.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from member Lisa Anderson and observer Cr Miriam Morton.

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/71**

Moved: Cr Stuart Barwood

Seconded: John Wilkie

That the minutes of the meeting of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee held on June 19, 2020, be confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

### **4.1 CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received.

## 4 REPORTS

### 5.1 ACTION LIST - JULY 2020

The committee briefly discussed progress on some of the matters listed. It was noted that hydraulic work was ongoing at Kellands Pond and Wairepo Arm, and that a report would come to the committee on the results of this.

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/72**

Moved: Joy Paterson

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

That the Action List be noted.

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 WILLOWBURN STREAM LAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND AHURIRI CATCHMENT PGF APPLICATION

This report was from Jenna Hughes-Games, Land Management and Biodiversity Advisor, Environment Canterbury. It outlined the work both completed and planned in the Willowburn Catchment, as well as the Provincial Growth Fund Application that was put in for the Ahuriri Catchment.

Jenna Hughes-Games introduced the background to her report. In 2015-16 a full stream walk was conducted on the Willowburn reaches and this resulted in a lot of fencing being done in the upper reaches, as well as some willow clearing in the lower reaches. In total 24.2km of fencing and 36 hectares of willow control were funded by the Immediate Steps programme.

The next goal is to identify areas that have not been fenced and prioritise these areas for landowners to fence next.

She also spoke about an application to the Provincial Growth Fund that was lodged last week. This application was to pay for 55km of waterway fencing in the wider Ahuriri catchment. Discussion took place on the costs listed in the report, particularly for administration costs. It was noted that this was just an estimate and may not all be required.

Jenna Hughes-Games and Ian Lyttle were thanked for their work on this application at short notice.

Cr Barwood asked if a plan for the whole water zone area, rather than just the Ahuriri Catchment, was a good idea. Jenna Hughes-Games said this was a good idea but would require a lot of staff work and the money for fencing might not be available. Debate followed on whether to approach waterway fencing from a catchment-wide view, or concentrate on potential problem areas.

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/73**

Moved: Richard Subtil

Seconded: John Wilkie

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee:

1. Notes the previous work on the Willowburn, Wairepo and Six Mile Creek watercourses and the resulting fencing carried out on properties;
2. Endorses the future planned stream walk and advice to farms along the Willowburn stream; and
3. Notes the work undertaken to date to access national funds for fencing in the Ahuriri Catchment.

**CARRIED**

### **5.3 FIT FOR FUTURE KAITIAKITANGA TARGETS (WĀHI TAONGA & MAHINGA KAI)**

This report was from Brad Waldon-Gibbons, Tangata Whenua Facilitator, Environment Canterbury. His power point presentation is available as an attachment to these minutes.

The committee were informed of what mahinga kai encompasses and its relevance to the CWMS Fit for future targets and goals review that was completed in 2019. Work is underway to identify the five mahinga kai sites mentioned in the 2025 targets.

Brad Waldon-Gibbons asked what discussion was needed as a committee, how would committee decisions impact on mahinga kai, and was there a role for the committee to play in mahinga kai implementation?

Member Michael McMillan spoke about his work with Timaru District Council on cultural mapping of trigger points that would trigger consultation. This would happen in the Mackenzie District also.

Discussion took place on the need to raise awareness on the location and significance of cultural sites within the zone.

The committee asked for some guidance and direction from runanga members to identify mahinga kai sites in the zone. Facilitator Tami Woods suggested exploring potential sites later in the year. A suggestion was also made to include an ongoing agenda item on mahinga kai at future meetings, and this was agreed.

Member Joy Paterson moved that the following resolution be added:

*That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee includes an action item or information on mahinga kai be added to each meeting agenda.*

This resolution was confirmed as below.

Brad Waldon-Gibbons was asked to circulate his presentation to the committee members by email.

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/74**

Moved: Cr Stuart Barwood

Seconded: Richard Subtil

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee:

1. Notes the report.

2. Explores opportunities to collaborate with ngā Rūnanga to incorporate cultural perspectives including mahinga kai in Zone Committee recommendations and actions.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/75**

Moved: Richard Subtil

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee includes an action item or information on mahinga kai be added to each meeting agenda.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 ZONE FACILITATOR'S UPDATE**

Facilitator Tami Woods spoke to this report. She noted that changes were planned to the terms of reference for zone committees and “letters of priorities” would come from Environment Canterbury and territorial councils to help with an action plan later this year.

The communications update from Kate Doran was noted, and the Love Our Lakes video was played.

A meeting on the Lake Ruataniwha campaign was planned for Friday, July 31, and would include the campground owner and other stakeholders.

Discussion took place on future meetings. It was agreed to hold a workshop instead of a meeting next month, to be followed by a meeting in Tekapo in September.

Tami Woods told the committee about Peter Ramsden’s investiture and the chairman moved to congratulate Mr Ramsden. This was confirmed.

Regarding the Ministry for Primary Industries Extension Services Programme, the committee agreed that this type of support was needed for catchment groups.

Tami Woods noted that she had been temporarily seconded to a different role and her last meeting with the committee would be next month. She introduced Ian Whitehouse who would stand in until a new appointment was made.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/76**

Moved: Joy Paterson

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2020/77**

Moved: Chairperson Simon Cameron

Seconded: Richard Subtil

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee congratulates Peter Ramsden on his recent investiture.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**The Meeting closed with a karakia from Michael McMillan at 11.56am. After the meeting the committee members visited the Tekapo River to explore issues related to weed growth and gravel accumulation.**

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

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**CHAIRPERSON**