



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management
Committee Meeting**

20 August 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON ZOOM DURING LOCKDOWN AT 10AM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021**

PRESENT: Chairperson Simon Cameron, Matthew Bayliss, Richard Subtil, Cr John Sunckell, Keiran Whyte, Cr Ross McRobie, Cr Stuart Barwood, Michael McMillan

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Miriam Morton (Waimate District Council), Janine Roux (Committee Facilitator, Ecan), Graeme Clark (Ecan), Kate Doran (Ecan), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), Viv Smith-Campbell (Ohau Conservation Trust).

A recording of this meeting is available on request.

1 OPENING

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies, Ross/Simon Apology from Joy Patterson

3 VISITORS

Viv Smith-Campbell from the Ohau Conservation Trust joined the meeting to give a presentation on Lake Middleton.

4 REPORTS

4.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 JUNE 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/91

Moved: Chairperson Simon Cameron

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 18 June 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 INTERESTS REGISTER

This information was noted.

4.3 ŌHAU CONSERVATION TRUST

This report was from Viv Smith-Campbell, Chairperson of the Ōhau Conservation Trust. It provided an update on Lake Middleton projects by the Trust, working with the Department of Conservation.

Viv Smith-Campbell gave a presentation titled “Lake Middleton Projects”. A copy of this presentation is available as an attachment to these minutes. Discussion included the following matters:

- Member Richard Subtil asked how native plants would be protected from deer. DOC were planning to rabbit-fence the planting area. The area adjoins the back of the village with a lot of human activity so that will discourage deer.
- Michael McMillan said all three Runanga would need to be involved in the planting plan. Viv Smith-Campbell said she was working with DOC to involve Runanga.
- Keiran Whyte asked what types of plants would be used. Planting on conservation land required locally sourced plants.
- Cr Morton asked about the name “Avoca”. This was the name of the original station homestead.
- Keiran Whyte asked if the trust was aware of the cultural significance of the area and had there been any consideration around consultation with runaka on how they might want that area used. Viv Smith-Campbell said the bigger project hadn’t started yet and she was working with DOC to contact runaka.
- Discussion took place on whether the lake contained tuna, and the need to check this.
- Mat Bayliss asked for clarification of the reserve and land status of the lake margin. He said it was impressive to see unpaid volunteers doing this work and thanked them.

4.4 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

This report was from Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury. She asked the committee to consider the action plan which would outline the committee’s activity for the next three years.

The chairman asked about the terms of reference. He questioned the limit of power on the committee, in that it was not allowed to submit on local government long-term plans. He felt this was something the committee would be good at doing. This was mentioned on page 20 of the agenda.

Janine Roux said this was because the committee was a council committee and came under the rules for council committees.

Richard Subtil asked about the inclusion of measuring nutrients in the plan, when Overseer was “being thrown out”. This was a wait and see situation at this stage. Overseer was the current tool, so would continue to be used for now. Further discussion included the shortcomings of Overseer and the need for a different way to measure things if it was no longer used. Cr Sunckell said Overseer was still part of the consenting process.

Mat Bayliss updated the group on the Twizel River Restoration project discussed at the last meeting. He said he had reached out to Tim Harty with no response. Cr Barwood had offered to

follow up personally with Mr Harty and had done so, but Mr Harty had still not responded. Cr Barwood suggested that Mr Bayliss contacted Cr Emily Bradbury, as one of the Twizel councillors.

The chairman said the committee was happy with the action plan and they approved it.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/92

Moved: Mr Richard Subtil

Seconded: Chairperson Simon Cameron

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Action Plan as presented in the agenda be accepted as the Zone Committee’s plan for 2021-2024.

CARRIED

5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Communications officer Kate Doran shared recent media activity related to zone committee activities.

Facilitator Janine Roux updated the committee on plans for work to be carried out by Mackenzie District Council at Lake Ruataniwha. These would be shared with the committee when they were available.

The chairman asked the facilitator for a presentation from the Wilding Tree Trust regarding work they had done in the area - to come to a future meeting.

The Meeting closed at 11am with a karakia from Keiran Whyte.

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

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CHAIRPERSON