



**Mackenzie**

DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **MINUTES**

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management  
Committee Meeting**

**20 May 2022**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MACKENZIE COUNTRY HOTEL, TWIZEL  
ON FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2022 AT 10.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Simon Cameron, Richard Subtil, Cr John Sunckell, Joy Paterson, Cr Stuart Barwood, Michael McMillan,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Janine Roux (Facilitator), Chris Eccleston, Tami Woods, Ian Lyttle, Shane Gilmer, Holly Morgan, Graeme Clarke (all from Environment Canterbury), Arlene Goss (Committee Administrator), Rick Ramsay (Aquaculture Group), John Benn (Department of Conservation), Dafydd Pettigrew (XYST Consultant).

**1 OPENING**

The meeting opened with a karakia from Michael McMillan.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2022/95**

Moved: Cr John Sunckell

Seconded: Mr Richard Subtil

That the apologies received from Matthew Bayliss and Kieran Whyte be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**3 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 FEBRUARY 2022**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2022/96**

Moved: Ms Joy Paterson

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 18 February 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**4 RUATANIWHA UPDATE**

The purpose of this report, by Dafydd Pettigrew, XYST Consultant, was to update the Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee on Mackenzie District Council's Ruataniwha Reserve Management Plan.

Mr Pettigrew joined the meeting online. He introduced himself and said he had been engaged to put this plan together under the Reserves Act. He outlined the consultation process, and the ideas contributed by the public to date.

The chairman passed on a comment from member Matthew Bayliss, who could not attend the meeting. He was concerned about the possibility of the sports ground being moved from the centre of town to this reserve. Mr Pettigrew said there was a lot of work to do before that might happen. Just because it was mentioned in this plan did not mean it had to happen. Feasibility needed to be investigated.

Joy Paterson asked about three islands that were not included. They were not included because they were not within the reserve boundary.

The chairman asked about the launching of boats at the Ohau end of the reserve. This needed tarmac at the ramp. Mr Pettigrew said the management plan would include more of a coordinated approach to the boat ramp areas.

Toilet facilities – Mr Pettigrew updated the committee on two new toilets that were close to being constructed by Mackenzie District Council. Toilets were also needed by boat ramps.

Cr Sunckell asked if there was an environmental impact assessment being done on more intense use of the reserve? Not a formal assessment done. This would be considered as it was fairly standard in the industry. Mr Pettigrew outlined the timeframe for the plan.

He was thanked for his presentation and he then left the meeting.

## **5 AHURIRI UPDATE**

This report was by Ian Lyttle and Shane Gilmer, Environment Canterbury. It followed the Zone Committee workshop held in March 2022.

It provided an update on the work within the Ahuriri Catchment relating to the exceedance of the Trophic Level Index (TLI) and similar work within Ōtūwharekai (Ashburton Lakes) as a case study.

A copy of the presentation given by Mr Lyttle and Mr Gilmer, called Farm Advisory Update, is available as an attachment to these minutes.

They spoke about work with farmers in the Ahuriri catchment to address challenges with nutrient loss.

Member Richard Subtil asked about prioritising and accelerating this work so changes could be made quickly. Janine Roux suggested asking a representative of Irricon to come to a meeting and talk about what they were doing.

Shane Gilmer then gave a presentation on Lake TLI drivers. Discussion took place on farm-based initiatives to move nitrogen/winter grazing onto more appropriate soils. He described it as a paddock by paddock risk assessment, with paddock level mitigations.

Richard Subtil asked about satellite monitoring of farm practices that were happening away from public view. This subject would come back to a future meeting.

## **6 CWMS ACTION PLAN BUDGET UPDATE 2021/22**

This report was by Janine Roux and followed Zone Committee workshops held in March 2022. It provided updated recommendations on the allocation of the CWMS Action Plan Budget for the 2021/2022 financial year.

The committee considered the two applications for funding and approved both. It was noted that about \$1800 was left over in this financial year. The committee decided to split this amount between the two projects.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2022/97**

Moved: Chairperson Simon Cameron

Seconded: Mr Richard Subtil

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee recommends to Environment Canterbury that the CWMS Action Plan budget is allocated to the following two projects:
  - a) Lake Ōhau cotoneaster follow-up control project for \$13,081.00 exl GST.
  - b) Willow Bay and Lagoon funding plan \$4,919.00 exl GST.

**CARRIED**

**5.6 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT**

**Committee Refresh** – Member Joy Paterson said she would not be re-applying for her position. Positions are being advertised currently and more nominations were needed. Current members were extended to August 31, if they wished to stay on until then. Won't be able to hold any official meetings in August. Member Richard Subtil said he would stay on the committee if needed.

Cr Sunckell asked about whether people who did not have a primary residence in the district could apply. Yes.

**Next Month's Meeting** – Omarama School have suggested a hangi. Did the committee want to hold this in cold weather? A bonfire was suggested. The committee were in favour of this and discussion took place on arrangements. This was planned for June 17.

**Chairman reported from the Waitaki Lakes Shoreline Committee** – LINZ has just granted a new lease for the Haldon campground. Still don't know if they have done anything about their holding tanks. This was a holding system that did not leak into the lake. Consent was not required.

**Twizel River Catchment Group** – The chairman said everyone local was concerned about cyanobacteria in the Twizel River. He had spoken to people who were interested in forming a catchment group. A meeting will happen soon.

**Status of Overseer** - A question was asked by Richard Subtil about where Overseer sat at the moment. Cr Sunckell explained current requirements involving Overseer. Richard Subtil asked for this information to be communicated to farmers and a resolution was passed to this effect.

**Recreational water quality monitoring** - Discussion took place on recreational monitoring of water quality, in particular the Fraser River and Twizel River. The committee was updated on initiatives to improve reporting to the public on this.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2022/98**

Moved: Mr Richard Subtil

Seconded: Chairperson Simon Cameron

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee asks staff to communicate the current situation with Overseer to farmers.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 12.22pm.**

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

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**CHAIRPERSON**