



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Unconfirmed MINUTES

**School Road Rural Water Supply Ratepayers
Annual General Meeting**

22 June 2022

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
SCHOOL ROAD RURAL WATER SUPPLY RATEPAYERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2022 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Chairman Keith Stanley, Kevin O’Neil, Warren Walker, Phil McCabe, Bron Williams, Tim Rodwell, Ben Rodwell

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Graham Smith (from 10.17am), Sandy Hogg (Finance Manager), Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor)

1 OPENING

The chairman declared the meeting open.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCH/2022/15

Moved: Member Warren Walker

Seconded: Member Kevin O’Neil

That the following apologies be accepted and leave of absence granted.

- Matt Wilson
- Andrew Anderson
- John Wright
- Kevin Payne
- Les Riddle
- Allan Hooper
- Ross Moore

CARRIED

3 REPORTS

3.1 MINUTES OF SCHOOL ROAD RURAL WATER SUPPLY RATEPAYERS COMMITTEE MEETING - 12 MARCH 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCH/2022/16

Moved: Chair Keith Stanley

Seconded: Kevin O’Neil

1. That the Minutes of the School Road Rural Water Supply Ratepayers Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

3.2 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Run smoothly, issues with high water not low water, has been sprayed and things running smoothly.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCH/2022/17

Moved: Kevin O'Neil

Seconded: Warren Walker

That the chairperson provide a report to the meeting on current activity, and be thanked for their work as chairperson over the past year.

CARRIED

3.3 FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

The report has been prepared for the committee members to review the forecasted financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and determine the budget for the 2022/2023 year.

Finance manager Sandy Hogg was introduced to the committee. Discussion on the finances included the following matters:

The chairman asked why the unit rate had risen from \$2.77 to \$6.02. Sandy Hogg said rates were set by looking at the operating costs and setting the rate to meet those costs. The per consumer rate has been kept the same, but the unit rate was increased to meet operating costs.

The chairman disputed a bill from Axel Consulting, saying he did not know anything about this and the money was spent without the knowledge of the committee. Utilities manager Geoff Horler also did not recognise this consultant. It was agreed that the finance manager would look into this further and any over-charge would be credited into the water supply's account as a rebate.

The budget for the coming year was also high. This included money for monitoring.

Mayor Graham Smith joined the meeting at 10.17am.

The budget has been prepared on what the monitoring cost was likely to be at the end of the year. The details of the monitoring cost were outlined by Mr Horler. This included the cost to put in a new monitoring system that sent data to Ecan electronically. Ecan no longer accepted spreadsheets of data.

The chairman questioned the need to install new monitoring. He said he spoke to Chris Eccleston at Ecan who told him everything was being done correctly. Geoff Horler disagreed with this and said the rules had changed. Ecan wanted the information electronically. Mr Horler said Mr Eccleston was not the same person he was dealing with. The chairman asked for information in writing to confirm this situation.

Sandy Hogg said if the costs come in cheaper than what was rated, the surplus would go into the reserve account. Discussion took place on the need to increase the reserve towards the eventual cost of piping the supply.

The chairman asked about Three Waters reform. The Mayor explained that because this scheme was not under council control, it would not become a part of the Three Waters reform and would continue to be under local control.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCH/2022/18

Moved: Tim Rodwell

Seconded: Warren Walker

1. That the report be received.
2. That the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022 be adopted.
3. That the budget for 2022/2023 be adopted as presented.
4. That the water supply recommends to Council a rate requirement of \$6.02(GST Incl.) per hectare and the per property rate is kept at \$30.00 (GST Incl.) per property to achieve an income requirement of \$5,060 for the scheme.

CARRIED

3.4 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

At each annual general meeting an election is held for the position of chairperson and members of the committee. Traditionally, all those present at the AGM have been made members of the committee, with all having voting rights.

Warren Walker nominated Keith Stanley and this was seconded by Kevin O'Neil. There were no further nominations and Keith Stanley was re-elected unopposed.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCH/2022/19

Moved: Warren Walker

Seconded: Kevin O'Neil

1. That Keith Stanley be re-elected chairperson of the School Road Rural Water Supply Ratepayers Committee for 2022/23.
2. That the members of the committee for 2022/23 are those present at the meeting and apologies, namely Keith Stanley, Kevin O'Neil, Warren Walker, Phil McCabe, Bron Williams, Tim Rodwell, Ben Rodwell, Matt Wilson, Andrew Anderson, John Wright, Kevin Payne, Les Riddle, Allan Hooper, and Ross Moore.

CARRIED

3.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Kevin O'Neil said he was being rated for 40 hectares, but could only use the water on 4 hectares. The chairman said the water was there for stock use and how you use it is your problem. Mr O'Neil believed a piped scheme should happen sooner.

The Mayor updated the committee on Three Waters reform. The council has joined the group "Communities for Democracy". He feels the council will lose its voice under Three Waters and there were serious concerns about how this would be rolled out. The council has proposed different options to the government, including smaller regions. Three Waters would mean council

loses 15% of its business and some good staff, so it would have an impact on the sustainability of a small council like Mackenzie.

Council welcomed the new water regulator but questioned the new model. This council did not have a lot of debt, its assets were in the ground. The Mayor said this was an asset grab.

The Meeting closed at 10.42am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the School Road Rural Water Supply Ratepayers Annual General Meeting held on .

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CHAIRPERSON