

# **ORDER PAPER**

# EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 21 June 2022

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion

2 Kokako Street

**Taihape** 

**Chair:** Mr Jock Stratton

**Membership:** Mr Peter Batley

Mr Geoff Duncan Mr Barry Thomas Mr Simon Plimmer Mr Paul McLaren

Mr Benjamin Mallalieu

Mr Steven Stoney (Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative)

Cr Tracey Hiroa

**HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)** 

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Notice is hereby given that a Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Kokako Street Pavilion, 2 Kokako Street, Taihape on Tuesday, 21 June 2022 at 4.00 pm.

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#### **AGENDA**

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Public Forum

No public forum.

### 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

### 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, enter item number be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

#### **6** Confirmation of Minutes

#### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2022 are attached.

#### **Attachments**

1. Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting - 8 March 2022

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2022 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

# MINUTES



# UNCONFIRMED: EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 8 March 2022

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion

2 Kokako Street

**Taihape** 

Present Mr Jock Stratton

Mr Peter Batley

Mr Geoff Duncan [via Zoom]

Mr Barry Thomas

Mr Simon Plimmer [via Zoom]

Mr Paul McLaren Mr Benjamin Mallalieu

Mr Steven Stoney (Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative)

Cr Tracey Hiroa [via Zoom] HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)

In attendance Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services

Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager

Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager

Ms Rochelle Baird, Customer Services Officer

# **Order of Business**

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#### 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/001

That the apology from Mr Dene Smith for absence be accepted.

Mr B Thomas/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

#### 3 Public Forum

No public forum.

#### 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Mr Stratton would like to add new items to the agenda, being the 10 year plan review by Mr Plimmer, and a review for the tender process for capital works.

### 6 Confirmation of Minutes

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/002

That the minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply meeting minutes held on 06 December 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

# 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

#### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings

Mr Thomas had spoken with Mr Stoney regarding the invoicing of Awarua Trust for January and July. Mr Tombs said for this financial year that they had only been invoiced for \$1,300. Mr Thomas would follow it up.

Mr Stratton asked what the funding application may look like, Mrs McIlroy said she would ask internally and come back to the next meeting with her findings. His Worship the Mayor said he suspects if the 3 water comes in that with regards to larger schemes there may be more funding available. Mrs McIlroy would also approach Horizons and come back to the committee via email. The Mayor suggested for funding that the committee should look at something new rather than maintenance.

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/003

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings' be received.

Mr J Stratton/Mr B Thomas. Carried

# 8 Chair's Report

#### 8.1 Chair's Report - February 2022

Mr Stratton stated that the Erewhon Rural Water Sub-Committee continues to work alongside the Rangitikei District Council in development of the 2 new expenditure plans confirming prior years statements and financial position and also wanting to review the tender process for capital works.

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/004

That the Chair's Report – February 2022 be received.

Mr J Stratton/Mr B Thomas. Carried

# 9 Reports for Information

#### 9.1 Erewhon RWS - Confirmation of Prior Years' Statements of Assets and Liabilities

Mr Tombs highlighted historical figures and explained how they came about and had simplified it all and would continue with this format, highlighting various figures (shaded yellow in the attachments to the Order Paper) had not been treated consistently.

Mr McLaren questioned the positive bank balance and a loan and asked who borrows the money the farmers or the scheme? Mr Tombs explained notional bank balance and the Mayor said they would need to look at the constitution but thought the Council borrowed on the schemes behalf.

Mr Stratton asked what would be the outcome if the council decided to call in the loan. Mr Tombs said as long as there is a prepayment plan it would not be a problem. Recognising that the Scheme

could potentially be indebted to Council for a period of time, Mr Tombs will provide a Debt Framework model to the next meeting as all parties need to make sure this is managed properly.

Mr Tombs spoke regarding Attachment 4 and said interest was not credited for the past 4 years and he had added it in as 2% with \$3,000 credited back worth of interest, and asked the Committee if this would suffice. Mr Mclaren asked why the Committee did not try to raise the rate because of the negative balance. The Mayor said some members wanted an increase and some did not. Mr Plimmer said the Committee needs to move on and that all avenues had been exhausted. Mr Duncan thanked Mr Tombs with confidence that it was a fair reflection of where the scheme is at.

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/005

That the report 'Erewhon RWS – Confirmation of Prior Years' Statement of Assets and Liabilities' be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Thomas. Carried

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/006

That the Committee confirm the revised prior years' Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Thomas. Carried

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/007

The Committee confirmed the proposed method for calculating annual interest for 2017/18 to 2020/21, accepting the figures in Mr Tombs finance summary (Attachment 4).

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

#### 9.2 Operations Report - February 2022

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report stating there was an issue on the Collier line, Mr Smith had been flushing and scouring and would try chemical to break up the silting.

Mr van Bussel explained that originally the checks were monthly but got stopped and now they are only 3 monthly. He explained what Mr Smith did in the checks which included regular flushing of the lines and that it could be pushed out to every 4 months but thought that 3 monthly was good. Mr van Bussel explained the annual check and that the main intake is shut down and the screens are cleaned. Mr Mclaren suggested the checks be seasonal. Mr Stratton asked what technology there is available now to measure the flows, Mr van Bussel explained how Mr Smith read the measurement and said a new meter would need to be installed at each tank and could be very costly.

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/008

That the 'Operations Report – February 2022' be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/009

That the 3 monthly maintenance check be moved to 4 monthly and to be reviewed annually.

Mr P McLaren/Mr P Batley. Carried

#### 9.3 Financial Summary - February 2022

Mr Tombs spoke to his report, and said the insurance is not the full annual amount and that depreciation is a notional figure.

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/010

That the report 'Financial Summary – February 2022' be received.

Mr J Stratton/Mr B Thomas. Carried

#### 10 Late Items

#### 10.1 Late Items

Mr Plimmer tabled and spoke to his development 10 year forecast based on Mr van Bussel's capital works projects that came to about 3 million with expenditure based on operating costs and inflation but with external funding essential and an increase of rates. Mr Tombs asked how high could the deficit go if the scheme could commit to get the balance down to 0 by 2031 then they could be more tolerant of that number with a forecast review every 6-12 months, and this would be a good starting point. Mr Plimmer said this was only a scenario.

Mr Mallalieu asked if this is just a 10 year phase or a similar amount would need to be spent in future years. Mr van Bussel said no he doesn't think so and that other areas have already had money spent on maintenance. Mr Stratton asked could the scheme smooth out a bit more, Mr van Bussel said the Rangitikei river crossing could be pushed out. The Mayor suggested approaching the defence force for that project as it is outside of public view. Mr Stratton suggested a 15 year plan. Mr Mclaren said he may look to run his own scheme with a big rate increase, as the scheme seemed to be set up cheap but it is getting more expensive, and with the change in technology there would be other options. Mr van Bussel said it would not be safe to extend to 20 years as some of the pipes giving problems had been laid 40 years ago with no coating and no protection and that he would only push it out to 15 years with a review in 10 years. The Mayor said he thinks the constitution states that if one member exited the scheme they are still responsible for their intake. Mr Mclaren asked Mr van Bussel if the new capital works are a replica of the old scheme or is there a smarter way to do it. Mr van Bussel said a review could be done but they would need a hydraulic engineer as this was not his department so he was unsure. Mrs McIlroy said that if capital works was bundled together it could make it cheaper. Mr McLaren asked if a feasibility report could be done and what the cost would be. Mr van Bussel said they could bring in Mr Benadie, GM Assets and Infrastructure as he would be more knowledgeable. Mr McLaren said he would like to see a hydraulic review with the most appropriate materials to use that could be simpler, cheaper and more efficient. The Mayor said climate change could include future scenarios with dryer summers and if the 3 waters comes in there would be less money in the Uniform Annual Charge as there would be no water attached to it so potentially they could face a drop.

Mr Stratton asked if Mr Plimmer could redo a 15 year plan. Mr Tombs said if it goes out to 15 years would there be one year where it is repaid.

Mr Plimmer said the scheme is already in debt and they need to get rid of the current committed debt of \$171,000. Mr Tombs said as a starting point they could move the rate to increase to 25% as there had been no change for over 5 years. Mr Duncan said the scheme is cost effective and he would be happy with a 25% increase or even a one-off capital payment to catch up.

The Mayor asked if a one-off payment can be done. Mr Tombs said yes as a donation for example, Mr Duncan suggested a one off payment levied against each members current usage. Mr Thomas said that this decision needs to involve all users and suggested that all members who use the scheme attend a meeting. Mr Thomas said he also agreed with a 25% increase and a one off payment. The Mayor suggested the increase come in play at the end of June and explained the audit procedure regarding one-off payments.

The Committee discussed a special meeting to coincide with hydrology report and that Mr Plimmer would prepare other scenarios.

Next meeting in a month, Tuesday 05th April.

#### Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/011

That Council would discuss and recommend someone to review the hydraulics, material and technology for the scheme.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr P McLaren. Carried

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

The minutes of this	meeting were	confirmed at	t the Erewhon	<b>Rural Wat</b>	ter Supply I	Management
Sub-Committee held	d on 21 June 20	22.				

	Chair	person

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

#### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

#### **Attachments:**

1. Follow-up Actions Register <a> U</a>

#### Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings' be received.

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# **Current Follow-up Actions**

	From Meeting		Danasa Assissas	Status Camananta	Chatana
em	Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
		As per resolution 22/ERWS/011: Staff to discuss and			
		recommend someone to review the hydraulics, material	Andrew van Bussel /	Staff will provide a verbal update at the	
1	8-Mar-22	and technology for the scheme.	Anna Thompson	meeting.	Open
				Was deferred due to the decision to increase	
		Mr Tombs will provide a 'Debt Framework model' to the		rates 100%. Will be progressed once the	
2	8-Mar-22	next meeting.	Dave Tombs	2022/23 Budget Process is finalised.	In progress
		Regarding the tender process: Mr van Bussel said he is			
		reluctant to cut back on operational checks as the			
		scheme is running well but would re-evaluate and bring	Andrew van Bussel /		
3	6-Dec-21	his findings to the next meeting.	Anna Thompson	Will discuss at the next meeting.	In progress
		Regarding the Financial Summary: Mrs Mcilroy, Mr van			
		Bussel and Mr Smith would discuss and come back with			
		an action finance plan for the Capital Works	Jess Mcilroy /	Staff will provide a verbal update at the	
4	29-Sep-21	programme.	Andrew van Bussel	meeting.	In progress
		Regarding the Financial Summary: the Committee would		Past financials discussed with working	
		like a working group to discuss past financials, and		group; Summary Paper provided to March	
5	29-Sep-21	would like Mr Tombs to be in attendance.	Dave Tombs	2022 meeting	Closed
		That the following questions be answered and in a			
		timely manner.			
		1. Why is public good being charged and does the			
		scheme get the benefit of it?			
		2. Does the scheme get depreciation back or does it go			
		into Councils consolidated account?			
		3. What is Councils role?		Dave to discuss these items at meeting in	
6	8-Mar-21	4. What cash reserve sits within the scheme?	Dave Tombs	March 2022.	Closed
				Dave asked for clarification as to 'what	
		Financial Statements: Mr Duncan asked for a glossary of		terms' need to be clarified at the December	
7	8-Mar-21	terms.	Dave Tombs	2021 meeting. Awaiting response.	In progress

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# 8 Chair's Report

#### 8.1 Chair's Report - June 2022

Author: Jock Stratton, Chair

## 1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Chair may provide a report at the meeting.

#### Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – June 2022 be received.

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### 9 Reports for Information

#### 9.1 Operations Report - June 2022

Author: Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager

#### 1. Work Completed

- 1.1 The following work was completed by Taihape Plumbing from 25 January 2022 to 18 May 2022:
  - 10/2 Start of 3 monthly checks Run lines, sluices and check tank flows on Mangaohane Station A, B, C & D tank sites.
  - 14/2 Run lines, sluices and check tank flows on Mangaohane Station E & F tanks and Kelly Land Co 1, 2, 3 & 4 tanks.
  - 15/2 Run lines, sluices and check tank flows Makokomiko Station, Peter Batleys and Pukerimu.
  - 16/2 Run lines, sluices and check tank flows on Hennah block, Kaiangaroa, Kara Wipakis and Moores.
  - 17/2 Run lines, sluices and check tank flows on John Batley's, Durrants, Hiwera, Rob Colliers, Hamish Alexandra's, Tama Wipaki's, Len Gilbert's and Thompson's/Gilberts.
  - 21/2 Run lines, sluices and check tank flows on John Bird's, Britton, Pringle's, Mary Mako's and Barry Thomas properties.
  - Run lines, sluices and check tank flows on Kim Duncans, B Duncan's, D Duncan's, Peter Batley's Whake & Anstis. Clean up Rhino.
  - 25/2 Low water supply at Rob Colliers.
  - 28/2 Rob Colliers. Check tank flow still low locate and dig up line in various places.
  - 1/3 Dig and locate water line. Cut line and check flow.
  - 2/3 Fit Isolation and sluice valve at main in valve box.
  - 3/3 Make up valve box with lid and fit beside in-farm supply tank to house sluice.
  - 4/3 Renew 1500mtr of 50mm OD 16 Bar pipe on Tama Wipakis.
  - 10/3 No flow to Mary Mako tank site check flow to Britton tank site.
  - 10/3 Rob Colliers Check tank flow.
  - 11/3 Carry out Monthly Check
  - 25/3 Mangaohane Station. Meet with station Manager look over areas for proposed earth works where water main line and Mangaohane/Kelly Land Co lines pass through.
  - 30/3 Mangaohane Station Dig up and locate water main in three places before ridge lowered and yards built.
  - 31/3 Drop weir. Clean screens/covers and weed from weir. Reinstate weir.
  - 12/4 Carry out Monthly Check
  - 30/4 Extra to quoted job for internal pipe line repairs, gate and fence repairs on Tama Wipakis line renewal.
  - 11/5 Carry out Monthly Check
  - 12/5 Renew Marric Valve in Thompson PRV box and run sluice.
  - To fit isolation valve on line at low point beside sluice. Treat line with cleaning fluid and flush line.

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12/5	Rakanui Line – John Batley take off point. Locate and dig open end of box drain pipe. Renew Marric valve. Dig up and repair leak to lateral line to tank and
	reinstate.
16/5	Check flow at tank site. Flow low 23.5 I/m and needs 32 I/m. Treat line with chlorine. Make up and fit valve box for isolation and sluice valve.
17/5	Burst main beside road Pukirimu. Reinstate water supply and backfill.

# 18/5 Unload and return gear.

18/5 Thoroughly flush chlorine from line. Check flow.

#### Recommendation

That the 'Operations Report – June 2022' be received.

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#### 9.2 Financial Summary - February 2022

Author: Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services

Authoriser: Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 This Report provides year to date Financial Results for the eleven months ended 31 May 2022.

#### 2. Commentary

#### **Operating Statement**

- 2.1 This shows:
  - 2.1.1 a cash surplus of \$53k for the 11 months ended May 2022;
  - 2.1.2 capital expenditure of \$39.5k for these eleven months.
- 2.2 Note that:
  - 2.2.1 the year's Finance Costs have not yet been included in this report; and
  - 2.2.2 Finance Costs for years 2017/18 onwards are yet to be applied to be the opening Available Finance figures; and
  - 2.2.3 The 2020/21 figures are as per Attachment 4 to the previous Committee Finance report.

#### **Attachments**

#### 1. ERWS Financial Summary May 2022 &

#### Recommendation

That the report 'Financial Summary – May 2022' be received.

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# Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Operating Statement 2021/22

		YTD			
		11 Months	2021/22		
		Ended	Full Year	2020/21	20/21
		May 2022	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME	Metered Charges	162,237	162,194	162,237	166,589
	Public Good rate	0	0	(22,053)	(17,642)
	Treasury Interest	0	0	1,296	(141)
	Treasury interest	162,237	162,194	141,480	148,806
		102,237	102,134	141,400	140,000
EXPENSES	Contractors and Prof Services	74,339	94,116	89,336	90,139
	Rates	12,806	11,065	13,785	11,671
	Erewhon Waterboard Lease	5,594	6,866	4,096	6,766
	Resource Consents	1,237	1,372	931	2,266
	Telephone Costs	675	588	546	1,133
	Materials	1,994	108	0	107
	Insurance	12,581	7,930	8,494	7,504
	Finance Costs	0	4,919	0	141
		109,226	126,964	117,188	119,727
	Depreciation	129,117	134,580	125,158	126,000
	Depreciation	129,117	134,380	125,158	126,000
	Internal Charges	0	0	32,651	29,220
Accounting S	Surplus/(Deficit)	(76,106)	(99,350)	(133,517)	(126,141)
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	Depreciation	129,117	134,580	125,158	126,000
	Public Good Rate	0	0	22,053	17,642
	Internal Charges	0	0	32,651	29,220
Cash Surplus	1	53,011	35,230	46,345	46,721
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Capital Expe	naiture	39,559	120,000	278,923	286,324

#### Capital Expenditure relates to pipe renewals

Available Finance		
Funding Deficit b/f	(167,783)	64,796
Operating Cash Surplus Capital Expenditure	53,011 (39,559)	46,344 (278,923)
Funding Deficit c/f	(154,331)	(167,783)
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# 10 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 06 September 2022, at 4.00 pm.

# 11 Meeting Closed