

# MINUTES

## EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 5 December 2023

**Time:** 4.00pm

**Venue:** Kokako Street Pavilion  
2 Kokako Street  
Taihape

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**Present**

Mr Jock Stratton  
Mr Peter Batley  
Mr Barry Thomas  
Mr Benjamin Mallalieu  
HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Greg Maughan  
Cr Jeff Wong (Alternative)

**In attendance**

Mr Andrew van Bussell, Operations Manager  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager- Corporate Services (Zoom)  
Ms Rochelle Baird, Administration

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

Mr Stratton opened the meeting from 4.01pm.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/012**

That the apologies from Mr Simon Plimmer, Mr Paul McLaren, Mr Geoff Duncan and Mr Steven Stoney be accepted.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Late Items – Asset Management Plan, Consent process for Horizons and quote for Pukerimu.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/013**

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2023 **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 P Batley/Cr G Maughan. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items

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

The report was taken as read.

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - December 2023

There was no Chairs report.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's Report – December 2023 be received.

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Operations Report-September/December 2023

Mr Van Bussel spoke to his report.

Mr Smith said there had been two leaks in Mangaohane below the renewal which would be part of the proposed renewal and 3 – 4 leaks in the swamp area. Pukerimu line also had a few leaks otherwise it had just been general maintenance. Mr Smith said there is still a bit of silting when the sluices are run. Mr Mallalieu asked if the sluices are run less often could there be long time problems, Mr Smith said yes potentially but time would tell. Mr van Bussel would take a sample to test if its silt or algae.

#### **Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/014**

That the Operations Report – September/December 2023 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr B Thomas. Carried

### 9.2 Financial Summary - June 2023 (draft)

Mr Tombs spoke to his report and said they had wiped a lot of deficit but there is a need for an asset management plan to set future rates. Mr Tombs said the operating expenses were fairly stable and they should get a surplus of 160 k which can be banked or used for capex.

#### **Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/015**

That the report 'Financial Summary – June 2023 (draft)' be received.

Mr P Batley/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**10. Late Items**

**10.1 Consent process for Horizons**

Mr Stratton had emailed questions to Mr Kevin Ross, CE asking who pays for the consent and if its the Committee do they have the choice of who applies for the consent. The CE responded and said Council had previously applied on behalf of the committee and if the committee paid for the consent it would be up to them as to whom they hired. Mr Stratton asked how it would be actioned. His Worship the Mayor said a quote would need to be tabled and going to the open market there could be contestable alternative quotes. Mr Stratton asked could council put in a tender and the committee seek another. His Worship the Mayor cautioned that standards have changed since the previous consent in 2009 and to make sure their qualifications and reputation is acceptable to Horizons. He advised Mr Stratton to speak with Mr Arno Benadie about the process and what company he would suggest. Mr van Bussel said to engage with a planner who would liaise with Iwi, Doc and other interested parties and keep everyone on task. Cr Wong asked is the committee trying to save money. Mr Stratton said yes it is one of the motivations.

**10.2 Asset Management Plan**

Mr Stratton tabled and spoke to the 10 – 15 year plan on the assumption that it would be business as usual. Mr Tombs said it would be good to put the plan into the Long term plan. Mr Stratton said it is only a draft plan.

**10.3 Pukerimu Quote**

The committee discussed the quote for Pukerimu.

**The meeting closed at 5:10pm**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 5 March 2024.**

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**Chairperson**