

# MINUTES

## EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 5 March 2024

**Time:** 4.00pm

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

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Present	Mr Jock Stratton Mr Peter Batley Mr Geoff Duncan Mr Barry Thomas Mr Simon Plimmer (Zoom) Mr Paul McLaren Mr Steven Stoney (Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative) HWTM Andy Watson Cr Jeff Wong
In attendance	Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing Ms Rochelle Baird, Administration

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## 1 Welcome

Mr Stratton opened the meeting at 4.02pm.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/001**

That the apologies received from Mr Peter Batley, Mr Benj Mallalieu and Cr Maughan be accepted.

Mr B Thomas/Cr J F Wong. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/002**

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 5 December 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 B Thomas/Cr J F Wong. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

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

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/003**

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

Mr B Thomas/Mr G Duncan. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - March 2024

There was no Chair's report.

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Financial Summary - January 2024

Mr Pedley spoke to the report.

Mr Plimmer asked what is the deficit that the committee could go to with the capital plan. Mr Pedley said he would need to speak with Mr Tombs. His Worship the Mayor said the committee could go to Council and ask if they would be comfortable with a deficit and this way it would be on record. Mr Stratton asked about the money that they had been given 12-18 months from Council if it could be re purposed to Mr van Bussel investigation. His Worship the Mayor said he would need to check the decision that was minuted and it would need to be changed. Mr McLaren asked if the capital works of \$162,000.00 would reduce the operating costs, Mr Smith said yes it would.

The committee discussed the capital works on Mangaohane swamp. Mr van Bussel said a pressure test needed to be done, Mr Smith said he would do the pressure test and they could check it against Mr Chris Peppers findings.

#### **Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/004**

That the report 'Financial Summary – January 2024' be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr G Duncan. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/005**

That the Committee supports that the interest to be worked out on an average quarterly.

Mr P McLaren/Mr G Duncan. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/006**

That the Committee suggests that there is no rate increase for the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme targeted rate for 2024/25.

Mr P McLaren/Mr G Duncan. Carried

**9.2 Operations Report-March 2024**

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report and said he is concerned at the extra silting at the weir and there is more discoloured water at the pipelines but they have yet to look above the weir, he would do a quick test for settling time. Mr Smith said the weir had been milky looking and not as clear as normal which is concern considering there had been a fairly settled summer. Mr Stoney said to his knowledge there had not been renewed are at the top end of the range for pressure. Mr van Bussel would look into and get back to the committee with a price.

**Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/007**

That the Operations Report –1 March 2024 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Thomas. Carried

**The meeting closed at 4.55pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 11 June 2024.**

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Chairperson