

# MINUTES

## EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 3 September 2024

**Time:** 4.00pm

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

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**Present**

- Mr Jock Stratton
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Paul McLaren
- Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Jeff Wong

**In attendance**

- Mr Arno Benadie, GM Assets, Infrastructure & Projects
- Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing
- Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant (via Zoom)
- Ms Rochelle Baird, Administration

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## 1 Welcome

Mr Stratton welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting opened at 4.03pm.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/008**

That the apologies from Mr Peter Batley, Mr Steven Stoney, Mr Geoff Duncan and His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson be accepted.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P McLaren. 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

Mr Stratton had one late item to include in the agenda.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr McLaren asked why the “Glossary of Terms” from the previous minutes had been removed and that Mr Tombs had said he would provide one. Mr Pedley said he would look into and circulate to the members within the next two weeks.

**Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/009**

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024 **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 Mallalieu/Mr B Thomas. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report - September 2024

There was no Chair's report.

## 8 Reports for Information

### 8.1 ERWS Financial Summary - 2023/24

Mr Pedley spoke to the report. Mr Pedley explained how historically the rate had come about with the amount adjusted to an allocation of applicable rates. The original allocation was a higher number and was adjusted on water scheme rates based on the fair value of assets.

#### **Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/010**

That the report 'ERWS Financial Summary – 2023/24' be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

### 8.2 Operations Verbal Report-September 2024

Mr Smith said he is trying to get a hold of Alf Downs for the new mag meter. He said the renewal at Mangaohane and the Kelly lines highest pressure part was measuring at 2380 kpa and that there had been little maintenance jobs but no major ones. Mr Smith asked the committee about the possibility of running the sluices more often. Mr Thomas asked how often he would like to run them. Mr Smith said every month for the next 6 months. Cr Maughan asked how much would it cost the scheme. Mr Smith said he would estimate it to be about \$3000 a month. Mr McLaren asked what would that process improve. Mr Smith said it could prevent the smaller lines blocking. Mr McLaren asked if the farmers could run their own lines. Mr Smith said if it was not done properly they could do more damage. Mr Mallalieu suggested they trial it until the next meeting.

#### **Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/011**

That Mr Smith does a monthly sluice run for the next 3 months.

Mr P McLaren/Cr G Maughan. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/012**

That the Operations Verbal Report –September 2024 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

## 9 Late Items

Mr Stratton tabled a letter from Sam Weston who had been tasked with looking at the future of rural water schemes and his response.

Mr Stratton asked Mr Benadie about planners, Mr Benadie said there are lots with the capability but they would be very costly about \$45000.00, Mr McLaren said they had budgeted around that. Mr Plimmer was arranging a meeting with the planner that he currently uses. Mr McLaren asked how Council could help and then they could make the decision to go external or internal. Mr Benadie said he would look into it. Mr Stratton said they would like to do it the most efficient way. Mr Benadie would speak with the Mr Ross regarding the ownership of the consent and would email Mr Stratton his findings. Mr Stratton asked if he could have the response by next week.

Mr Benadie said they have yet to replace Mr van Bussel but they are waiting on someone to accept an offer. Mr Stratton had spoken with Mr van Bussel about the report that the committee is waiting on and had said that it was still coming. Mr Benadie would follow up.

Mr McLaren asked if the committee could apply for grants or did Council have to apply on their behalf. Mr Benadie would look into it.

**The meeting closed at 4.54pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 3 December 2024.**

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**Chairperson**