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Report 02.229

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 16 April 2002, at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, McQueen and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillor Barr

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, A Cutler, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, J Powell, L Race, N Shakespeare (until 10.42am), C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 40 Apology

There were no apologies.

RSW 41 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the meeting.

RSW 42 Confirmation of Minutes*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)*

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services & Wairarapa Committee held on 13 March 2002 (Report 02.144) be confirmed.

Matters Arising

Concerning RSW 38 - Members agreed that the next scheduled Committee meeting on 28 May 2002 would be held in Otaki.

Concerning RSW 30 – Members were advised that a meeting had been arranged for 26 April 2002 with the Upper Hutt City Council regarding the Council's proposed Mangaroa-Kaitoke-Whitemans Valley 1080 possum control operation.

Matter for Recommendation to Council**RSW 43 Proposed New Rating Classifications – Upper Ruamahanga River Management Scheme****Report 02.187****File: Y/1/1/4***Resolved to Recommend**(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)*

That Council, by way of Special Order, resolve to adopt differential rating systems for the purpose of making and levying catchment board separate rates from 2002/03 for each of three new Schemes, to be known as the Upper Ruamahanga, Middle Ruamahanga, and Lower Ruamahanga River Management Rates, as per Attachment 1 to Report 02.187.

Matters for Committee Decision**RSW 44 Applications for Resource Consent for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of the Queen Elizabeth Park Lake, Masterton****Report 02.191****File: WAR 010306**

Stephen Thawley, Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)

That the Committee, under delegated authority by the Wellington Regional Council pursuant to sections 105 and 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991, grant the resource consents relating to the operation of the Queen Elizabeth Park Lake applied for by the Masterton District Council, subject to the following conditions:

For All Consents

1. *In terms of section 123(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the period for which these consents are granted is limited to 15 years from date of commencement of these consents.*
2. *The location, design, implementation and operation of the works shall be in accordance with the consent application and its associated plans and documents lodged with the Wellington Regional Council on 25 September 2001 but subject to any modifications required to comply with any of the conditions of consent.*

Note: Any change from the location, design concepts and parameters implemented and/or operation may require a change in permit conditions pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

3. *The Wellington Regional Council may review any or all conditions of these consents by giving notice of its intention to do so pursuant to section 128 of the Resource Management Act 1991, at any time within 3 months of the 2nd, 5th, and 10th anniversary of the date of commencement of these consents for any of the following purposes:*
 - *To deal with any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of these consents, and which it is appropriate to deal with at a later stage.*
 - *To review the adequacy of any plan(s) prepared for these consents and/or monitoring requirement(s) so as to incorporate into the consents any modification to any plan(s) or monitoring requirement(s) which may become necessary to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of these consents.*
 - *To alter the monitoring requirement(s) in light of the results obtained from any previous monitoring.*
4. *The Wellington Regional Council shall be entitled to recover from the consent holder the costs of the conduct of any review, calculated in accordance with and limited to that Council's scale of charges in force and applicable at that time pursuant to Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

5. *The consent holder may apply, at any time, pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991, for the change or cancellation of any consent condition, other than the condition 1 relating to the term of these consents.*
6. *The consent holder's interest in this consent may be transferred to any owner or occupier of the site pursuant to section 137 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
7. *The consent holder shall complete a review of the Queen Elizabeth Park Management Plan prior to the second anniversary of the date of commencement of these consents which shall address at a minimum the following matters:*
 - *Any measures adopted to minimise any adverse effects on property, amenity values, wildlife, vegetation and ecological values as a result of the operations of consents associated with the Park Lake.*
 - *Any measures adopted to ensure that water is used in an efficient and conservative manner.*
 - *Any mitigation measures adopted as a result of monitoring undertaken as part of these consents.*
 - *Any other matters relevant to the operation of the consent associated with the Park Lake that ensure compliance with the consents and their conditions.*
8. *A resource management charge, set in accordance with Section 36(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 shall be paid to the Regional Council for the carrying out of its functions in relation to the administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents and for the carrying out of its functions under Section 35 (duty to gather information, monitor and keep records) of the Act.*

WAR 010306 (21571) – Water Permit to Take Water from Waipoua River

9. *The maximum rate at which water is taken from the Waipoua River for the purposes of supplying water to the Queen Elizabeth Park Lake at or about map reference NZMS 260 T26: 2734464- 6025628 shall not exceed 75 litres/sec.*
10. *If there is a serious temporary shortage of water the Wellington Regional Council may issue a water shortage direction under section 329 of the Resource Management Act 1991. This direction may restrict or suspend the taking or use of water for a period of up to 14 days. Such directions may be renewed after that time.*
11. *The consent holder shall record times when the pump is not operating for each calendar year, and shall forward a copy to the Wellington Regional Council by 30 April each year for the term of this consent.*

12. *The water intake shall be screened so that fish species cannot enter the intake.*

WAR 010306 (21572) – Water Permit to Take Water from QE Park Lake

9. *The maximum rate at which water is taken from the Queen Elizabeth Park Lake for irrigation purposes at or about map reference NZMS 260 T26: 2734557- 6025182 shall not exceed 2555 cubic metres per week at a maximum rate of 14 litres per second.*

10. *When the flow in the Waipoua River at the Mikimiki bridge gauging site falls below 300 litres per second, the consent holder shall cease the abstraction of water between 0900 hours and 1700 hours, as directed by the Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council.*

11. *When the flow in the Waipoua River at the Mikimiki bridge gauging site falls below 250 litres per second, the consent holder shall cease the abstraction of water as directed by the Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council.*

12. *The consent holder shall maintain an accurate hourly meter at the intake and record the days and hours of operation for each calendar year, and shall forward a copy to the Wellington Regional Council by 30 April each year for the term of this consent.*

13. *The water intake shall be screened so that fish species cannot enter the intake.*

WAR 010306 (21573) – Discharge Permit to Discharge Water into the Waipoua River

9. *After reasonable mixing, the contaminant, either by itself or in combination with other contaminants, shall not cause any of the following effects:*

- *The production of conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials.*
- *Any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity.*
- *Any emission or objectionable colour.*
- *The rendering of freshwater unsuitable for consumption by farm animals.*
- *Any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.*
- *No undesirable biological growths.*

10. *The receiving water after reasonable mixing, shall not be changed by more than 3⁰ Celsius and the natural temperature to exceed 25⁰ Celsius.*

11. *The concentration of dissolved oxygen in the receiving water (after*

reasonable mixing) shall not fall below 80% of saturation concentration.

12. *The running median of E.coli samples during any given season (October to March inclusive) of the discharge outlets shall not exceed 673.2 cfu/100 ml.*
13. *No single sample of the discharge outlets of E.coli shall exceed 3229.2 cfu/100 ml.*
14. *For the purpose of this permit, reasonable mixing is defined as 30 metres downstream of the discharge outlet to the active flowing section of the Waipoua River.*
15. *The consent holder shall implement a water quality monitoring programme between October and March inclusive for each year for the term of this consent as described below:*

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
<i>Physical and chemical (pH, conductivity, ammonia nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen, nitrate nitrogen, total nitrogen, DRP, total phosphorus, TOC, dissolved oxygen, % saturation, temperature, turbidity, and chlorophyll A)</i>	<i>Monthly</i>
<i>Microbiological (E.coli)</i>	<i>Fortnightly</i>

16. *The monitoring programme shall be completed at the sites shown in Plan 1.0: WAR 010306:*
17. *Any samples collected and analysed under condition 13, shall be completed by a suitably qualified person.*
18. *Monitoring results collected under condition 13 shall be submitted to the Consents & Compliance Section, Wellington Regional Council before 30 April each year for the term of this consent.*

WAR 010306 (21574) – Land Use Consent

9. *Works in the active flowing channel shall be kept to a practical minimum and shall not be undertaken during the trout spawning period between 1 June and 30 August, unless the work is essential and unavoidable.*
10. *The consent holder shall notify the Wellington Fish & Game Council and the Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council prior to undertaking essential and unavoidable works planned between 1 June and 30 August.*
11. *The consent holder shall ensure that continuous fish passage is maintained at all times.*

12. *The consent holder shall ensure that any fish that are stranded during the dewatering of any part of the active flowing channel are immediately placed back into the active flowing channel.*

Note: Dewatering is the process whereby the former area of active flowing channel loses water after the new diversion begins to operate.

13. *The consent holder shall ensure that all practical steps shall be undertaken to minimise the release of suspended sediment into the active flowing channel.*
14. *Any crossing of the active flowing channel shall be kept to an absolute practical minimum and only to one path, so that sediment disturbance and impact on instream habitats will be minimised.*
15. *Public access to the river bed shall not be restricted for a period greater than necessary to complete each set of works concerned.*
16. *The consent holder shall not undertake any maintenance works at the intake on public holidays, weekend days, or after 5 p.m. in the evening unless the works are essential and unavoidable. The consent holder shall notify the Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council, prior to commencing such works.*
17. *Any rail irons used for the intake structure or maintenance purposes shall be made as visible as practicable so that the potential hazard to surface waterbody users is minimised.*
18. *If any part of the intake structure becomes a significant threat to the health and safety of recreational users, the consent holder shall ensure that the structure is appropriately altered as soon as practicable.*
19. *All equipment and surplus materials used for any of the maintenance activities shall be removed from the riverbed on completion of each set of works.*
20. *The consent holder shall minimise the risk of contaminants (including, but not limited to oil, petrol, diesel, hydraulic fluid) entering water by ensuring that:*
 - (a) *No fuel or lubricants are sorted within the riverbed.*
 - (b) *There is no refuelling, cleaning or storing of machinery in the riverbed.*
 - (c) *All machinery is well maintained at all times to prevent leakage of oil or fuel or the spill of other chemicals into the river.*
 - (d) *In the event of a spill of fuel, hydraulic fluid or other liquid contaminants, immediate steps are taken to contain the spilled material. The Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council shall be informed immediately of any such spill.*

RSW 45 Regional Pest Management Strategy: Operational Plan 2001/02

Report 02.190

File: Y19/0/4

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr McQueen)

That the Proposed Operational Plan 2001/02 for the Regional Pest Management Strategy be approved.

Morning tea: 10.42 a.m.

Resumed: 10.55 a.m.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 46 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 02.186

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 2.1 – Farm Environment Awards

Cr Long commented on the success of the recent Wellington Region Farm Environment Awards and complimented all those involved on their contribution towards making the Awards programme such the success that it was.

Resolved

(Mr Benton/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 47 Financial Report for the Eight Months to 28 February 2002

Report 02.194

File: Y/2/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 48 Vertebrate Pesticides – Transfers and Reviews

Report 02.189

File: Y/4/7

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Benton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 49 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 02.188

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Shields)

That the information be received.

RSW 50 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 02.185

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 51 Catchment Works

Report 02.192

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 52 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 53 General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.03 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date: