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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.308

28 May 2003

File: E/6/12/2

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, 27 May 2003, at 9.30 a.m.

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.

Present:

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

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 175 Apologies

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Kirton)

That the apologies from Cr Buchanan and Mr Benton, and the apologies for lateness from Crs Shields and McDavitt, be confirmed.

RSW 176 Public Participation

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

RSW 177 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 03.204) held on 15 April 2003, be confirmed.

Mr Dalziell arrived at 9.35 a.m.

Councillors Shields and McDavitt arrived at 9.38 a.m.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 178 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 03.254

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 4.12 – Cr Turver asked about the impact of the recent summer drought on the groundwater table.

Mr Blakemore indicated that in several aquifers water levels had been the lowest since records commenced. Problems had also arisen in the Battersea and Moroa areas where a number of domestic bores had dried up.

Members discussed whether there was a need to review the current permitted rule in the Freshwater Plan which allows for all underground and surface water takes of 20 cubic metres per day.

Concerning 4.6 – It was noted that copies of the draft Wairarapa Coastal Strategy will be made available to Committee members following its release by the Coastal Strategy Group for public consultation in August. It was further noted that the strategy as such would not be a statutory document.

Concerning 5.3 - Copies of the brochure 'Pest Plants Everyone's Responsibility' were tabled.

Concerning 5.5 - Mr O'Donnell advised that a letter had been received from Environment Southland inviting the Greater Wellington Regional Council to join a group of regional councils to collectively fund an application to import a product containing Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease virus.

Concerning 5.11 - Mr O'Donnell advised that it was pleasing to report for the first time since infected herd monitoring records had commenced that the Region was now below 50 with a total of 48 infected herds recorded.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

That the Committee give approval to join the applicant group to apply to ERMA to import the RHD virus for registration as a veterinary medicine through the Agricultural Chemicals Veterinary Medicines Group.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Cr Kirton left the meeting at 10.50 a.m.

Morning tea: 10.50 a.m.

Resumed: 11.03 a.m.

RSW 179 Financial Report for the Ten Months to 30 April 2003

Report 03.262

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 180 Separate Scheme Rates and Balances

Resolved *(Mr Southey/Cr Shields)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 181 Varroa Bee Mite Management

Report 03.261

File: Y/19/0/4

Resolved *(Cr McDavitt/Mr Southey)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 182 Wairarapa Engineering Lifelines Project

Report 03.263

File: Y/14/7

Steve Blakemore gave a presentation on the recently completed Wairarapa Engineering Lifelines Association's project and the report - "Risk to Lifelines from Natural Hazards".

Resolved *(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*

(1) That the Committee receives the report and publication and notes their contents.

(2) That a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr George Butcher conveying the Committee's appreciation for his dedication and voluntary contribution to the WELA project.

RSW 183 Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

Report 03.265

File: Y/14/6

Resolved *(Cr Turver/Mr McQueen)*

That the Committee receive the report and note its contents.

RSW 184 Regional Council Input Into District Planning

Report 03.256

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Mr Dalziell)

That the information be received.

RSW 185 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 03.2531

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 186 Catchment Works

Report 03.252

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 187 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 188 General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.08 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date: