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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 Thursday, 22 April 1999, 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), Buchanan, McQueen and Turver.  
Messrs Beetham, Berkett and Southey.

**Officers Present:**

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

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 46 Apologies**

*Resolved* (Cr McQueen/Mr Southey)

*That the apologies from Cr Macaskill, Cr Shields, and Mr Dalziell, be sustained.*

**RSW 47 Public Participation**

The Chairperson invited Mr Joe Taylor to speak to the meeting.

Mr Taylor conveyed to the Committee his concerns regarding a senior staff member's comment at the recent global gravel resource consent hearing where it had been stated that sand and gravel was a 'toanga'. Mr Taylor considered that stating metal was a 'toanga' was completely out of order as this whole issue was still before the Waitangi Tribunal with metal forming only one part of the issue and no agreement had been reached.

Mr Gunn indicated that this was a belief conveyed by Iwi groups and he had acknowledged their belief that gravel was a 'toanga'. How and why it was considered a treasure was not fully understood by Council staff.

**RSW 48 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/M Southey)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 9 March 1999 be confirmed.*

**Matter for Recommendation to Council**

**RSW 49 Regional Pest Management Strategy – Ferrets in Captivity**

**Report 99.173**

**File: Y/4/0/1**

**Resolved to Recommend (C,r Buchanan/Mr Berkett)**

- (1) That the Council supports the initiatives taken by the northern regional councils to have the Wildlife (Farming of Unprotected Animals) Regulations reviewed.**
- (2) That the Council writes to the Minister of Conservation requesting that a review of the Wildlife Regulations occur as soon as possible.**
- (3) That the Council writes to the Animal Health Board seeking their urgent involvement and support in such a review.**

## **Matters for Committee Decision**

### **RSW 50 Annual Discharge to Air Compliance Monitoring**

**Report 99.177**

**File: Y/12/4/1**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Mr Beetham)*

*That the report be received and the scope of the Proposed Regional Air Quality Management Plan be noted.*

Cr Turver arrived at 9.55 a.m.

## **Matters Reported for Information**

### **RSW 51 Presentation of Draft State of Environment Report**

Messrs Paul Denton (Resource Analyst) and John Sheriff (Manager, Resource Investigations) of the Wellington office were present for this item and gave a presentation on the draft State of the Environment Report.

Members were advised that this had been an accountability exercise specifically timed to coincide with the Long Term Financial Strategy and the Regional Policy Statement's initial review scheduled for 2000.

### **RSW 52 Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 99.180**

**File: Y/21/1**

#### **Concerning 3.1 – Pest Summit**

Cr McQueen conveyed apologies for being unable to attend the recent Pest Summit Conference due to councillors heavy workload schedules at that time. It was suggested that councillors ideally be given notice as early as possible of any pending conferences, seminars, etc, to allow these to be noted into diaries.

Cr Buchanan suggested that the final bullet point in 3.1 in terms of educational promotion be incorporated within the Regional Pest Management Strategies.

### **Concerning 5.11 – Donalds Creek Flood Protection Project**

The Committee agreed that an appropriate local public celebration to acknowledge completion of the Donalds Creek Flood Protection Project be arranged at a convenient time.

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

*That the report be received and its contents noted.*

Morning tea: 10.45 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.00 a.m.

### **RSW 53 Magpie Research Programme**

**Report 99.178**

**File: Y/4/0/1**

The Committee noted that the outcome of the proposed research programme would be duly reported back to the Committee.

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

*That the report be received.*

### **RSW 54 Water Take Compliance Monitoring**

**Report 99.166**

**File: Y/12/2/5**

*Resolved* (Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

### **RSW 55 Notified Resource Consent Applications by Wairarapa Hotels Development Ltd**

**Report 99.165**

**File: Y/12/2/0**

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)

*That the report be received.*

**RSW 56 Catchment and River Works****Report 99.181****File: Y/O/4***Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Mr Beetham)*

*That the schedule be received and application of the Council's Seal be approved on the Land Improvement Agreements pertaining to properties in item 2. I*

**RSW 57 Resource Consents (Non Notified)****Report 99.176****File: Y/ 12/2/0***Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Mr Southey)*

*That the information be received.*

**RSW 58 Statutory Planning****Report 99.175****File: Y/I 1/2**

Members commented on the increased number of subdivisions occurring within the Wairarapa and interestingly noted that there were 60,000 farms throughout NZ and over 90,000 lifestyle blocks of 10 acres or less in existence.

*Resolved**(MrSouthey/Cr Turver)*

*That the information be received.\**

**RSW 59 Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 60 General Business**

There were no items of general business.

**RSW 61 Exclusion of the Public***Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:*

*Whakawiriwiri Drain Alternative Proposal*

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:-*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<i>Whakawiriwiri Drain Alternative Proposal</i>	<i>Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (i.e. the right to a fair trial).</i>

*This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:-*

*Wellington Regional Council - J Hedley  
- J Barton*

The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

Cr F R Long  
Chairperson

Date: