

Minutes: Hikurangi Flood Management Scheme Working Group Meeting Thursday 15th September 2016, held at Jordan Valley Farm

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Facilitator	Councillor Crichton Christie
Purpose	Forum to discuss the Hikurangi Flood Management Scheme Issues
Present	Cr Crichton Christie (facilitator), Adam Twose (WDC), Zana Mellor (Scribe), Philip Hindrup, Rosemary Lister, Ken Finlayson, Tess Dacre (NRC), Evan Smeath, Ben Herbert (DoC), Mark Bensen
Apologies	Andrew Carvell (WDC), Simon Weston (WDC), Bruce Howse, Tim Brandenburg, Stephen Brown, Simon Donelley, Geoff Crawford

Councillor Christie addressed the floor, opened the meeting welcoming members and staff representatives from the Whangarei District Council.

Item	Description	Action
Apologies	Accepted	Moved/Second
Minutes	Last Meeting Minutes. Issues raised - None. All true and correct.	Moved/Second
Tanekaha Pocket Representative	- Adam hasn't had any response from Phil Bailey. Evan to contact Phil Bailey.	Evan
Operations/Maintenance	<p><u>Monthly Overview from Hydrotech</u> June - Preliminary and Quarterly Inspections done - \$3,409.50 - Maintenance securing cables and replacing rat bait - \$103.27 - Drain Clearing – Ox bow and bermland spraying - \$484.68 - Collection and posting eel data loggers - \$703.25 - Flood Attendance – 10 visits including excavator - \$804.65 July - Preliminary and general Inspections \$2727.60 - Maintenance replacing blown fuse, checking remote floodgates, padlock and chain for restoration areas and replacing rat bait - \$422.51 - Collecting remaining data logger for eel survey - \$52.45 - 10 visits for flood attendance - \$1,169.72 - Ngararatunua and Te Mata pocket clearing - \$29,206.05 August - Preliminary and general inspections - \$2727.60 - Maintenance design of excavator safety barriers and replacement of pump ammeter and fuses - \$5383.14 - 7 visits for flood attendance - \$472.08</p> <p><u>Pump Availability</u> - One large and one small available in storage. - Near 100% availability across the scheme for the whole June to August Period. - Two pumps temporarily isolated for short durations to replacement ammeter and a fuse.</p>	
Finances	<p><u>Opex 15/16 & 16/17</u> - 15/16 Actuals \$313,121 - 16/17 Budget \$413,969 - Overall debt position 2014/15 (\$2,473,738) - Overall debt position 2015/16 (\$2,208,178) - 2025 debt free goal</p>	

2016/17 Drain Clearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adam compiled drain clearing spreadsheet with farmers input prior to meeting. - Need to start spraying in October and reassess for a respray in February. 	
Environmental	<p><u>Eel Monitoring Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report at this stage. 	
MoU with NKONWM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See presentation - Adam sent a draft document as a courtesy 1.5 weeks ago. 	
NRC – Draft Regional Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See presentation - WDC will submit a response in support of the Hikurangi Flood Management Scheme being a permitted activity. - Group agreed to also put in a submission to support the Scheme being a permitted activity. Adam to sort this. - Farmers encouraged to read to Draft Regional Plan. 	Moved/Seconded
AOB	<p><u>Issues Raised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weather watch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pumps are off after Friday checks rather than on auto. - Lights at Otonga and Te Mata pump stations health and safety issue raised. - Concerns of how drains are being cleaned. To try cleaning form bottom to top this year. 	<p>Adam to action</p> <p>Adam to action</p>

Meeting closed at 12.00pm

Next Meeting: End of January