

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE FORESTRY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2013 AT 9:32AM

PRESENT:

Cr Graeme Page (Chairman)
Mayor Claire Barlow
Crs Evan Williams
Graham Smith
Annette Money

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Morris (Manager Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Manager Community Facilities)
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager) from 10:48am
Terry O'Neill (District Forester)
Keri-Ann Little (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Mackenzie Forestry Board held on 23 April 2013 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Annette Money/ Graham Smith

IV REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2013

Resolved that the report be received.

Annette Money/ Evan Williams

The Manager – Finance and Administration spoke to his report.

Cr Smith welcomed Terry O'Neill, District Forester to the meeting and said it was great to have him back and thanked him for coming to the meeting and concluded by thanking Mr O'Neill for his contribution and wishes him a speedy recovery.

Cr Page asked Mr O'Neill if it was time we bought some carbon credits as a Forestry Board.

Mr O'Neill said that what he would need to do would be to assess what credits have been sold and can work it out from there. Unknown what is going to happen to the carbon credits in the future.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL FORESTRY REPORT

The Chairman said it has been a busy year in the latter half with the Tekapo issues and at the end of the day we worked through issues reasonably well and had a reasonable understanding, we did our best.

The Chairman thinks there is a good future in Forestry and Council blocks are strategically placed and we need to look at all outcomes and options in the future.

The Chairman said we appointed the new board to negotiate the new contract with Ashburton for Forestry services – Mr O'Neill, and it has been great with no conflicts of interest and he knows our Forests. The Chairman said what was impossible a couple of months ago will become possible and hopes the new board keep Mr O'Neill's services.

The Mayor congratulated the Chairman on how the Forestry Board managed the harvesting of the Tekapo Plantation.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Graeme Page/ Graham Smith

3. FOREST MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Chairman spoke to Kevin O'Neill's May 2013 report, which is *Appendix A* of this record.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/ Annette Money

4. FORRESTERS REPORT:

Terry O'Neill spoke to his report regarding log sales for Tekapo plantation. His report is *Appendix B* of this document.

Resolved that the report received.

Annette Money/ Evan Williams

Cr Smith asked the Forestry Board to clarify the block on Nelson's road before Cave the Quentin Wreford block. Cr Smith said he will speak to Mr Wreford and see what his perception is over whose land is whose and who owns the block of trees and the Lucerne paddock.

5. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SECTION A AMENITY PLANTING:

This report from the Chairman was for the board to give consideration to what contribution the board will give to replanting Section A in amenity planting. Section A is local purpose reserve forestry.

Resolved: that the report be received.

Graham Smith/ Evan Williams

The Chairman said the board needs to decide how much of a contribution financially the board will gift the Tekapo Community Board to help assist for replanting Section A in amenity plantings. We also need an agreement outlining Tekapo Community Boards agreement to upkeep and pay for this block, not the forestry board.

Cr Money asked do the board formally hand this land off to the Tekapo Community Board. The CEO said it is appropriate this section of the land should be gifted to the Community Board and that it is approved by Council and accepted from the Community Board.

The Chairman said there needs to be an agreed position to what extend the replanting is to be, the slash needs removed and we need to get in there see what is there and make a decision with involvement of the Community Board and Forestry Board. Then acceptance of portioning off the cost or a no acceptance.

Cr Smith would like to put out there now what the Forestry board would like to spend on replanting and feels \$10,000 to spend on Section A is too much.

The Chairman said it was advised 10% of the value of the forest return would be paid for amenity planting.

The Chairman said he thinks to retain the block as a working forest there may need to be some softening planting outside of the forest.

Resolved: that in consultation with a formal agreement with the Tekapo Community Board over the management of Section A that the forestry board gift \$10,000 for amenity planting for Section A to the Tekapo Community Board.

Graham Smith/ Annette Money

Corsican Pine said is the best option for planting in that area said Terry O'Neill.

6. COLIN MACLARENS PROPOSAL FOR SECTION B:

Tekapo Community Board is in favour of softening up area b. Proposal put together by Colin Maclaren. Mr Maclaren's map layout is *Appendix C* of this record.

Mr O'Neill spoke to the board regarding Mr Maclaren's map. Saying the dips where the frost sets nothing will grow in there. But said there is part of the plan that the board can work with. And said the decision needs to be long term.

If the Community Board would like the area back in Forestry it will need to be Corsican said Cr Smith.

Cr Money said we should do what the Forestry board sees fit.

Resolved: that the Forestry Board will replant section b in production forest and will be sympathetic to amenity planting around the outside of the forest.

Evan Williams/ Graham Smith

7. POSSIBLE FUTURE USE OF THE FORESTRY RESERVE FOR TEKAPO TOWNSHIP
EFFLUENT DISPOSAL:

Mr Haar, Asset Manager spoke to the board regarding the use of the Tekapo Plantation for effluent disposal from Tekapo exudation ponds. There is currently a discharge of 500 cubic metres a day, however Mr Haar said as Tekapo grows something else will have to be developed.

Mr Haar said at this stage this is just information to be considered but moving forward down the track Tekapo Plantation will have to be considered for disposal in the future.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.56 AM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____