

NB: Request from CO-Chair P Baker that amendments be made at Item 7 – change to resolution to read “that the proposed budget be approved”. Changes to Item 8, but not specified. These to be requested formally through the next AGM.

**Minutes of the Waiau Catchment Liaison Committee  
Annual General Meeting, held at the Waiau Town &  
Country Club, 41 King Street, Tuatapere, on  
Monday 27 February 2023, at 2.00 pm.**

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<b>Present:</b>	Mr P Marshall	(Waiau) <i>Co-Chair</i>
	Mr P Baker	(Waiau) <i>Co-Chair</i>
	Mr A Feierabend	(Waiau)
	Mr K Sutherland	(Waiau)
	Mr T O'Brien	(Waiau)
	Ms L Bennett	(Waiau)
	Mr B Howden	(Waiau)
	Mr R Greer	(Waiau)
	Ms N Legg	(Waiau)
	Ms E Whooley	(Waiau)
	Mr G Saunders	(Waiau)
	Mr A Lord	(Waiau)
	Ms L Greber	(Waiau)
	Ms J Boparai	(Waiau)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mr H Cuthbert	(Meridian Energy Ltd)
	Mr R Hodson	(Waiau Trust)
	Chairman N Horrell	(Environment Southland)
	Cr P McDonald	(Environment Southland)
	Cr P Evans	(Environment Southland)
	Cr M Rodway	(Environment Southland)
	Mr R Beal	(Catchment Operations Manager)
	Mr P Pollard	(Team Leader, Catchment)
	Ms E Lawton	(Team Leader, Catchment Integration)
	Ms J Agate	(Land Sustainability Officer)
	Mrs E Kini	(Personal Assistant – Minutes)

<b>1 Welcome and Chairman's Report (<i>Haere mai</i>)</b>
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Mr P Marshall welcomed the attendees to the meeting and spoke to his Chairman's Report, a copy of which has been retained on file (A887142).

***Resolved:***

**Moved Mr Marshall, seconded Cr McDonald, that the Committee note the Chairman's report.**

**Carried**

## **2 Apologies (*Nga Pa Pouri*)**

***Resolved:***

Moved Mr Lord, seconded Mr Sutherland, that apologies be recorded on behalf of Mr G Bell, Mr J Hennessy and Mr S Hopcroft.

Carried

## **3 Terms of Reference**

To be discussed under General Business.

## **4 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 14 June 2022**

***Resolved:***

Moved Mr Baker, seconded Mr Sutherland, that the minutes of the Waiau Catchment Liaison Committee Annual General Meeting held on 14 June 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

## **5 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

## **6 Appointment of Committee and membership**

Mr Beal assumed the Chair. Mr Beal called for nominations for the position of Chair or Co-Chairs of the Waiau Catchment Liaison Committee.

***Resolved:***

Moved Ms Legg, seconded Chairman Horrell that Mr P Baker be elected to the position of Co- Chair of the Waiau Catchment Liaison Committee.

Carried

***Resolved:***

Moved Mr Lord, seconded Chairman Horrell that Mr P Marshall be elected to the position of Co- Chair of the Waiau Catchment Liaison Committee.

Carried

Mr Marshall then assumed the Chair role for the remainder of the meeting, and called for nominations for the Steering Committee.

***Nominations:***

**Moved Mr Baker, seconded Cr Evans that Ms Legg be nominated as a member of the Steering Committee.**

**Moved Mr Baker, seconded Cr Evans that Mr Lord be nominated as a member of the Steering Committee.**

**Moved Mr Baker, seconded Mr Lord that Mr Hopcroft be nominated as a member of the Steering Committee.**

**Moved Mr Baker, seconded Cr Evans that Mr Howden be nominated as a member of the Steering Committee.**

***Resolved:***

**Moved Mr Baker, seconded Cr Evans, that nominations be closed, and that those nominated be appointed as members of the Steering Committee.**

**Carried**

## **7 Financial Report – 2022/23 and proposed 2023/2024**

Mr Pollard spoke to the Draft Budget for the 2023/24 year presentation slides, and the Draft Budget as circulated in the agenda, noting the following:

- proposed rate rise for entire catchment of 5%, last year's increase was 6%.
- herbicide costs increased by 42%.

***Resolved:***

**Moved Mr P Baker, second Mr P Marshall that the proposed budget be approved and draft budget costs increase by 5%.**

**Carried**

## **8 Catchment Report**

Mr P Pollard the presented Catchment report and talked to his PowerPoint slides, the report is available on file, noting the following:

- needing to conduct LIDAR survey to obtain a better understanding of what gravel is there, and provide information for resource consents for future extraction. LIDAR survey costs are high and would be required prior to a resource consent application.

- trial by Wrays Bush Concrete and Department of Conservation at the Wrays Bush Bridge site yielding encouraging results with regards to gravel and maintaining habitat.
- meeting to be held with Department of Conservation, Fish & Game, Liaison Committee, Environment Southland and Waiau Trust on how to address erosion issues, and improve river management. Extend invitation to Meridian Energy Ltd.
- trial occurring at Whitestone in conjunction with Department of Conservation and Fish & Game in relation to gravel management is working well.
- after lengthy discussion regarding ownership of flood bank asset in the Tuatapere township, it was proposed that Environment Southland lead an initiative to resolve this with the community stakeholders, including Southland District Council, Department of Conservation and Land Information New Zealand.
- discussion occurred regarding the tree removal, currently work in progress, at the Clifden Suspension bridge.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Mr A Lord, seconded Cr P Evans that Environment Southland take a leadership position and call a meeting of all community stakeholders to resolve the ownership and ongoing maintenance questions in relation to the Tuatapere township stopbanks.**

**Carried**

Mr R Beal provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Future Climate Change Predictions and spoke to his slides. A copy of the presentation slides are available on file, noting the following:

- Presentation of 3 areas of work in progress:
  - o Rates Review
  - o Infrastructure Strategy review – a 30 year document.
  - o Committee feedback relating to what does the Committee want to be included in the Infrastructure Strategy for the next 30 years.
- Climate Change data was presented in relation to increased rainfall predictions and impacts on rivers and floodbanks.
- Asked the Catchment Liaison Committee to commence thinking about planning for the future assets for consultation in the LTP, consultation documents to be completed by February/March 2024.

## 8 General

**Terms of Reference:** Mr Marshall spoke to the Terms of Reference for the committee - noting the following:

- the first Terms of Reference were set up in 1979. This Committee was established in 1996 after the signing of the Waiau Agreement. The Terms of reference were inherited by the Committee;
- in 2020 a new Terms of Reference were generated with some consultation, however the concerns of the Waiau Catchment were not considered.

- the Catchment Co-Chair has met with Environment Southland and sought to define a revised Terms of Reference that will recognise what the Committee does. This will involve the Steering Committee and Co-Chairs and Environment Southland staff.
- it is envisaged there be a revised version for the next Annual General Meeting to consider and potentially ratify.

***Environmental Challenges facing Murihiku Southland:*** Ms Lawton and Ms Agate talked to this presentation (a copy of the presentation has been kept on file). The presentation:

- provided an overview of the Catchment Integration team - who they are and what they do including:
  - o riparian planting advice – what and how to plant.
  - o pilot for Freshwater Farm Plans
  - o Enviroschools
  - o pollution and forestry education and compliance.
  - o working with Federated Farmers regarding winter grazing
  - o land management advice and information
  - o forestry
  - o planting plans similar to riparian plans, more sheltering plants
  - o assistance with Environmental Farm plans
  - o projects include Intensive Winter Grazing, working with partners and communities
  - o Southland Riparian Planting Project – working with Catchment Operations team
- Key Waiau Projects:
  - o Waiau E Class Riparian Fencing Fund
  - o Home Creek Restoration Project
  - o Hill Country Erosion Fund

Discussion occurred regarding aligning all the plans or requirements of the different Government entities that farmers currently have to complete and manage.

## **9 Termination**

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 2.32 pm.