

**Minutes of the South Port Subcommittee Meeting of
the Southland Regional Council, held in Regional
House, corner North Road and Price Street, on
Thursday, 9 February 2023, at 4.00 pm**



Present:	Cr E Roy	(Chair)
	Chairman N Horrell	
	Cr A Gibson - <i>joined at 4.07 pm</i>	
	Cr L Ludlow	
	Cr J McPhail	
	Cr M Rodway	
Also present:	Mr R Chapman	(Chairman SPNZ)
	Mr N Gear	(Chief Executive SPNZ)
In Attendance:	Ms A Kubrycht	(General Manager – People & Customer)
	Mr D Rikiti	(General Manager – Business Services)
	Mrs M Weston	(Personal Assistant)

1 Welcome (*Haere mai*)

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting of South Port Subcommittee including South Port's Chairman, Nigel Gear and Chief Executive, Rex Chapman.

2 Apologies (*Nga Pa Pouri*)

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

3 Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations (*He Huinga tuku korero*)

There were no public forum, petitions or deputations presented to the meeting.

4 Confirmation of Minutes (*Whakau korero*) - 25 August 2022

Resolved:

Moved Chairman Horrell, seconded Cr McPhail, that the minutes of the South Port Subcommittee meeting held on 25 August 2022 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

5 Notification of Extraordinary and Urgent Business (*He Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi*)

5.1 Supplementary Reports

There were no supplementary reports tabled for inclusion in the agenda.

5.2 Other

There were no other reports.

6 Questions (*Patai*)

There were no questions asked by the meeting.

7 Chairman's Report (*Nga Purongo-a-Tumuaki*)

⇒ Chairman's Report

The Chairman did not present a report to the meeting.

8 Extraordinary and Urgent Business (*Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi*)

There was no extraordinary or urgent business added to the agenda.

9 Staff Report – 23/SP/06

⇒ Item 1 – South Port New Zealand Limited's Half Yearly Result to 31 December 2022

Mr Chapman (Chairman SPNZ) and Mr Gear (Chief Executive SPNZ) were invited to present SPNZ's half yearly results to 31 December 2022. Copies of SPNZ's media release was circulated to the committee. Mr Chapman noted excellent progress was made on longer term initiatives for the Port, while operational performance reflected the demand constraints in China and a slowing domestic economy. Messrs Chapman and Gear highlighted the following key points from the media release which included:

- container volumes continued to be negatively impacted, showing a decline for the same reporting year;
- total cargo moving through the Port of Bluff was at 1,732,000 tonnes compared to 1,745,000 tonnes from FY22.

Operating revenue earned for the half-year was at \$24.94 million compared to the previous year of \$23.34 million.

Contributing factors impacting interim results included:

- the threat of a global recession which impacts marketplaces and has a flow-on impact on commodity prices ;
- the continued supply chain disruption;
- the war in Ukraine.

Despite this, South Ports Directors declared a fully imputed interim dividend of 7.50 cents per share, payable on 7 March 2023.

Further items raised in this discussion included:

- SPNZ's carbon and climate footprint (e.g. the use of hydrogen as an alternative?);
- deeping of the channel and
- Bluff haul-out facility.

Cr Roy thanked Messrs Chapman and Gear for their attendance and his appreciation of the report received.

Resolved:

Moved Cr McPhail, seconded Cr Rodway, that the Sub-committee receive the report from the representatives of South Port New Zealand Limited.

Carried

Termination

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.50 pm.