

MINUTES of a meeting of the Waters Governance Board Meeting of the Waikato District Council held in Committee Rooms 1 & 2 District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 29 JUNE 2021** commencing at **10:10am**

Present:

Ms R Schaafhausen (Chairperson) *via Audio Visual*
Mr D Wright *via Audio Visual*
Mr G Dibley [until 2:05PM]
Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive, Waikato District Council)
Ms J Colliar (Intern)

Attending:

Cr Patterson
Cr Woolerton

Mr M Telfer (Watercare)
Mr R Kumar (Watercare)
Mr R Pullar (Watercare)
Ms S Danks (Watercare)

Mr I Cathcart (Special Infrastructure Projects Manager)
Ms C Nutt (Waters Contract Relationship Manager)
Mr M Horsfield (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms Schaafhausen/Mr Dibley)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Waters Governance Board Meeting held on Tuesday, 29 June 2021 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 7 which shall be discussed with the public excluded;

CARRIED

WGB2106/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

Mr Wright requested his Register of Interests details be updated to include the following non-financial interest.

- Acting Chief Executive - Central Effluent Development Agency

Ms Colliar requested her Register of Interests details be updated to include the following non-financial interest.

- Director of WEL Networks

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr Ion/Mr Wright)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Waters Governance Board Meeting held on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct.

CARRIED

WGB2106/02

REPORTS

Actions Register
Agenda Item 5

The report was taken as read and the following matters were noted:

- Investigation into forums held by other Councils in respect of engagement with mana whenua. Waikato Tainui has requested further engagement on this matter and was still ongoing.
- Draft letter to the Minister of Local Government has been provided to the Chair from Mr Ion for review.

Resolved: (Ms Schaafhausen/Mr Ion)

THAT the report from the Special Infrastructure Projects Manager be received.

CARRIED

WGB2106/03

Three Waters Governance Report for May 2021
Agenda Item 6.1

The Strategic Projects Manager report was taken as read and the following matters were noted:

- Te Akau Plant was now compliant. There has been improved communication and engagement with the community.
- Hopuhopu reservoir - A fault with the reservoir due to sealant failure has now been repaired. The other three reservoirs have been inspected and have not failed but require repairs under warranty, which lasts for 20 years. The expected life of the tanks is 40-50 years. An extended warranty would be pursued for the reservoir.
- Huntly desludging has progressed well but there were issues associated with caking.
- Construction of the Meremere Plant was progressing well.
- Huntly Water Treatment Plant - There was an incident relating to human error during the sand replacement for the filtration system. The issue was quickly resolved and there was no concern to public health. Watercare will be reviewing their actions during this incident.

ACTION: Watercare to provide the board information of when the Water Drinking Assessor was notified of the incident.

- Huntly Treatment Plant – There was a forklift incident involving a contractor. Questions were raised regarding the health and safety concerns at the site. There was concern raised for the time delay of Waikato District Council being notified of the incident.
- One dry-weather overflow was reported in May. Investigations should be made to reduce the incidence of fibrestrike.
- Raglan Wastewater Plant Compliance - A solution was being sought with the community. A community meeting will be held this evening, Tuesday 29th June 2021. Full compliance has not been achieved due to ongoing issues associated with one of the ponds and discussions were being held regarding the level of non-compliance. The Raglan Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade will resolve these issues.

ACTION: Watercare to undertake additional monitoring and sampling to understand the levels of non-compliance.

ACTION: Watercare to attach a KPI's table in future reports.

- Stormwater workshops have been ongoing. Considerable level of work associated with the Long Term Plan and reviewing fees and charges. Council regularly meeting with Watercare regarding works. Water Supply Bylaw was out for consultation and finishes mid-July 2021. Looking to have a change to the water meter cycle.

- Questions were raised regarding relief for vulnerable communities for fees and charges within the Long Term Plan.

Resolved: (Ms Schaafhausen/Mr Wright)

THAT the report from the Special Infrastructure Project Manager be received.

AND THAT Watercare, on behalf of Waikato District Council, seeks an extension of the Hopuhopu reservoir warranty and reimbursement of costs incurred by Waikato District Council for the investigation of the failure of the Hopuhopu reservoir.

CARRIED

WGB2106/05

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 7

Resolved: (Mr Schaafhausen/Mr Ion)

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason 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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
PEX Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
PEX Item 2 Actions		

<p>PEX Item 3.1</p> <p>Business Case – Te Kauwhata WWTP Upgrade – Phase 2 Interim MABR</p>		
<p>PEX Item 3.2</p> <p>Business Case – Ports of Auckland Wastewater Pump Station, Rising Main and Gravity Sewer, Horotiu</p>		
<p>PEX Item 3.3</p> <p>Te Kauwhata Irrigation Association Incorporated Water Supply Agreement</p>		
<p>PEX Item 3.4</p> <p>Waters Financial Results to 31 May 2021</p>		

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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item No.	Section	Interest
PEX Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason in the agenda for this meeting.
PEX Item 2 Actions		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason in the agenda for this meeting.
PEX Item 3.1 Business Case – Te Kauwhata WWTP Upgrade – Phase 2 Interim MABR	7(2)(b)	<p>Protect Information where the making available of the information:</p> <p>(ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information; or</p>

	7(2)(i)	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); or
	7(2)(j)	Prevent the disclosure or use of official for improper gain or improper advantage.
PEX Item 3.2 Business Case – Ports of Auckland Wastewater Pump Station, Rising Main and Gravity Sewer, Horotiu	7 (2) (b)	Protect Information where the making available of the information: (ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is just if the information or
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	7 (2) (j)	Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
PEX Item 3.3 Te Kauwhata Irrigation Association Incorporated Water Supply Agreement	7 (2) (b)	Protect information where the making available of the information: (ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject or who is the subject of the information or
	7 (2) (i)	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) or
	7 (2) (j)	Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
PEX Item 3.4 Water Financial Results to 31 May 2021	7 (2) (b)	Protect Information where the making available of the information: (ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; or
	7 (2) (j)	Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

AND THAT representatives from **Watercare** be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of **Watercare**. This knowledge, will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed and is relevant because of **Watercare's** role and responsibility for those matters.

CARRIED

WGB2106/05

Having resumed the open section of the meeting and there being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2:09PM

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2021.

Rukumoana Schaafhausen
CHAIRPERSON