

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held in the Boardroom, 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka, on Thursday 20 October 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Present: J Cruden P McLauchlan
B Growcott G Rooney (Chairman)
M Hall W Spry
D Isbister J Henry (Ngai Tahu)
L Koevoet

In Attendance:

Staff: J Graybill (Chief Executive), B Dolan, J Couper, M Webb, H Stevens and R Adams and R Cosgrove

DoC: D Winterburn (from 7:15 pm)

16-044 APOLOGIES:

A Christensen, B Whipp (leave of absence), and Kevin Payne.

16-045 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chairman queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register. W Spry advised that he needed to add that he is now a member of the NZ Professional Fishing Guides Assn on his declaration form.

16-046 GENERAL BUSINESS:

- None.

16-047 HEALTH & SAFETY:

Chief Executive explained exit points of the building and indicated where the assembly points are on the premises.

16-048 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 18 August 2016

Resolved (Isbister/McLauchlan)

16-038

THAT THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 AUGUST 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

16-049 BUDGET AND FINANCE:

049.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing

Chief Executive advised that a preliminary report from the Accountant indicates that Council is likely to be near break-even this financial year. He noted that a main cause was the decrease in Council's licence income of about \$50,000.



THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE EXPENSE LISTINGS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNTS OF \$378,107.93 AND \$59,269.51, RESPECTIVELY.

16-050 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

051.1 Activity Reports & Operations Reports (8.1)

Staff responded to general queries from Councillors related to topics reported in their activities and operations reports. Topics included:

- Praise for the new Ashburton Lakes access pamphlet,
- Hakataramea River works,
- Gravel extraction,
- Update on content of Fish and Game's submission to the RDR's consent applications. I.e. Fish and Game submitted in opposition on 3 points related to these applications:
 - 1) the additional 10 cumec take,
 - 2) the proposed fish barrier
 - 3) the proposed sediment flushing regime.

G Rooney declared he had a conflict of interest on the topic of RDR consents and advised that he took no part in the process of Fish and Game's submission.

16-051 DOC LIAISON:

051.1 D Winterburn updated and discussed with Council various works undertaken by DoC including:

- Ranging issues related to the whitebait season.
- Reports of large scale egg collection of braided river birds.
- Minister of Conservation's announcement of aiming for NZ to be predator free by 2050.
- Increased media attention on cattle in waterways.
- Update on eradication of wilding pine. Advised that management areas identified for this year are the Godley, North Opuha, Hakatere, and Ashburton Basin.

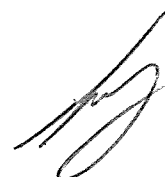
051.2 Lower Waitaki Irrigation Scheme

G Rooney advised that the Lower Waitaki Irrigation Scheme (LWIS) have made the decision to put in a fish screen at Borton's Pond. However LWIS have expressed concern re DoC as LWIS will need DoC's permission to undertake works on their land. D Winterburn agreed to look at the design and advise of DoC's position.

16-052 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

052.1 Licence Agreement Extension (9.1)

Chief Executive advised that the current agreement with Eyede for licencing services ends in December 2016 but contains a clause that a further two years may apply where both parties agree, which would mean that the agreement would run until 2nd December 2018. He reported that the current licence agreement has operated well over its 3-year period and recommends that the agreement be extended for the further two years.



THAT THE CSI COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE EXTENSION TERM OF 2 FURTHER YEARS WITH EYEDE SOLUTIONS LTD AND RECOMMENDS ENDORSEMENT OF THE LICENCE AGREEMENT BY THE NZ COUNCIL AT ITS NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING.

042.2 Meeting with ECan Commissioners

Chief Executive advised that the joint meeting between CSI Councillors and Environment Canterbury Commissioners was held on the 21st September in Timaru. He felt the meeting was positive and beneficial to both parties and recommended that Dame Margaret and ECan Commissioners be formally thanked for their initiation and positive approach.

AGREED that Council write a letter to the Environment Canterbury Commissioners thanking them for a positive meeting and encourage them to consider scheduling regular meetings between the two parties.

042.3 Sensitive Expenditure Policy

Chief Executive presented Council with a Draft Sensitive Expenditure Policy to approve following a suggestion from Council's Auditor at the last audit.

THAT CSI COUNCIL ADOPT THE POLICY ON CONTROLLING SENSITIVE EXPENDITURE.

042.4 Protected Disclosures Policy

Chief Executive presented Council with a Draft Protected Disclosure Policy to approve following a suggestion from Council's Auditor at the last audit.

THAT CSI COUNCIL ADOPT THE POLICY ON PROTECTED DISCLOSURES.

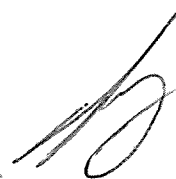
16-043: NZ COUNCIL MATTERS:

043.1 M Hall provided a report on NZC meeting held in Wellington in August. Topics included:

Guides licence, tax status of F&G, draft strategy on financial management, NZC standing orders, Hakataramea River consent, fly fishing TV programme involving F&G staff, lack of implementation of One Plan, Wairapara Water and their feasibility study from Irrigation Acceleration Fund.

043.2 Richard Cosgrove – New Fish and Game Website Design

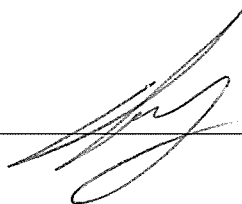
R Cosgrove, SI Communications Advisor presented Council with a demonstration of Fish and Game's proposed new website design. It will offer increased social media input and be more user-friendly and interactive for both staff and licence holders. Council were very receptive to new design.



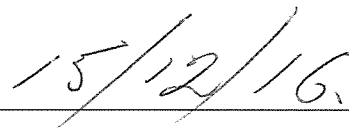
Meeting closed: 9:50 pm.

Next Council Meeting – To be advised.

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Date _____

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