

Emergency Regional Council

Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Thursday 15 August 2024, 9.00AM
- Venue:** Council Chambers, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga
- Chairperson:** Deputy Chairperson Jane Nees – Chair for the purposes of this meeting
- Members:**
Cr Malcolm Campbell
Cr Stuart Crosby
Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti – via Zoom
Cr Kat Macmillan
Cr Ron Scott
Cr Ken Shirley
Cr Paula Thompson – via Zoom
Cr Lyall Thurston
Cr Te Taru White – via Zoom
Cr Kevin Winters
- In Attendance:** Fiona McTavish – Chief Executive; Mat Taylor – General Manager Corporate; Chris Ingle – General Manager Integrated Catchments; Reuben Fraser – General Manager Regulatory Services; Kumaren Perumal – Chief Financial Officer, Tone Nerdrum Smith – Senior Advisor Governance
- Apologies:** Chairman Doug Leeder
Cr Matemoana McDonald
Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Livestreaming Statement

Chair Nees reminded those present that this meeting was being livestreamed and recorded and that the recording would be made available on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website following the meeting [Bay of Plenty Regional Council - 15 August 2024 - YouTube](#).

1. Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Cr Lyall Thurston.

2. Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Chairman Doug Leeder, Cr Matemoana McDonald and Cr Andrew von Dadelszen tendered at the meeting.**

**Thurston/Scott
CARRIED**

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

4. Reports

Decisions Required

4.1 2024/25 Minor River and Drainage Scheme Rates

Presented by Mat Taylor – General Manager Corporate, Chris Ingle – General Manager Integrated Catchments and Kumaren Perumal – Chief Financial Officer

Key Points:

- Recognised the error that had necessitated the re-set of Scheme Rates, and advised that this was the commencement of a process that would culminate in the new rates being set at the Council meeting in September 2024
- Noted that internal processes had been put in place to ensure such errors did not reoccur
- Available funding reserves meant Council was not required to set the Omeheu West Communal Pumped Drainage Scheme targeted rates for the 2024/25 year
- Staff would be contacting the affected ratepayers and the re-set would provide a level of comfort that the correct rates were being charged.

Key Points - Members:

- Sought assurance there were no further rates re-setting required.

Resolved

That the Emergency Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, 2024/25 Minor River and Drainage Scheme Rates;**
- 2 Notes that several rates for the Minor River and Drainage schemes have been set at a higher amount than intended;**
- 3 Agrees that it is desirable to set the Minor River and Drainage scheme rates again to correct the error in the rates;**
- 4 Directs staff to commence the process to reset Minor River and Drainage Scheme rates that have been set too high, including releasing a public notice;**
- 5 Notes that at the September 2024 Council meeting, a recommendation to re-set the Minor River Scheme Rates will be made to Council, in order to comply with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and Council Standing Orders.**

**Crosby/Thurston
CARRIED**

5. Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Cr Te Taru White.

9.08 am – the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

Chairman Doug Leeder
Chairperson, Regional Council