



WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE NELSON CREEK RATING DISTRICT
ON
Monday, 9 December 2024
3PM
At the Ngahere Fire Station**

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of last meeting**
- 4. Matters Arising**
- 5. Election of the Committee**
- 6. Signing of the Rating District Agreement**
- 7. Reports**
 - a. Insurance Report
 - b. Survey Report
 - c. Finance Report
 - d. Annual Works Report
- 8. General Business**

Please let WCRC know if there is anything you would like discussed at this meeting that is not on the agenda by Friday, 6 December 2024

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NELSON CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE NGAHERE FIRE BRIGADE
ON 17TH APRIL 2024, COMMENCING AT 1PM

PRESENT (Rating District Members)

B. Jones, T. Hill, S. Swensson.

IN ATTENDANCE (Staff)

Cr P. Ewen, Cr B. Cummings (Councillors)

S. Morgan, K. Jacobsen, L. Crozier (Staff)

APOLOGIES

No apologies.

WELCOME AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Cr P. Ewen opened the meeting and welcomed those present, he introduced himself and council staff.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 25th February 2022 be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.***

Moved-B. Jones/T. Hill-carried.

MATTERS ARISING

Cr B. Cummings and Cr P. Ewen were not present at the last meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

S. Morgan spoke on the financial report for the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023. She advised that the Nelson Creek Rating District had an opening balance of \$218,605.02 with a total revenue of \$4,188.16 less expenses of \$9,915.31 for a closing balance of \$212,877.87.

Moved-S. Swensson/B. Jones-carried.

ANNUAL WORKS REPORT

P. Birchfield spoke to the Annual Works Report, from 1 July 2022 to 30th June 2023 no maintenance works carried out, there was survey works for this period at only



50% of costs to the Rating District and 50% to the general rate. Details of works to repair an erosion scour were completed during July–August 2023 total cost of \$30,147.50 details will be shown in the next August meeting.

P. Birchfield asked the committee if they wanted to carry on having no rate.

RATES 2024/2025

Cr P. Ewen advised about insurance and fifty-year protection, choice in most communities if you want to pay for big protection you have to dig into your pockets, discussed direction from NEMA, level of protection still good with structures.

A discussion took place around Kiwi Rail and NZTA contributions.

S. Morgan advised we will need indication from the committee about what they want to do.

As the balance in the rating district account is above the prudent reserve the Council recommends a nil rate strike for the 2024/2025 financial year.

**Moved: “That the rate strike for the Nelson Creek Rating district is NIL excl “
GST for the 2024/2025 financial year.**

*Moved-B. Jones/T. Hill-carried.
All in favour.*

IMPAIRMENT

S. Morgan discussed the impairment paper, level of service, and the new management plan. The current scheme is estimated to provide a 1/50 level of service, based on the height of the banks and an event that occurred in the 1980s. To provide a clear indication of the necessary requirements, surveys need to be conducted. There is a liability in knowing the risk within the community, and the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) has an obligation to maintain this level of service. However, at present, the exact level of service is not known.

There was a discussion around the involvement of Kiwi Rail and NZTA to agree to the proposed surveys. It was suggested that it might be worth asking if they are

willing to participate in the surveys. A hydrological model, which would assist with classification, is planned for a few Rating Districts this year. The extent and quality of the modelling will depend on the amount of information already available. LiDAR surveys were conducted last week, and the results are currently awaiting peer review.

The survey will help establish a level of service to be adopted in the Asset Management Plan (AMP). Once this level is determined, the WCRC will be obligated to maintain the assets accordingly or adjust to what the Rating District is comfortable with. This can be written into the AMP or proposed as capital works. It was suggested that Peter Blackwood (WCRC Chief Engineer) could conduct a desktop assessment towards the classification.

P. Birchfield explained that M. Gardner (Land River Sea) communicates with people on the ground to gather flood level data. Cr P. Ewen noted that the LiDAR data might reflect the status quo, which would then require the council to maintain that level. For example, in Nelson Creek, the main risk is to livestock, whereas other agencies might face the loss of life. There was also a discussion about the implications for two rail hubs.

Main business action for August is to survey and finance to change in long term plan.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

B. Jones was nominated as spokesperson.

Moved: ***"That B. Jones be re-elected as Spokesperson for the 2024/2025 financial year."***

*Moved-T. Hill/S. Swensson-carried.
All in favour.*

MANAGERS UPDATE

S. Morgan spoke to this, we would like to inform all Rating Districts about recent developments at the Regional Council in the catchment management space. The infrastructure team has been realigned and renamed to the catchments team, though it still fulfils all the same functions as before.



Currently, I am acting in the General Manager role until May 20, 2024, when Tom Hopkins, coming from a project management position at the Department of Conservation, will take over. We have also transitioned much of our outsourced expertise in-house by employing new staff. This includes hiring a chief engineer with 45 years of experience, which allows us to get our engineering designs signed off internally, reducing our reliance on consultants. Additionally, we have hired a construction engineer to enhance our in-house expertise in that area, alongside our two experienced area engineers.

Regarding our Health and Safety pre-qualification process, we are ensuring that all contractors we use are pre-qualified. We sent out this information to contractors about two months ago, and we cannot engage with contractors who do not update their information with us. The pre-qualification process takes about 2-3 weeks. If you know any local contractors who might be able to undertake work for your Rating District, please encourage them to get in touch with the Regional Council to start the pre-qualification process. This process ensures that the contractors we use are safe, and our staff are safe as well.

S. Morgan informed the committee that they have the option to opt out of receiving mail by providing their email addresses. Additionally, Morgan suggested giving a \$20 donation to the fire station as a courtesy for the room hire, which the committee unanimously agreed to.

Moved-T. Hill/S. Swensson -carried.

RATING DISTRICT AGREEMENT

S. Morgan discussed the Terms of Reference for the agreement and proposed a motion to approve the ability to conduct works outside of the AMP. It was noted that any work differing from what is discussed today would require approval. If P. Birchfield identifies anything that compromises the integrity of the stop bank, it would need to be addressed immediately.

To facilitate this process, it was proposed that a spokesperson and one other person be designated to approve such actions. The individuals suggested for this role were B. Jones, T. Hill, and S. Swensson.

A discussion included concerns about gorse and the presence of native trees on stopbanks. It was suggested that if aerial spraying were to be conducted, Ahaura Helicopters, who are prequalified, could perform the task. P. Birchfield will work



with members of the rating district to identify the specific area to be sprayed. The group discussed whether to include spraying as part of the work plan. Three members agreed to undertake the spraying themselves.

It was decided that the spokesperson plus two additional members from the rating district would be responsible for approving the use of rating district funds for activities outside of the annually agreed plan, in case the primary individuals are unavailable. S. Swensson seconded this decision.

A meeting to be held every year unless it isn't wanted by the members.

IMPAIRMENT

S. Morgan – discussed the attached impairment paper, *Impairment is unexpected damage to the asset*, grass on stopbank. Anything outside of that will reduce the level of service.

CLASSIFICATION/REVIEW

Discussion on scheme classifications– S. Morgan addressed the matter, highlighting the various approaches to property rating based on the benefits they receive from the scheme. The group discussed different scheme classifications and decided to obtain a quote for reclassification after further consideration.

Find out if classified on land area, Nelson Creek and Redjacks.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Spraying discussed.

BYLAWS

An update on the flood protection bylaw process was provided. One of our planners will present this to the council around June. Examples were discussed of people planting too close to streams. It was noted that the bank on the true left is in good condition, although some vegetation has died.

1:50 meeting closed.

ACTIONS:

A request to review boundary classification, (quotes).



Surveys before August meeting.

DRAFT/UNCONFIRMED



Nelson Creek Rating District Agreement

Proposed – April 2024

DOCUMENT CONTROL

Reason for Submission	Revision Number	Revision Date	Approval
New Document		02 April 2024	
Version 2	2	11 July 2024	D.L (revision of use of funds outside of scheduled maintenance works)
Version	3	11 October 2024	

Rating District Committee Agreement

BACKGROUND

- A. The WCRC is empowered by Section 126 of the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941 to take such steps as are necessary for the prevention of damage by floods; and
- B. Is empowered by the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to raise the funds necessary to carry out their respective function.
- C. Any flood protection structure built because of this agreement is owned by the WCRC. The land the flood defense assets are on is under various ownership.

STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF THE RATING DISTRICT (RD) COMMITTEE

- 1. Once each triennium immediately following the election of the West Coast Regional Council councilors the RD Committee shall be formed including the appointment of a spokesperson/chairperson, by the ratepayers within the district. The number of committee members representing the rating district shall be decided by the ratepayers within the district.
- 2. The quorum of the Committee members required for decision making and meetings shall be decided by the RD committee and confirmed during its formation triennially.
- 3. Meetings shall be held annually or as otherwise agreed by the Rating District Committee.
- 4. Notification of meetings and the publication of agendas and reports shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Part 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and will be undertaken by the secretariat who is employed by the WCRC.
- 5. Minutes of all RD Committee meetings shall be provided to the next meeting of the RD.

TERMS OF REFERENCE & DELEGATIONS

- 6. Each year the RD committee shall consider any staff and/or expert reports and ascertain what work and budget requirements will be for the coming financial year to inform the WCRCs Annual Plan and Long-Term Plans.
- 7. The RD Committee shall not have any funding or rate-setting authority. But advises the wrc on this matter at annual meetings.
- 8. WCRC as the Rating Body for the Rating District is the final decision maker on the annual work plan and setting the appropriate rate to fund the agreed works.
- 9. The RD committee must formally decide on whether they are a maintenance scheme, a capital scheme or both. This can be changed at any time with written consent of both parties.

10. The RD committee agree, the spokesperson with 2 primary members, must endorse the use of RD funds beyond the agreed annual work programme. In the event the primaries are unavailable, 2 additional members from the rating district can endorse this funding.
11. For significant decisions such as major scheme capital upgrades or maintenance and associated expenditure, dissolving the scheme, rating classification reviews etc., the spokesperson, committee or WCRC can call for a full voting procedure of all scheme ratepayers. A majority vote is set at a minimum of 75% of scheme ratepayers that have voted.
12. <Note 75% can be altered to a different majority percentage by each scheme but must be documented in the terms of reference>.
13. The WCRC shall administer an asset management system for all assets in the scheme and take this to the committee annually starting the 2025/2026 FY.
14. Any resource consents required for the scheme will be applied for, held and maintained by the WCRC, including adhering to conditions.
15. The RD committee's role is to review the annual work plan provided to it by the WCRC, receive and consider any independent expert advice, and make informed recommendations to WCRC for the final decision. The Committee may also make recommendations to the WCRC regarding:
 - Commissioning independent expert reports; and
 - Undertaking public consultation on rating classification classes, major capital works and other areas of significant public interest.

WCRC will consider any recommendations of the RD committee in making any decisions on the above.

16. The WCRC has constituted a "Rating District" for the scheme and reserves the right to raise such funds as it may need to carry out its functions.

Variation of this Agreement

17. This agreement may be amended at any time, at the request of either the WCRC or the rating district committee, but such amendment will only take effect once both have formally received and adopted those changes sought.

SIGNATURES

SIGNED by

RATING DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON

In the presence of:

by its authorised signatory

Witness signature

Witness name

Witness Occupation

Witness Town of Residence

SIGNED by

**WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
CHAIRPERSON**

In the presence of:

by its authorised signatory

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Insurance Update

Author	Shanti Morgan, Group Manager Environmental Science and Chantel Mills, Project Accountant
Authorizer	Darryl Lew, Chief Executive

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Rating Districts with an update on Councils insurances including:

1. Clarification of WCRC's deductibles (i.e. excesses) under the infrastructure insurance policy
2. An **indication** of the 2024/25 insurance premium split across rating districts, and **estimated** 2025/26 insurance premium including **estimated** premium split across rating districts for budgeting purposes.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee resolves to:

1. *Receive the report and note the attachment.*
2. *Provide feedback on insurance premiums and excesses as related to the Rating District scheme.*

Issues and Discussion

Background

Council has a range of insurance policies covering operational risks. AON is Council's insurance broker. Council is part of a shared insurance procurement collective with other South Island Councils called the South Island Council Collective (SICC).

Current situation

1. WCRC's **2024/25 Infrastructure Insurance was renewed** at 4pm on 1 November 2024 for a further one-year term (expiring 4pm 1 November 2025).

A summary of 2024/25 Infrastructure Assets Listing is provided in **attachment 1**.

2. The writer would like to take this opportunity to clarify Council's **Deductibles under the infrastructure insurance policy**. WCRC have two possible deductibles (i.e. excesses) under the policy pertaining to direct physical loss suffered and depending on the peril that caused the damage / loss.
 - i. Where the damage / loss is suffered due to Earthquake, Natural Landslip, Tsunami, Tornado, Volcanic Eruption, Hydrothermal & Geothermal activity, and Subterranean Fire, WCRC's deductible (i.e. excess) is **NZD\$250,000 for each and every loss (eel), or**
 - ii. Where the damage / loss is suffered due to Flood and Windstorm (including Storm Surge), WCRC's deductible (i.e. excess) is **NZD\$1,000,000 eel**.

Any deductible under the infrastructure policy applies to 100% of the loss or damage arising out of any one event to the property or asset.

3. Council is asking for feedback from Rating Districts on the current insurance excesses, which are being clarified in this paper for the Rating Districts. The Council will receive and consider Rating District feedback when undertaking the 2025/26 insurance renewal cycle.

Considerations

Implications/Risks

1. Deductibles and the Financial Impact on Rating Scheme Coverage

Current Deductibles (excesses):

- \$250,000 per event for damages / losses caused by events like earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and subterranean fires.
- \$1,000,000 per event for damages / losses due to flood, windstorm, and storm surge.

Implications:

- WCRC has 23 Rating Districts Schemes, two of which have declared asset values which are less than both deductibles (*i.e. 2024/25 Neils Beach \$36,894, and Matainui Creek \$116,560*). Several Rating schemes also have damage exposure values that are less than both deductibles
- Rating Schemes with lower-value assets and lower-damage exposure values are highly unlikely to ever make damage or loss claims for isolated events due to the level of the deductible(s).
- Rating Schemes with lower value assets and/or lower damage exposure values would be more likely to make an insurance claim if assets were damaged / lost in an event affecting multiple rating districts and multiple assets as a result of a single catastrophic event.
- For a summary of the declared asset values for the 2024/25 renewal sorted by value from highest to lowest please see **attachment 1**.
- The trade-off between lowering the deductible(s) is higher premiums across all 23 rating districts.
- Parts of the Coast experienced notable weather events in April 2024 and October / November 2024. These events have not resulted in any insurance claims as yet. WCRC staff have been assessing damage and the general view at this stage is that any damage suffered in the event were estimated to be well below the \$1,000,000 flooding event deductible for each event.
- Therefore, any damage from the April 2024 and October / November 2024 events to date are being repaired by Council on behalf of the Rating Districts as repairs & maintenance or through funds within each rating district prudent reserve.

2. **Financial Risk of Not Insuring**

- **Potential Cost of Damage:** When infrastructure assets suffer damage or loss the repair and replacement costs can escalate quickly. For example, If we consider an event affecting (5-20% of asset value) the reinstatement costs across the infrastructure assets could range between \$2,000 (Neils Beach) and \$7,925,863 (Wanganui).
- **Ratepayer Responsibility:** Without infrastructure insurance, all repair and replacement costs would need to be covered by respective Rating District reserves or through increased rates to service a loan, particularly for high-cost events.

- **Risk Tolerance:** Each Rating District will have a different risk tolerance and will need to carefully consider their respective financial capacities to finance major repairs / asset replacements independently should an event occur. How would the Rating District fund repair / replacement costs if no insurance is in place? Is Rating District willing to take the risk of not insuring it's community's flood protection assets?

3. **Benefits and Limitations of Insuring**

Advantages of Insurance:

- **Catastrophic Event Protection:** Insurance can protect against significant financial losses in large-scale events that exceed the deductible amount.
- **Risk Management:** Insurance may reduce the financial burden on the district in severe events which are predicted to increase with climate change.

Limitations:

- **High Deductible Costs:** Understandably, no insurance claims are made when the repair / replacement costs are under the \$250,000 or \$1,000,000 excesses. This results in a burden of cost to rating district to fund necessary repair / replacement works on damaged or lost assets up to the deductible amounts.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** For assets with lower damage exposure or value, the insurance premium may outweigh the potential benefits due to the deductible threshold.

4. **Considerations for Providing Feedback**

- **Risk and Financial Impact:** Consider the likelihood and potential cost of damage for your scheme and whether your Rating District can feasibly cover these costs without insurance.
- **Priorities and Preferences:** Feedback should reflect your district's priorities—whether you value protection against catastrophic loss or prefer to self-manage smaller damages and risks.
- **Alternative Preparedness:** If opting out of insurance, think about alternative strategies (like building reserves or implementing preventive measures) to address future damage or loss.

We welcome your feedback to help Councillors decide the best approach for insurance of scheme assets for the upcoming 2025/26 financial year.

Other Funding Risks to consider

National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) funding may be accessed for up to 60% of eligible rebuild costs **provided key criteria are met**.

Government assistance will not normally be available for assets which receive a subsidy from any other source, unless:

- the local authority has adequately protected itself through asset and risk management including mitigation, where appropriate, and the proper maintenance of infrastructure assets, or
- the local authority has made sound financial provisions (such as the provision of reserve funds, effective insurance or participation in a mutual assistance scheme with other local authorities) to a level sufficient to ensure that the local authority could reasonably be expected to meet its obligation to provide for its own recovery.

Significance and Engagement Policy Assessment

There are no issues within this report which trigger matters in this policy.

Tangata whenua views

Staff are not aware of any issues within this report which would impact tangata whenua.

Views of affected parties

Views of affected parties are being collated during rating district meetings and will be presented back to council on insurance needs for each scheme with an associated risk profile.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Summary of 2024/25 Infrastructure Insurance renewal declared values, 2024/25 Insurance premium rating district indicative split, and 2025/26 Estimated insurance including rating scheme premium split.

Summary of 2024/25 Infrastructure Insurance renewal declared values, 2024/25 Insurance premium rating district **indicative split**, and **2025/26 Estimated** insurance including rating scheme premium split.

Infrastructure Assets	Declared Value (2024/25)	2024/25 Premium Indication	Estimated 2025/26 Premium
Wanganui	39,629,315	35,770	37,630
Greymouth Floodwall	24,561,725	22,170	23,323
Franz Josef Combined	24,254,514	21,893	23,031
Taramakau	23,910,670	21,582	22,704
Karamea	11,414,646	10,303	10,839
Kowhitirangi	10,372,605	9,363	9,849
Hokitka Seawall Combined	8,554,347	7,721	8,123
Inchbonnie	7,802,261	7,042	7,409
Waitangi-Taona	7,391,652	6,672	7,019
Nelson Creek	6,938,935	6,263	6,589
Punakaiki	5,422,853	4,895	5,149
Vine Creek	5,159,546	4,657	4,899
Mokihinui	3,202,472	2,891	3,041
Westport	2,406,483	2,172	2,285
Kongahu *	2,214,694	-	-
Redjacks Creek	1,805,336	1,630	1,714
Okuru	1,404,921	1,268	1,334
Whataroa	1,360,799	1,228	1,292
Raft Creek	1,262,372	1,139	1,199
Hokitka Southside	1,165,987	1,052	1,107
Matainui Creek	116,560	105	111
Neils Beach **	36,894	-	-
Rating District Administration ***		73,650	77,479
General Rate - Kongahu *		1,999	2,103
General Rate - Neils Beach **		33	35
Grand Total	190,389,588	245,499	258,265

* Per 2021-31 LTP Kongahu is a drainage scheme and should be excluded from the insurance policy.

** Neils Beach is a 'sacrificial bund'. The insurance premium is under \$40 per year and covered by General Rate.

*** Per 2021-31 LTP 70% of infrastructure insurance premium is paid by the Target Rate to respective Rating District(s) and 30% is funded by General Rate.

Report on Riverbed Level Survey Programme

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Management, Jordan Mandery, Construction Engineer.

Authoriser Shanti Morgan, Group Manager Environmental Science

Report Purpose

To update rating districts on the proposed West Coast Regional Council 10-Year River and Coastal Survey Strategy.

Report Summary

The WCRC has had a ten-year strategy in place for riverbed survey since 2014. This strategy is due for renewal and a new strategy has been proposed for adoption by the regional council (Attachment 1).

This report outlines the importance of riverbed and coastal surveys for the purpose of flood and coastal hazard protection.

Council have also been put forward a proposal to change the current funding model of survey work which is currently 50% funded by the relevant rating district, and 50% by the General Rate, to a 100% funding through the income council receives as a result of gravel royalties. The outcome of this proposal will be provided verbally to RDs during meetings.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee resolve to:

- 1. Receive this report.*
- 2. Notes the 10-year river and coastal survey strategy*

Issues and Discussion

Background

The WCRC have had a 10-year river cross-section survey strategy in place since 2014. Historically these surveys have been funded 50% by the relevant rating district, and 50% by the General Rate. Out of the 23 West Coast Regional Council rating districts, 16 have regular cross-section surveys. The absence of regular surveys has resulted in a variation in the understanding of each scheme and the protection they provide. With some schemes having a well understood level of service where surveys have been undertaken and others a general understanding relating to historic flood levels which do not account for changing climatic conditions or changes in the physical environment.

Current situation

The current 10-year strategy concludes this year. The Catchment Management group have drafted a new 10-year strategy (ref. Attachment 1) to conduct surveys across selected schemes to support and maintain the understanding of the level of service provided by the schemes maintained by the WCRC. This work will include, but is not limited to:

- bed and crest level surveys, with an increase in frequency/scope and scale in areas where gravel extraction is taking place,
- areas where additional monitoring or surveys may be needed depending on the nature of the gravel extraction application.
- other areas where surveying is considered necessary.

The new program aims to ensure compliance with regulatory consent conditions, improve infrastructure management, enhance flood prevention efforts, and provide valuable data for long-term planning and informed decision-making with regards to the effects of gravel extraction on the region's rivers and coastlines. This strategy provided a schedule for surveys of the rating districts where surveys were required.

This programme will build on the regular program of established surveys with additional cross section surveys and Mean Bed Level (MBL) analysis funded via the use of gravel royalties. This will provide high level data for flooding and infrastructure needs, as well as ensuring that an appropriate amount of gravel is being taken.

The new bed level survey programme will vary from 6 monthly to a 5-year return period¹ depending on the river in question. The programme will be developed considering what is achievable from both a budgetary and practical perspective. It may also include measuring coastal data if this is considered relevant.

¹ Please note that following major events officers will likely need to re-survey affected schemes over and above the regular programme.

The programme will be designed specifically to ensure that it will be covered by a varying percentage of the gravel royalties. It will be flexible to ensure capacity for adjustments based on priority, funding availability, and emergent needs.

A proposal to fund this work program has been put forward to the WCRC which would result in a change to the current 50% by the relevant rating district, and 50% by the General Rate to a 100% funding through the income council receives as a result of gravel royalties. The outcome of this proposal will be provided verbally to RDs during meetings.

Considerations

Implications/Risks

There are safety and infrastructure management risks associated with not improving our data around rivers.

Significance and Engagement Policy Assessment

This policy does not trigger the significance and engagement policy.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Will be provided at meeting

West Coast Regional Council			
Nelson Creek Rating District Financial Accounts			
For the 12 Months to 30 June 2024			
	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RESERVES OPENING BALANCE 1 JULY 2023	212,877.87		218,605.02
REVENUE			
Internal Interest Earned	5,010.03		4,188.16
Other Income	10,551.65	10,551.65	
Rates	-	3,289.49	-
TOTAL REVENUE	15,561.68	13,841.14	4,188.16
Less EXPENDITURE			
Advertising	-		
Capital Expenditure	-		
Contractors	30,147.59	30,147.59	2,039.21
Consultants	-		
Insurance	3,082.22	2,173.68	4,039.80
Rates	-		
Resource Consents	-		
Staff Time	3,836.00		3,836.30
Surveyors	-		
Venue Hire	-		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	37,065.81	32,321.27	9,915.31
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(21,504.13)	(18,480.13)	(5,727.15)
Capital Expenditure			
RESERVE CLOSING BALANCE 30 JUNE 2024	191,373.74		212,877.87


Peter Miller

West Coast Regional Council – Nelson Creek Rating District

Annual Works Report on Maintaining Existing Rating District Assets

1. Executive summary

This report outlines a summary of work undertaken as part of the Nelson Creek Rating Districts annual works program for the 2023/2024 financial year including any maintenance, capital works and surveys undertaken. Additionally, this report details scheduled work for the 2024/2025 FY and proposes work required for the 2025/2026 Financial year which includes consultation of the 2025/2026 maintenance rate, insurance premiums and engineer cost recovery.

2. Maintenance works Summary 2023/2024 FY

Maintenance work undertaken during the 2023/2024 included repair of the true right riverbank by Paul smith earthmoving (Image one)



Image 1: River bank erosion July 2023



Image 2: [REDACTED] undertaking works August 2023

Expenditure summary:

Load cart and place 400 tonnes to repair true right riverbank above road bridge. \$30,147.59
NZTA covered 35% of cost \$10,551.65 (July 2023 [REDACTED])

Total rating district maintenance expense for the 2023/2024 Financial year \$19,595.94

3. Scheduled maintenance works for the 2024/2025 FY

a. Allow for unforeseen maintenance \$10,000.00
b. Vegetation clearance \$5,000.00

Total proposed works estimated for the 2024 / 2025 financial year \$15,000

4. Scheduled Nelson Creek Rating District Financial Balance

The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2025 / 2026 financial year is likely to be approximately \$ 170,000

This target balance for the 'prudent reserve' for this rating district is \$160,000.00.

This prudent reserve is immediately available for urgent emergency works that may be required following a major event. The predicted damage exposure to the scheme's assets is estimated at \$160,000.00-\$400,000.00 depending on the size of the flood (see Asset Management Plan).

It is likely the current reserve will only cover a portion of the actual cost of the potential damage that could occur.

5. Proposed maintenance rates for the 2025 / 2026 financial year

The 2025/2026 FY rates allow for twenty-four hours of engineering time at the council's user fees and charges rate set within the user fees and charges policy.

Rates Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00
Prudent Reserve (achieved)	\$ 0.00
Engineers Cost Recovery	\$ 4440.00
Infrastructure Insurance	\$6,589.00
Total (excluding insurance):	\$ 26,029.00

The Council recommends a maintenance rate strike of \$ 26,029.00 excluding GST.

6. General business

Insurance

Below are the key criteria that needs to be met to access the NEMA funding, which can cover up to 60% of eligible rebuild costs

The provisions for government financial support to local authorities apply whether or not a state of emergency is, or has been, in force

Government assistance will not normally be available for assets which receive a subsidy from any other source, unless:

- *the local authority has adequately protected itself through asset and risk management including mitigation, where appropriate, and the proper maintenance of infrastructure assets, or*
- *the local authority has made sound financial provisions (such as the provision of reserve funds, effective insurance or participation in a mutual assistance scheme with other local authorities) to a level sufficient to ensure that the local authority could reasonably be expected to meet its obligation to provide for its own recovery*

Threshold

Threshold for reimbursement; As with other response claims, Government policy is to reimburse 60 percent of the combined eligible costs (response and essential infrastructure costs), above the following thresholds:

- *0.0075 percent of the net capital value of the city council, district council or unitary authority involved*
- *0.002 percent of the net capital value of unitary authorities where the assets in question are of a type that ordinarily are managed by regional councils, or*
- *0.002 percent of net capital value in the case of regional councils*