

year would be paid as early as practicable after receipt of the declared returns of rates of the calendar year 1894.

Received

From Treasury

Towards of £229.3.1
proportion of the amount (£50,000) of
endowment payable for half year
ending 31st December 1894. to the
Shire of East Loddon.

Moved to by President & Secretary

Received

From Larloch Shire

Asking support to various subjects men-
tioned, to the effect that the Government
be asked to extend the time for
payment of selectors' rents from 20 to
40 years at 2 per acre per annum,
instead of 7 as at present.

C. Hardy moved that cooperation be
granted. Seconded by the President
— Amendment —

By C.D. Coult. That cooperation be
granted in so far as to ask the
Government to give an extension
of time of 20 years to all selectors
unable to pay on the condition that
they be charged 5% interest. Seconded
by C. McCrea.

Voting for the amendment councillors
Coult, McCrea, Bisset, Laird, Jackson,
Potter.

For the Motion the President and
councillors Hardy & Coult.

The President declared the amendment

Carried

From Department of Trade and Customs

acknowledging receipt of letter re
extension of season for wild ducks. — Received

From City of Bendigo

That C. Barclay represented the East
Loddon Shire Council on the Deput^y
to Minister of Railways on the subject
of railway extension to Mildura as
requested & that the Minister promised
to submit the whole matter to the
Railways Standing Committee. — Received

From Shire of Nurrurrah.

Convening conference at Town Hall,
Melbourne on January 29th, to
consider the best means of dealing
with the Vermis Pest. — Received

From National Wool Company of Australia,
and Dixon Gould.

Offering rabbit poison for sale — Do.

From Loddon United Water Trust

Requesting cheque for £72.6,
councils proportion of working exps
for quarter ending 31st December
1894.

The President moved that the amt.
be passed for payment. Seconded
by C. McCrea. — Carried

From Borough of Ararat

Asking cooperation in an endeavour
to obtain a grant from the Govt
for the maintenance of main roads

C. Coult moved that support be accorded in so far as to agree to the imposition of tolls as a remedy for the continuance of the Subsidy. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Shire of Castle Donnington.

Drawing attention to the position of the councils through the action of the Government relative to the subsidy, and stating that it was proposed to hold a conference in Melbourne on 5th March to consider the position.

C. McCrea thought the North Western Municipal Association would meet the matter and moved that they suggest the matter be referred to that body.

Seconded by C. D. Coult. Carried.

From Secretary, North Western Municipal Assoc.ⁿ
That ordinary half yearly meeting would be held in Town Hall, Melbourne, on Tuesday 19 March & stating that the annual subscription of £55.0 was now due.

C. Laird moved that the subscription £55.0 be paid seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

On the motion of C. Laird, seconded by C. Jackson it was decided to bring before the association the mode in which the subsidy had been dealt with for the September term. Carried.

From Joint Hon. Secs. Scepting Hospital Fire

Asking for use of Town Hall for Wednesday, 6th March, for the purpose of holding a concert & Ball and enclosing £1.00 charged.

C. Laird moved that the application be granted under the usual conditions. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

From Shire of St. Armand.

Asking co-operation to the following resolution.

That the railway department be asked to grant a reduction in the freight charged on wheat similar to that adopted in South Australia, viz: 25% on existing rates of carriage, with the price of wheat in Melbourne shall rise to 5s 9d per bushel.

C. Potter moved that co-operation be granted. Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.

From H. A. Deravin, Pyramid Hill

Telegrams. Case Typhoid Walter William Guiner, Melbourne and Patrick John Griffin, Terriks East. Received.

From H. A. Deravin with report on above mentioned cases. Do.

Copy to be forwarded to the Railway Department with a request that defects in drainage be carried out.

From E. A. De Raris Health Officer for North & South ridings. Forwarding annual reports. Received.

From Under-Secretary.

That in compliance with request Wednesday the 6th March has been appointed to be observed as a public holiday throughout the Shire of East Loddon.

Received

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts £787. 15. 7. Bank overdraft (15/2/95) £1150. 12. 9.

Do

The Rate Collector reported receipts rates £764. 11. 6; Dog fees £5.0.0

Do

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and clauses drafted with as shown on margin in Engineer's report book.

Do

Business left over from last meeting C. Jackman mentioned the matter of Mr. Crapper's rates, deferred from last meeting, and expressed himself satisfied at the explanations given by the Secretary.

C. Coultas (with reference to the question of the bank rate of interest on overdrafts) moved that the Secretary write to the Travelpoa Shire Council asking what further steps, if any, they had taken in regard to the matter. Seconded by C. Jackman

Carried

Finance

accounts amounting to £202. 19. 11 was passed for payment on the motion of C. McCrea, seconded by C. Jackman

Carried

General Business

C. Hardy moved that the Council go into Committee to consider the question of retrenchment. Seconded by C. Laird

Carried

C. Hardy having submitted a scheme prepared by him, it was decided to adjourn the matter for one month, to allow councillors time to consider the proposals made, on the motion of C. Hardy, seconded by C. Jackman

Carried

C. Bissett moved that the presidents attend the next meeting of the North Western Municipal Association. Seconded by C. McCrea

Carried

The President moved that the Secretary write to the Lands Department asking the reason why the Pompaire forest had been leased differently to the advertised conditions. Seconded by C. Hardy

Carried

C. Coultas stated Mr. S. Priestly wanted the Council to supply his tank on the Pompaire Creek with water from Bullock's Creek, Mr. Priestly asserting that the cost would not exceed £3 or £4. The Engineer in reply to C. Coultas stated it would

cost £66.

C. Laid moved that if Mr. Priestly could get the work carried out at a cost of £5, the Council rescue him the amount. Seconded by C. D. Coult. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By C. D. Coult.

Enquirer to repair roadway work from Salisbury Bridge.

By C. Hardy.

Enquirer to again visit and report on culvert 1821 from the Stockton Post Office.

By C. Jackson.

Enquirer to examine newly made ponds by Watson, parish of Sandara.

Motions on Notice

All motions on notice were further postponed for a month.

The meeting then closed, and the Council adjourned to Friday 15th March 1895 at 10 a.m.

Read and confirmed at Lupton this 15th day of March 1895.

Geo Marshall

President

Present at 11.15 am

Councillors Marshall (President) Hardy, Potter, Bisset, Laid, Coult, McCrea, Jackson and D. Coult.

Minutes of meeting held 15th February were read and on the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Jackson confirmed. Carried.

CorrespondenceFrom Victorian Railways

That the drainage from the urinal at the rear of the refreshment room at Melton had been attended to.

Received

From Department of Trade and Customs

Stating that the Minister is of opinion that it will be desirable to arrack the amendment of the Game Act (which will be shortly introduced in Parliament) before taking further action in respect to the alteration of seasons.

Received

From Secretary, Shire of Gordon

Forwarding copy of the proposed scheme for abating the nuisance past in the Tennet's Tennet's West State forest for the Council's co-operation.

C. Hardy moved that the letter be received & no action taken.

Seconded by C. McCrea.

Carried

From Jamieson and Martin and P. J. Harrington
Offering to sell metal (balances over contract amounts) at 4 per cent less than schedule rates.
C. Coult moved that the metal be purchased seconded by C. Bisset - Carried.
C. Laird voting against the motion.

From Health Officer East Riding and Head Teacher Prairie State School
Reporting prevalence whooping cough and ophthalmia at State School Prairie. Received

From Shire of Rosedale.
Inviting cooperation in relieving municipalities of collecting the agricultural statistics.
C. Hardy moved that cooperation be granted - Seconded by C. McCrea and Carried.
Mr. Jackson, Fowler & Coult voting against the motion.

From Wm. Gullick - Landara
Asking Council to construct a foot bridge over drain in front of Mechanics Hall - Landara
C. Laird moved that the Engineer examine and Report. Seconded by President - Carried

From Public Health Department
Forwarding Statement of Board's requirements with regard to plan and Specification of a proposed Mechanics Institute at

Landara. Received
Referred to Engineer

From Secretary for Lands
Enclosing conditions under which the Pompania State Forest is to be licensed for grazing purposes only. Received

From William Robinson, Pompania.
Asking the Council on his own and Messrs. Githens' and Smith's be half to erect a rabbit proof fence across the one chain road on the eastern side of the Pompania State Forest.
C. Hardy moved that the request be complied with. Seconded by C. Potter.

Amendment
By the President
That consideration of the matter stand over for one week. Seconded by C. McCrea.

Voting
For the amendment
The President and C. McCrea

For the motion
C. Hardy, Potter, D. Coult, Jackson, Fowler Bisset & Laird.

The President declared the motion Carried

From Shire of Mildura
Forwarding copy of resolution passed to the effect that a clause be

presented in the Local Government Act
relative to the sale of alcoholic liquors
in Victoria etc

C. Potter moved that the communication
be received. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From North Western Municipal Association
Forwarding business sheet.
Deferred to General Business

From H. A. Deravin Health Officer, East
Riding - forwarding Annual Report Received.
Copy to be forwarded to the Central
Board of Health.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported Receipts of
Rates £57.9.6; Dog fees £3.15.0. Received

The Treasurer reported receipts:-
Rates £57.9.6; dog fees £3.15.0;
Equivalent publicans' licenses £106.0.0
Government Endowment £229.2.1; rent
of Hall £1- Hire of P.C. driver £1-
Half cost of works from Horong Shire
49.2.2. Total £447.9.9.
Draft at Bank of Victoria,
Anglemood £910.2.11. Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and
Received and clauses dealt with
as shown on margin in Engineer's
Report Book.

The Secretary verbally reported that Contracts
nos 172 to 175 required the seal of the

Council.

C.D. Coult moved that the seal be
applied to contracts Specifications nos
172, 173, 174 & 175.

Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

Retrenchment

In committee the Council dealt with
the retrenchment scheme submitted
by C. Hardy.

On resuming in open Council
the Secretary reported that reductions
were made as follows:-

Engineer and Secretary from £300 to £252 per annum			
Rate, dog and Statistics Act	70	50	" "
Treasurer	10	8	" "
Cartaker Shire Hall & office	23	20	without allowance
Valuer	10	8	per annum
President's allowance	70	50	" "
Telegraph Office Subsidy	20	18	" "
Donations & Subscriptions	66	40	" "
Printing, Stationery & Advs	65	55	" "
Inspectors of Quisauers & Slaughter yards abolished.			
Deputation expenses to Melbourne £4.4.0 in lieu of £5.5.0 per trip for our delegate.			
Election Expenses reduced fifty (50) per cent			
Tax Shires reduced by fifty (50) per cent			

C. Hardy moved that the list as read
be adopted, and that the reductions
take place from the Council meeting
in May 1895, officers to give the Council
a month's notice if they will accept
the reduced salaries. Seconded by
C. Jacobman. Carried

General Business

when not required
C. Jackson moved that retaining banks be dispensed with in the future to stone crossings. Seconded by C. McEira. Carried.

By leave of the Council C. McEira moved that tenders be called returnable in a fortnight for constructing formations on roads west and south from Mitiamo, and on road between Duffys and Fullers farms, parish of Haywards. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Allocation of Receipts & Expenditure

C. Potter moved that the basis be on the amount of rate struck for each riding. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

C. Bisset moved that the Bathurst Burn growing on the water channel banks in the South riding be cut. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.
C. Potter voting against.

C. McEira moved that the Secretary write to Lands Department asking for an extension 2 chains wide along the road which forms the southern boundary of the Mitiamo Race course. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

C. McEira moved that the Secretary write to the Crown Land Department asking to have Mitiamo proclaimed as a place for holding a Court of Petty Sessions. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

The business sheet for the North West Municipal Association was discussed and resolutions entered thereon.

C. Coulter moved that the Secretary again write to the County Shire, with reference to the necessity of graveling or metaling on boundary road near Mr. John Gows property. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By C. Hardy
For formation near Rogies north east corner Parish of Cairns. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

By C. Hardy
For formation and stone crossing on boundary road with South riding near Mr. Gill's farm. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

By C. Bisset
For loaning formation on the Iron Hill road north from Shaw's Hotel. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

By C. Coulter
For extending & loaning formation near Mr. Davis's farm, formation north from Wesleyan Church, & also about 400 ft formation near Mr. Ellis's property all in the parish of Yallock. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Accounts amounting to £106.⁶/₈ were passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson, seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Notice of Motion

By the President

For removing all timber from off the north South road commencing at the Calver Cramery thence north to Nick's Kiwans north west corner.

By C. McEwen

For Town Crossing and formation on Serpentine & Colucca 3 claim roads near M^{rs} Upton's property.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 19th April 1895 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 19th day of April 1895

Geo Marshall President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.45 am.

Councillors Marshall (President) Hardy, Coulter, Dissitt, Laid, Jackson, McEwen and Coates.

Minutes of meeting held 15 March 1895 were read and on the motion of Councillor McEwen, seconded by C. Jackson. Confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence

From Treasury

Forwarding account for £207 12 10 for completion, being Shire's proportion of endowment for half year ending 30th June 1895.

Received

From Chief Inspector under Venues Dist^l Act.

Acknowledging receipt of Council's communication forwarding statement of fox scalps purchased by the Council from Nov^r 1890 and stating that subsidy could only be allowed on scalps purchased subsequent to 1st July 1894, as it was necessary that account should be presented during the financial year in which it has been incurred.

Also notifying allowance per scalp from 1st January 1895 - ⁹/₁₀.

Received

From Sams

Forwarding of £27.6 for completion Subsidy on the purchase of 19 Fox scalps from July 23rd 1894 to Sept. 21st 1894 @ 2/6. £27.6

Do

From Secretary Shire of Marong

Asking the Council to take steps for the suppression of the rabbit pest, more particularly on the boundary between the two Shires.

C. Hardy moved that the letter be received, a copy thereof to be forwarded to the Chief Inspector, Victoria District Game Act with a request that immediate action be taken to destroy the rabbits.

Seconded by C. Tachman. Carried.

From Shire of Renou

Asking co-operation in an endeavour to secure to the Councils the rights of charging those persons using closed roads for grazing purposes, so as the Councils might derive a revenue therefrom.

C. Hardy moved that co-operation be granted. Seconded by C. Tachman. Carried.

From Loddon Shire

Asking support to a petition having for its object the relief of farmers by reducing the Government rents to six pence per acre per annum, the arrears to be compounded; railway freights on produce and goods to be lowered to harmonise with their value and that differential rates be abolished; the Customs duties to be subsequently reduced, all agricultural machinery, implements and material to be admitted free of duty; and that all restrictions on intercolonial

trade be removed.

C. Tachman moved that the letter be received. Seconded by C. McCrea.

Amendments
By C. Laid

That the Council expresses its sympathy with the people in the district referred to. Seconded by the President.

Voting
For the amendments.

The President & Councillors Laid, Russell, Coulter & Bouts.

For the motion

Councillors Tachman and McCrea.

The President declared the amendments.

Carried.

From J. J. Brown, Rabbit Inspector.

Drawing attention to the fact that the Shire Council reserve adjoining the Calver State School, near Brown's Terricks West Hotel, is badly infested with rabbits, and requesting that action be taken as early as possible to exterminate them.

C. McCrea stated that since the letter had been forwarded the Constable had informed him that he had laid poison on the reserve and there were now very few rabbits there. The letter was received, the Council expressing its approval of the action of the Constable.

Received.

From Shire of Castle Donington

Forwarding the Premier's reply to the present deputation with reference to the reduction of the Municipal Subsidy— Received

From Shire of Traralgon

Acknowledging receipt of Council's letter and telegram & stating that that Shire did not intend to take any further action at present as interest on bank overdrafts.

C. Coulter, as the mover in the matter of getting a reduction of the interest charged, said, that though he thought if they had taken steps when he first moved they would have succeeded, he now considered it would be useless to proceed further just now and would therefore suggest that further consideration be deferred for six months.

The communication was received. Received

From A. Kelpack and Dr. Forster, Quiggo

Drawing attention to the watercourse between Farmers Co-operative Company and the Hotel at Quiggo, and also requesting the Council to place a stone crossing or culvert to carry the water work between both places.

C. Coulter moved that the Shire Engineer examine and report.

Seconded by C. Buchanan. Carried

From Dundigo City Council

Asking the co-operation and support

of the Council in an endeavour to have a viticultural college established in the Dundigo District.

C. Hardy moved that cooperation be granted, and that C. Coult move the Council on the deputation to Melbourne in furtherance of the object. Seconded by C. Laird Carried

From J. C. Jones (Secretary & Engineer), Joseph Hunter (Treasurer), H. Jossie (Rate and Agricultural Statistics Collector) and Mary Jossie (caretaker Shire Hall & offices), officers under the Council, intimating their willingness to continue the duties attached to their various offices at the reduced salaries decided on at last meeting.

C. Coult moved that the letters be received and adopted. Seconded by C. Buchanan Carried

From Office of Lands and Survey

Stating that there were strong departmental objections to the survey of a road through the Tump. dried forest, seeing that it would cause a loss to erect additional fencing, besides cutting up the reserves into small blocks, which would prejudicially affect its grazing value.

C. Laird moved that the Secretary write again to the Department, explaining the position.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From Loddon United Water Trust

Requesting cheque for £13.18.7, council's proportion of the working expenses of the trust for quarter ended 31st March, 1895.

The President moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried

Reports of Committees

The President reported having attended the recent municipal conference at Melbourn, where resolutions emanating from this Council were agreed to. A report of the whole of the business transacted would be forwarded each councillor previous to next meeting.

C. Sachman moved a vote of thanks to the President for his services. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried

The President also reported that with the Hon. D. Courts he had waited on the Minister of Justice relative to the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Melbourn, where they had got almost a direct denial. They were however, promised further information but this had not yet been received. C. McCreo advocated further steps being taken, and it was decided that the department be again written to.

Reports of Officers

From E. A. DeFavie, reporting that health of the North South ridings continued fairly good. a few cases of influenza

had occurred during last month, but as far none of them had proved of a serious nature. No other infectious disease had come under his notice.

Received

From Rate collector, reporting receipts rates £25.0, dog fees 5/-

Do.

From Treasurer, reporting receipts dog fees 5/- Rates £1, Contractors deposit £20.0 Quinns neighbours £19.6.0, Hire of hall £10. Total £32.11.0 Cash in hand £1.15.0 Bank overdraft £983.18.1

Do

From Secretary with statement of receipts and expenditure from 1st October 1894 to 1st April 1895.

Do.

The Town Engineer's report was read and received and clauses dealt with as shown on margin in Engineer's Report Book

Received

Tenders

The following tenders being the lowest were accepted.

No. 177 Formation near Bogies, Calveil Isaac Palmer £5.19.0.

No. 178 Stone crossing formation & draining on boundary road North & South Ridings near W. Gell farm Michael Kett £56.14.0.

No. 179 Formation and Box Culverts near Eder, Larice & Hatts farms

Parish of Yallock. Michael Hill £89. 8. 8

189180 Laming formation from Hill road, north from Shaw's Hotel. S. Garman £52. 15. 0

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £122. 19. 7 now passed for payment on the motion of C. McEwen seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

Motions or Notices

By C. Hardy. That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing of all obstructions from over chain road, commencing at Bible Christian Chapel Manor South to the quarry in the Parish of Lalor.

Seconded by the President. Carried

By C. McEwen.

That tenders be called for constructing four crossings and formation on Sepuratus and Echua & chain road near Mr. Kilton's Land

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

East riding to pay 1/2, South riding 1/4, and North riding 1/4 of the cost

Instructions to Officers

By C. Laird. Engineer to get about 4 chains of roadway constructed on west side of bridge near Mr. Mossop's.

Seconded by C. Biscath. Carried

By C. Hardy. Engineer to get about 15 chains of roadway formed on bound.

any with North and South Ridings, north from Mr. Doodys residence.

Seconded by C. Laird. Carried

By C. Biscath.

Engineer to have roadway ploughed previous to placing formation thereon.

Seconded by C. Laird. Carried

In reply to C. Coulter, the Secretary, stated that he had not received any reply from the Hurly Shire relative to boundary work.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 17th May 1895 at 11 am

Read and confirmed at Sepuratus this 17th day of May 1895.

J. Marshall President

Present at 12 O'clock noon.

Councillors Marshall (President) Potter, Coulter,
McGee, Jackson, Phipps and Coult.

Minutes of meeting held April 19, 1895
now read and on the motion of Councillor
Jackson seconded by C. Coult. Carried

Before proceeding with the ordinary
business the President alluded to the
absence of C. Hardy, and moved that a
letter of condolence be sent him re.
passing of the sympathy of the Council
in his recent accident. He was sure
all the Councillors were very sorry at
C. Hardy's misfortune, and sincerely
hoped he would soon be amongst
them again as sound in limb as
he ever was.

Seconded by C. Potter. Carried

Correspondence

From Chief Inspector under Vermin Destruction Act
Referring to letter forwarded by Council
relative to action being taken for the
destruction of Vermin in the Shire, and
stating that the matter would receive
attention.

Received

C. Coult. alluded to the neglectful manner
in which the department seemed to
deal with the Poupapies forest, and
moved that the Secretary write to the
Lands Department at once asking if
the forest had been let and who
was now the occupier.

Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

From Shire of Kintla, re boundary work, stating
that that Council was unable at present
to comply with the request of East Loddon
Shire, but would be happy to do so
after their next estimates are prepared. Received

From Bendigo City Council.

Asking to be supplied with the number
of acres under cultivation as vineyards
and orchards in the Shire, the information
being required for the deputation to the
Minister of Agriculture re viticultural
colleges.

Received

Request to be complied with.

From Department of Lands and Survey.
Stating that the matter of an excision,
for the purpose of a road, of a cer-
tain portion from the southern
boundary of allotments 10 parish
of Hayman, would be duly con-
sidered.

Received

From John Foley, Vermin Inspector

With report on the work done for
the destruction of rabbits in the
work and work produce.

Received

From John Foley, Vermin Inspector.

Asking to be allowed to keep
two dogs free of the usual reg-
istration fee of 5/- each.
Request declined.

Received

From Mounted Constable J. Foley, notifying,
in accordance with the Statute.

most policy of the Council, that he would discontinue holding the office of inspector of nuisances and slaughter yards for the North and South ridings from 17th May 1895. Received

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts rates (current) £8 11 0
rates (arrear) £3 8 0, Dog fees £1.
Contractors deposits £7 11 0, government
indemnity £207 12 10, refund rate collector
of Bonus on fox scalps £2 7 6,
cash in hand last report £1 15 0.
Total £231 0 11.

Debit balances at Bank of Victoria,
Anglwood £869 17 3. Received.

The Rate collector reported receipts Rates
£10 14 0, dog fees £1. Total £11 14 0. Do.

The Public Engineer's report was read and
received and the clauses dealt with
as shown on margin in Engineer's Do.
report book.

Tenders

Contract No 181, New Crossing and formation
on Terpruties and Edueca roads, near
M^{rs} Kiptons. Two tenders. Lowest tenders
Dunison and Harlin £89 19 0.

Contract No 182, Grubbing and clearing on north
and south roads between Bible Christians
Church and Calrib farmery, parish
of Calrib. Three tenders, Lowest
tender. James Palmer £21 0 0.

C^o McCrea moved that the lowest
tenders be accepted. Seconded by
C^o Potter. Carried

General Business

Councillor Coulter having obtained per-
mission from the Council, moved that
the Engineer get drainage works
carried out at Quigley in accord-
ance with Engineer's report clause 3.
Seconded by C^o Jackson. Carried

At the request of C^o Jackson the
East riding members were supplied
with Tera to destroy rabbits at
the several culverts throughout the
riding.

C^o Potter moved that the question of
altering the position of Culvert on
road near Wesleyan Church, Talbot
be referred to the East Riding
members with power to act.

C^o Bissett moved that a foundation
of clay be deposited on the sand
hill near M^{rs} O'Neill's farm, Inver-
tor East. Seconded by the President. Carried

C^o McCrea moved that the Engineer
examine and report on condition
of road due east from McTearns,
near the old Township. Seconded
by C^o Jackson. Carried

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £97 14 11
aug.

was passed for payment on the motion
of C. M. Crae seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 21st June at 11 a.m.

Read and confirmed at September this
21st day of June 1895.

Geo Marshall President
21st June 1895.

Present at 12 o'clock noon

Councillors Marshall (president) Potter,
Jackman, Coulter, M. Crae, and Laird.

Minutes of meeting held 17th May 1895
were read and on the motion of
C. Jackman, seconded by Councillor
Coulter. Confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence.

From Councillor Hardy, Inglewood Hospital,
acknowledging with grateful thanks
the letter of condolence forwarded
to him by the Council, sympathising
with him in his late accident,
also asking for leave of absence.
C. Laird remarked that he was
sorry he was not present at the
last meeting to join in express-
ing his regretfulness at C. Hardy's
accident. However he quite agreed
with all that had been said, and
was sure they would all offer
C. Hardy their heartiest congratulations
when he again took his seat
at the Council table. He moved
that the letter be received and
leave of absence granted.
Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

From Secretary Crown Law Department,
stating that it is not proposed
to establish any new bank of
Pity Sessions in the Midland
Parishes, except in substitution
for some existing court which

might with advantage be abolished.
The letter also stated that if it was thought the establishment of a court in Melbourn in lieu of the present courts at Soperthorpe and Pyramid Hill would be of general advantage to the community, the Solicitor General would give the matter careful consideration.

C. McEwen considered that the contents of the letter were very unsatisfactory, as the Constables stationed at Melbourn and surrounding had 50 cases in "bills over" for months. The people in Melbourn and surrounding districts considered they have been ignored for a long time past, and he himself thought it was very unfair they should be put to the trouble and inconvenience of going 20 or 30 miles to a court.

He moved that the letter be again referred back to the Department, pointing out the inconvenience caused and the number of cases the local constables had had.

Seconded by the President. Carried.

From the Shire of Rutherglen.

Soliciting support to a resolution requesting the Federal Board of Health to employ the Government Analyst to carry out the analyses for a fee of 10/6 each without being required to pay any retaining fee. Received.

From W. F. Traversdorff, Maryborough.

Applying for the position of Shire Analyst.

Received.

From Chief Secretary's Office.

Drawing attention to the fact that by the operation of the Purification of Rells Act 1891, there are annually discovered upon the municipal rate books and municipal rolls the names of a very large number of persons who from various causes are not qualified to be retained thereon; also a very large number of other inaccuracies, and that as a consequence such improper enrolments and inaccuracies are yearly repeated in the Parliamentary list of ratepaying electors, of which the municipal rolls are the basis. Received.

From the Public Health Department.

Requesting more definite information as to which of the doors of the new Mechanic's Hall at Tanderina are not properly sprung.

Received.

Shire Engineer to furnish information.

From John Foley, Vicar, Inspector, Soperthorpe.

Stating that a license had been granted to John White for the Purpured State Forest.

Received.

From Dr. Quirk, hon. Secretary, of the Bendigo Sick Culture Association.

Requesting cooperation in promoting the growth of the white mulberry tree with a view to the development

of sick culture in the Dindigo district.
The Secretary said that under instructions from the President he had forwarded a reply to the letter to the effect that the Council would assist as far as possible in the moribund.

The letter was received and the President's action approved of on the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by C. Coaker.

Carried

From J. A. Old, Dindigo

applying for a reduction of rates on a block of land known as 'Touhuie', owing to the house thereon not being habitable & asking that Mr. Old's name be placed on the roll in lieu of Mr. Johnson's.

The President moved that the first request be referred to the Valuer for report and in the second application Mr. Old to be notified to address the Revision Court. Seconded by C. McLean.

Carried

From J. R. W. Dridge, Dindigo

asking that drainage works undertaken by Council be carried past his shop at Dindigo.

Received

The Valuer's (J. C. Scott) declaration was presented and received.

Reports of Officers

Dr. E. A. De Parie (Health Officer)

Reported that the health of the

North and South. Dindigo continues to be favorable, there being no case of infectious disease to his knowledge.

Received

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates £501.3.9, Dog fees £4.15.0, total £505.18.9.

Received

The Treasurer reported receipts

Rates (current) £500.6.9

do arrears 17

Dog fees 14.15

Slaughtering licences 1

Contractors' Deposits 8.6

Interest on S.D. Receipts 10.16.7

Defunct Deposits

Receipts No. 347. 71

Rent of Hall 5

Neighboring Fees 2.6.6

Total £604.7.10

Overdraft at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood being £373.12.11.

Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and dealt with as shown on margin in Engineer's Report Book.

Do

C. D. Gault took his seat.

General Business

Mr. Laird brought under the notice of the Council's commissioners on the Loddon United Water Trust the low state of the Loddon river and Superintendence.

Creeks for the past few weeks. They were no doubt aware that the water was not running, and the silt and mud that had collected was dangerous to all stock going for water.

C. D. Coult moved that the Secretary write to the Water Supply Department asking them to immediately send down from Leaneccore a fair share of the flow of the Loddon waters.

Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

C. Jackson moved that the Engineer examine and report on cost of gravelling formation on boundary road near S.W. parish of Kaurarocka.

Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.

The President moved that failing a favorable reply being received to the request for a road running North East through the Pampapies Forest, application be made for a road running north & south, commencing at the fabric fence south to join the East West road.

Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

C. McCrea moved that the Engineer take steps to have footpath formed in front of M. H. Dwyer's shop at Mitiamo. Permission to be obtained for obtaining suitable material from Railway Dept.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Councillor Coult moved that the Engineer visit and report on cost of constructing roadway near Rattinson's farm, in the parish of Dinges. Seconded C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Laird moved that the Secretary be instructed to insert a notice in the newspapers to defaulting ratepayers re payment of their rates.

Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.

Accounts amounting to £200-15-7 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Notices of Motion

By C. Potter

That a rate of one shilling in the pound (in the £) be made on the net annual value of all the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon.

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called for 140 chains of formation and culvert on N. E. road about one mile N. from Tandara R. Station.

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called for 85 chains of formation and stone crossing on Tarricks road, between M. E. Ennis property and road east from Tandara R. Station.

The meeting then closed, and the Council adjourned to Friday 26th July 1895. at 11 a.m.

Read and confirmed as correct this 26th day of July 1895

Geo Marshall President

Present at 11.50 am.

Councillors Marshall (President), Hardy, Potter, Laide Bissell, D. Cuth, McCrea, Coulter and Jackman

Minutes of meeting held 21st June were read and on the motion of C. Jackman, seconded by C. McCrea confirmed. Carried

The President moved that the gratification of the Council at the recovery and re-appearance of Councillor Hardy after his recent accident be recorded on the minutes. Seconded by C. Jackman Carried
Councillor Hardy returned thanks and expressed his appreciation of the kindly feeling displayed towards him by Councillors during his stay in the hospital.

Pension Court

The Secretary presented the Voters lists for the 3 ridings also schedules as required for by the Local Government Act.

North Riding

Thomas Lowe's application for insertion of his name was granted, also that of Thomas Keiley in lieu of Mr. Keiley

E. H. Bryants' objection to the name of Jane Isabell Hall was not entertained

C. D. Coulter moved that the North riding roll as revised be adopted. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

South Riding

Applications from Jonathan Mossop and Edwin C. Mossop to have their names inserted were received and granted.

The South riding roll as revised was adopted on the motion of Councillor D. Cuth, seconded by C. Bissell. Carried

East Riding

Applications for insertion were received from the following and granted.

Charles Whitaker, Henry Jackson, Richard James Lethland, Sydney C. McCrea, George I. Old, McCrea, James McCrea, Charles Crapper, George Forster, Elizabeth Ann Old, Thomas Dobbin and Jane Richards.

The following names were struck off the roll. John Crapper, Elizabeth Ann Johnson and John Eeles

The application of John Rodgers to have his name inserted on the list was received and not entertained on the motion of C. Coulter seconded by C. Jackman. Carried

C. Jackman moved that the East riding roll as revised be adopted seconded by C. McCrea. Carried

The rolls of each riding having been signed and attested, initially by the Chairman declared the Court closed.

Ordinary MeetingThe same Councillors being present.Estimates and Rate
for year 1895-6

Moved by C. Coutts seconded by C. Jackson that this council do now adopt and confirm the Estimates as submitted for the year 1895-6 ending 30th September 1896, of the receipts and expenditure, the sum of £2,400-13, being required for the several purposes contained therein. Carried

Valuation

Moved by C. Laird seconded by C. Birrell that this council do now adopt the new valuation submitted of all the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon amounting to £^{34,281}_{34,243} as made by the Valuer in the year 1895. Carried

Striking the Rate

Moved by C. Potter, seconded by C. Marshall that to raise the sum of £¹⁷¹⁴₁₄₁₀₋₁₃₋₀ this council make and levy a rate of 4 in the £ upon the net annual value of all the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1895 and ending 30 September 1896. Carried

Collecting the Rate

Moved by C. D. Coutts, seconded by C. Birrell that the rate collector be directed to collect the said rate. Carried

CorrespondenceFrom Railway Department

Stating that the Commissioners had no objection to the removal of material referred to at Miliamo, providing only what is pointed out by the local inspector is taken, and the place afterwards trimmed to his satisfaction. Received

From Water Supply Department

Stating that a supply of water had been sent down the Loddon river from the Laanecoorie river. Do.

From Crown Law Officers, Melbourne

Stating that the question of the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Miliamo, in lieu of the existing courts at Pyramid Hill and Separation Creek, is under consideration. Do.

From Lands Office, Bendigo

Notifying that application has been lodged by J. Cullen for throwing open land in the Parish of Mayanmy being 102nd Section reserve of ^{a. r. p.} 22.3.21 west of allotment 153.

The President stated he had instructed the Secretary to object to this application. C. W. Card moved that the action taken

by the President & Secretary be approved
of. Seconded by C. Buchanan.

Carried

From Secretary Shire of Marong.

Re the stipulation, stating that his
shin paid 5/- per skin (25% of which
is refunded by the Government), in respect
of size, and suggesting that a
uniform bonus be decided upon, and
asking co-operation in that direction.
Received, and Secretary to write to
the effect that this Council pays 2/6
per skin.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.

Asking for cheque for £6.10.6, Council's
proportion of working expenses for
quarter ended 30th June 1895.

C. Lamb moved that the amount be
passed for payment. Seconded by
J. Bissett.

Carried

From Geelong and Western District Fish
Acclimatising Society.

Stating that a quantity of young fish
will be available for distribution in
October next and asking that applica-
tion be made not later than 1st
August. The letter stated that no
charge would be made for the fish,
but it was requested that all
members of the Council should
become members of the Society.

Received

From the Secretary District Municipal Conference
Enclosing copy of proposed amendment.

made in the Local Government Acts
1890 & 1891, also in the Act 1890,
which was adopted by the Com-
missioner on the 4th instant, and
stating that a general conference
will be held in the Town Hall
Melbourne on Wednesday 28th August
and hoping that a delegate will be
appointed to represent the Council,
the business being the adoption or
rejection of the proposed amend-
ments.

Consideration held over till next
meeting.

From Constable J. T. Brown, Melbourn, Government
Rabbit Inspector.

Reporting having had burrows dug
out, and enclosing 9/- for 9.

On the motion of councillors McLean and
Hardy, the letter was received with
thanks and the amount ordered to be
paid.

Carried

From J. J. Ferrell, Melbourn.

To the effect that he had not received
notice of rate and had he done so
he would have appeared, considering
his assessment too high. Mr Ferrell
waited on the Council and after
discussion it was decided that the
matter stand over till next meeting.

From James South, Prairie

Applying for Slaughtering licence and
enclosing £1 for same. Granted.

From J. R. W. Dredge, Engineer

Requesting that an entrance be made to his property.
Engineer to report thereon.

From Richardson Septimus

Requesting support to his application for a lease of land on the Septimus farm frontage.

C. Coutts moved that no objection be offered. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

From E. A. L. Rennie, health officer for the North and South ridings.

Reporting the health of the ridings to be in a highly satisfactory condition from a sanitary point of view, there being no cases of infectious or contagious diseases to his knowledge within those limits.

Received

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts

Rates £61. 11. 0, dog fees 10/- Dalgetty
Hos. & water paid £3. 10. 0 Total £65. 11.
Debit balance at Bank of Victoria,
Inglewood £544. 17. 2.

Received

The Rate collector reported receipts of
rates £61. 11. 0 dog fees 10/- total
£62. 1. 0

Do

The Shire Engineer's report was read and
revised & clauses dealt with as
shown on margin in Engineer's
report book.

Do

General Business

Councillor Hardy moved that a letter be sent to the Mayor of Dundee, expressing the sympathy of the Council in his affliction. Seconded by C. Coutts, and carried, the mover and seconder speaking in terms of appreciation of Mr. Kings north. Carried.

Councillor Jackman drew attention to some of the village settlers at Hamarooka felling trees and leaving the tops, being a harbor for rabbits.

On the motion of Councillors Coutts and Laird the matter was left in the hands of the East Riding members and Engineer with power to act. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By the President, Engineer to inspect road near Mr. Robinson's residence at Pompaire & report on cost of constructing same.

By C. Laird

Engineer to examine and report on condition of culvert near East Laddon Housestead.

By C. Coutts

Engineer to examine and report on cost of constructing road way north from Mr. Robinson's farm to finish of Talambo.

By C. Jackson

Engineer to procure pipes and
and casings necessary to construct
an culvert on road south from the
Tandara homestead.

By C. McCrea

Engineer to get batter and
earthwork fixed on bullock creek
bridge west from Prairie Railway
Station

Returning Officers

On the motion of Councillors Gault
and Jackson the following return-
ing officers for the coming elections
were appointed

North riding Councillor Marshall

South riding Councillor Laird

East riding Councillor Fowler

And for the election of Auditor

Councillor Marshall (President) Carried

Motions on Notice

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called
for 40 chains of formation and
culvert on north and south road
about one mile south west from the
Tandara Railway Station.

To stand over

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called
for 85 chains of formation and
stone crossing on Tennies road

between Quiggo and Tandara
railway stations
to stand over

Notice of Motion

By C. Dixie

That tenders be called for
cleaning out water channel and
raising banks thereto in the parish
of Farrago.

Finance

Accounts amounting to £306. ⁸/₁₀₀
were passed for payment on the
motion of Councillors Jackson and
McCrea. Carried

The meeting then closed and the
Council adjourned to Friday 16th
August at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at September this 16 day of August 1895

Geo Marshall President

Present at 11.30 am.

Councillors Marshall (President), Potter, Laird, Hardy, D. Coates, Bissett, McEwen, Leckie and Jackman.

Minutes of ordinary meeting and of previous court held 26th July were read and on the motion of Mr. Jackman, seconded by Mr. Bissett. Carried

Correspondence

From Railway Department

Requesting to be furnished with a frame of photographs of the picturesque scenery in the district. Received

From Department of Public Works

That it is intended to fix the remuneration to be paid to local auditors at not more than a half per day. Do

From National Wool Company of Australia

Notifying receipt of information that next season's wool will be carried by actual weight by the Railway department. Do

From City of Ballarat

Drawing attention to a bill introduced into the Legislative Assembly with the object of giving ratepayers who do not pay their rates before the 10th June the privilege of voting, and asking that the Parliamentary representatives be asked to oppose the measure.

On Jackman moved that co-operation be granted. Seconded by Mr. McEwen. Carried

From Town Clerk, City of Bendigo

Acknowledging council's letter of sympathy on behalf of the mayor. Received

From Town Clerk, Borough of Inglewood

Asking assistance in obtaining an alteration in the present train arrangements on the Inglewood and Maryborough line. C. Coates moved that co-operation be granted. Seconded by Mr. Hardy. Carried

From Edith M. Atkins, St. Kilda

Soliciting assistance in obtaining on behalf of the Consumptive Sanatorium. To be dealt with when allotting the annual charitable vote.

From Henry Ennis, Secretary N.W. Ag. Society

Soliciting annual donation. Consideration postponed till November on the motion of Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. McEwen. Carried

From United Country Municipal Association of Victoria,

Notifying that the annual subscription had been fixed at £55.0 and notifying that the first meeting of the newly formed association would be held in Melbourne on Tuesday 17th September next. Consideration postponed till next meeting.

From John Foley

Relative to objection by Council to John W. Cullen's application for 20 acres of land at Kyanine, on the ground

that the proviso was required for making purposes, and stating that the crown lands bailiff for the district was of opinion that the land was not so required.

A request was made that the council would reconsider its decision.

On the motion of the president, seconded by C. Fuller, it was decided to adhere to the former resolution.

Carried

From J. C. Jones, on behalf of the New Underacrow
Also Gullage, making application for the use
of their Hall on the evening of 2nd September
for purpose of holding a lecture.
C. Hardy moved that request be granted
on the usual conditions. Seconded by
C. Bissett.

Carried

From Jamieson and Hamilton.
Applying for one month's extension of time
for their contract on Inprenture and Echuca
roads.
Granted on the motion of Councillor Hardy,
seconded by C. Bissett.

Carried

From H. A. Morris, secretary Pyramid Hill
Agricultural Society.
Asking that steps be taken to have the
1st October proclaimed a public holiday
in the East riding.
J. McLean moved that the request be
complied with.

Seconded by C. Tackman

Carried

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.
Forwarding statement showing the amounts
of interest due to 30th June 1895, upon the
liabilities allocated to the various shires
constituting the trust and requesting a
cheque in reduction of the sum due upon
the liabilities allotted to the East Loddon
Council, namely, £1043.19.5 (being back
interest £408.7.0, and current interest
£635.7.9)

The letter further stated that the Water
Supply Department threatened to take
steps to levy a rate if a considerable
reduction was not made in the amount
of interest due.

J. A. Stewart, Secretary Shire of Marong
wrote asking that the council call a
conference of the shires interested to con-
sider the matter set forth in the fore-
going letter.

Councillor Coutts moved that a conference
of the shires interested be held at
Inprenture on Saturday 31st instant, at
11 a.m. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried

From Public Health Department
With instructions how to proceed
when making Bye Laws under the
Health Act.

Received

From District Municipal Conference.
With copy of proposed amendments in
the Local Government Acts 1890-1891
also in the Towns Act 1890, which

now adopted by the conference stating that a general conference would be held on 28th instants & inviting a delegate from the East Loddon Shire to attend.

Received and no action taken. Received.

Reports of Committees

C. Jauchman on behalf of the East riding members reported an inspection of roads stated to be blocked with fallen timber in the parish of Hamaroka. He did not consider it necessary at the present time to take any action but as soon as the roads were freed for chain in length ^{with} would require clearing.

The report was received on the motion of C. Potter. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts Rates £11.1.0. Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates £11.1.0
Slaughtering Licences £1, J. J. Olds' Licence paid £1 10.8. Total £13.11.8
Debit balance at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood £330.12.3. Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was received and dealt with as shown in Report book. Do.

General Business

C. McCrea mentioned the matter of the complaint by Mr. Dyke of Milawa ~~relative to excessive~~ relative to alleged excessive valuation of his property, and moved that the valuer visit and report. This was agreed to, the question of Mr. Farrell's valuation being also deferred till next meeting.

The President desired the Secretary to again write to the Lands department asking that some action be taken about the road through the Pompaipai forest.

At the instance of C. McCrea, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Lands Department asking that about five acres of land at Tenick rocks be set aside as a quarry reserve.

Instructions to Officers

By C. Bissett
Engineer to get a small channel made in the Township of Sepetua at rear of J. J. Olds' & J. J. Olds' property. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

Motion on Notice

By C. Bissett
That tenders be called for raising banks to water channel in the parish of Panayee. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

Notice of Motion

By C. McGee

That tenders be called for culvert and formation on road east from Melrose Railway Station.

By C. McGee

That tenders be called for culvert and approach on east road road between the properties of Messrs Tray and Hayes, Hayman.

Finance

Accounts amounting to £71 16 0 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Potter, seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the council adjourned to Friday 20th September at 11 am

Read and confirmed at September this 20th day of September 1895

Geo Marshall
President Chairman

Annual Elections22 August 1895Shire of East Loddon
North Riding

Mr William Hardy, being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the North Riding of the Shire of East Loddon, I hereby declare him duly elected thereto.

Geo Marshall
Returning Officer

South Riding

Mr William Brissett, being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the South Riding of the Shire of East Loddon, I hereby declare him duly elected thereto.

D. C. Laird
Returning Officer

East Riding

At the election of One Councillor for the above Riding, held on 22nd August, 1895 the voting was as follows:

Robert Jackson 111 Votes

John Rogers 71 Votes

Majority for Robert Jackson 43 Votes

I therefore declare that said Robert Jackson duly elected as a Councillor for the East Riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

Returning Officer
David Coates

Shire of East Loddon
Election of Auditor

22nd August 1895

Mr. Ronley Fisher Miller, being the only
candidate nominated for the office of
Local Auditor for the Shire of East Loddon,
I hereby declare him to be duly elected
by the Council
President and Returning Officer

Shire Hall
Seymour

20 September 1895

Election of President

The following councillors being present
Marshall, Potter, McCrear, Jackson, V.
D. Court and D. C. Land and the
nearly elected councillors Jackson,
Hardy and Bissett having subscribed
to the following declaration before
taking their seats.

We, the undersigned do solemnly declare
that we will faithfully and impartially
according to the best of our ability and
judgement execute all the powers and
authorities reposed in us as councillors
by virtue of the Local Government Acts
1890-1 Nos 1112 and 1243.

Robert Jackson

M. Bissett

Wm Hardy

Declared at Seymour before me this twentieth
day of September 1895

Geo Marshall J.P.

Confirmed at Seymour this 20th day
of September 1895

Geo Marshall
Chairman, President, East Loddon Shire

Presided at 11.30 a.m.

Councillors: Marshall (president) Potter, Hardy, Coulter, Jackson, McCrea, Bissett and Coult.

Election of President

The president, in drawing attention to the fact that his term of office had expired, said he was sorry he could not give a good account of the financial position. The overdraft after paying today's accounts would be £1079.5.9. Against this they had to receive £208.9.4 as endowment, £815.6 promised for rates, and £1 for hall, which would leave a debit balance on 30th September of £861.0.11.

The president thanked councillors for the assistance they had given him while he had occupied the chair.

Allowance to Incoming President
Councillor Potter moved that the president's allowance for the coming year be £50.
Seconded by C. Hardy. carried.

Election of President
C. Coult moved that C. Laird, although absent, be elected president for the ensuing year. Seconded by C. Hardy.
Carried unanimously. carried.

C. Coult, on behalf of C. Laird, thanked the council for the honor conferred, and moved that C. Marshall take the chair during the absence of the

new president. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

The following committees were appointed
Public Works

The president and C. Hardy, Coulter, Marshall and Bissett.

Finance

The president and C. Potter, McCrea, Coult and Jackson.

Ordinary Meeting

20th Sept 1895

Same councillors being present

Minutes of meeting held 16 August 1895 were read and on the motion of C. Jackson, seconded by C. Bissett. Confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence

From Department of Lands and Survey
That the crown's request for the excision from allotments 16, parish of Hayman, of certain land for road purposes is declined.
C. McCrea moved that the letter be sent back for further consideration.
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

From Chief Secretary's Office
Notifying that Tuesday, 1st October, had been proclaimed a public holiday throughout the East Riding. Received.

From Treasury, Melbourne, forwarding
£208.9.11, for completion, being the

Council's proportion of endowment for half year ending 31st December 1895.

Moved to by President Treasurer Secretary. Received

From Department of Lands and Survey.

asking for sketch of pits in the Terricko reserve proposed to be set apart as a quarry reserve.

In the motion of C. McEwen and Jackman, the Engineer was instructed to comply with the request.

Carried

From Department of Lands

stating that there were strong forest objections to retaining the permanent preservation of the Pimpapier State forest by running a road through it. Such severance would necessitate double lines of fencing, and is objectionable in so small a reserve. The letter further stated there would be no objection to a road along the entire western boundary of the forest, provided the same is prepared to fence off such road with a good substantial fence with five wires and a top rail.

C. Marshall moved that application be now made for a north & south road through the forest, due south from the Calvat brewery.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From Lands Department, Bludge

Notifying that application had been lodged by M. Barry for watering

open 20 acres of land in the parish of Yarragut, being part of the reserve south of allotment 3 Section 2. It was further stated that D. Foley had made application for the sale of the reserve. C. Probert moved that no objection be offered to the alienation of the land, providing a sufficient quantity of land (3 chains wide) be reserved along the road frontage and an area of 12 acres reserved for watering purposes at the southern end.

Seconded by C. D. Coutts. Carried

From Office of Lands and Survey.

asking why it was desired to retain the area of land applied for by W. Guller in the parish of Hayamie for camping and watering purposes, in view of the statements contained in the bailiff's report, to the effect that the reserve was not so required.

C. McEwen and Marshall spoke from their own knowledge that the reserve was required for watering purposes. In the face of present prospects the reserve would be largely made use of this season.

C. McEwen moved that the council still urge the retaining of the reservation of the land.

Seconded by C. Marshall. Carried

From S. C. Jones, secretary to the conference of three councils held at Suprains to consider the demand of the Water

Supply Department that a considerable reduction be made of the interest in connection with the Loddon United Water Trust notes, forwarding resolutions adopted by this conference, and requesting that a delegate be appointed to wait upon the Minister of Water Supply in support of the recommendations. Consideration postponed till general business.

From Secretary Shire of Horoung
Stating that Ed Chalvers had been appointed to represent the Horoung Shire Council on the proposed deputation to the Minister of Water Supply, and requesting that Ed Chalvers be notified when the day and place of meeting are fixed. Received, and to be attended to by Secretary. Received

From Department of Public Works
Asking that the council's officers be instructed to in future not pay away to any local persons before obtaining the receipt therefor. Received

From Town Clerk, Fitzroy
Asking support to a petition against the omission from the estimates of the subsidy hitherto paid towards the maintenance of public reserves and gardens. Received

From Richard Lennick
Asking that a reduction be made in his rates, on the grounds of

incorrect area of land rated. Referred to the Valuer for report. Received

From Shire of Oneco
Asking support to a resolution having for its object an alteration in the Local Government Act whereby the remuneration of auditors should be defrayed by the Government. Received

From J. P. McCannan, hon. Secretary
Applying for use of hall, on the evening and night of the 25th Sept. for the purpose of holding a concert and ball in aid of the Roman Catholic Church building fund. Granted on usual conditions on the motion of Ed. Bissett, seconded by Ed. Hardy. Carried

From Secretary Poor Agricultural Society
Soliciting donations. Held over till November.

From R. J. Dykes, returning application for a reduction of rates on his property at Metiamo, on the grounds that the Post Office had been removed from his premises to the railway station. Deferred to report of Valuer.

Report of Committees
Ed. Marshall and John reported the result of the recent conference of Shire Councils held at Spiridon.

Mr Hardy moved that the President be appointed to represent the Council on a deputation to the Minister of Water Supply, on a day to be decided upon. Seconded by Mr Jackson. Carried.

It was also agreed to ask the London United Water Trust to appoint a representative.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current £2. 11. 0; rates arrears £3. 10. 6
 Hire of Hall £2. Total £8. 1. 6.
 Shire overdraft £903. 16. 10. Received

The Rate Collector reported receipts rates current £2. 11. 0; rates arrears £3. 10. 6 Total £6. 1. 6. Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received, and clauses dealt with as shown on margin in report Book. Received

Tenders

Contract 17th 183. Raising banks to water channel, parish of Yarmouth
 Two tenders. Lowest tender
 Michael Kell £28. 15. 0.

Mr Bissett moved that the tender of Michael Kell be accepted, seconded by Mr Marshall. Carried.

General Business

Mr McCrea moved that with reference to the request made by Mr Dyke for reduction of rates - the application

be granted. Seconded by Mr Jackson. Carried.

Mr Marshall moved that outstanding rates be placed in the hands of the Shire Solicitor for collection. Seconded by Mr Bissett. Carried.

Mr Jackson moved that the Secretary again write to the Minister of Justice urging the necessity existing for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Melton. Seconded by Mr McCrea. Carried.

Mr Jackson moved that the Engineer notify Mr Carey to remove obstruction in drain opposite his residence, south from Digby. Carried.

Mr Coulter moved that consideration of the request made by Mr Dyke for the construction of culverts over drain at Digby be held over for one month. Seconded by Mr Hardy. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By Mr McCrea was allowed to stand over.

Notice of Motion

By Mr McCrea, that the deposit receipts lying at Bank of Victoria, Rylands, be sold and that proceeds thereof be credited to Shire overdraft.

Accounts

see over

Accounts amounting to £183. 13. 5 ^{and} ~~was~~ ^{was} passed for payment on the motion of Mr. Coult seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 18 October 1895 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 18th day October 1895

D. C. Laid President.

Present at 11.50 am

Councillors Laid (President), Coult, Bissett, Hardy, Potter, Marshall, Coulter, McEwen and Sackman.

Minutes of meeting held 20th September 1895 were read and on the motion of C. Sackman seconded by Councillor Marshall. Confirmed. Carried.

From Crown Law Department

Re the establishment of Court of Petty Sessions at Milamo, stating that as there was an objection locally against closing any of the existing courts, the Govt could not see its way to the number of courts in that part of the colony. Mr. McEwen said it never was the intention of the Council that any court should be closed. What was wanted was that the courts should be held alternately at Serpentine and Milamo. He moved that the Secretary write to the Department to that effect. Seconded by C. Sackman. Carried.

From Water Supply Department

Enclosing copy of order-in-Council granting permission to the Council to apply a portion of its funds (£249. 11. 5) towards payment of interest on loans to the Loddon United Water Trust, and requesting that the amount be paid as early as possible. Received.

From Water Supply Department

Asking if there were any water supply objections to the leasing under section 123 of the Land Act 1890 of portions of land between allotments 119 and 120, parish of Melbourn.

C. McCrea moved that the council object to the alienation of the ground.

Seconded by C. Hutchinson. Carried

From Office of Lands and Survey

Asking for some data showing that the land applied for in the parish of Haywards by W. J. W. Cullen is required for water supply purposes.

C. McCrea moved that the Secretary write to the Department that the reserve is greatly needed for watering and camping purposes and protest against the selection of the reserve.

Seconded by C. Marshall. Carried

From Department of Lands

To the effect that the road desired by the Council in the Pumppey Forest would completely sever the forest, a course to which there is grave objection. The department reiterated its promise to excise a strip for road purposes along the western boundary, but cannot consent to any road which will result in cutting the reserve in two.

C. Hardy moved that when C. Potter is in Melbourne on the water deputation he write on the Minister for Lands and explain the wishes of the Council. Seconded by C. Marshall. Carried

From Public Health Department

Seeking certain information relative to the Standard Mechanics Institute.

Attended to by Secretary.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust

Asking for cheque for £5.10.1, the Council's proportion of Trust's working expenses for September quarter.

C. Marshall moved that the amount be passed for payment.

Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

From J. R. W. Dudge, Engineer

Threatening legal proceedings against the Council if crossings were not made over drain opposite his property by the 23rd October.

C. Marshall moved that the letter be received. Seconded by C. Hutchinson. Carried

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust

Stating that the Trust had appointed its chairman to represent the Trust on a deputation to the Minister of Water Supply in the interests of Loddon United Water Trust loans; J. J. Menart, Secretary Shire of Marong, intimating that the presidents

Korung Shire, (C. Mupper) and C. Bailey had been appointed to represent that Council; and from

Secretary Gordon Shire that the presidents C. H. Clark and C. Andrews had been

appointed to represent that Council. Received

On the motion of the presidents, seconded by C. Hardy, C. Potter was appointed to attend on the deputation to Mr

The President.

From Shire of East Lothian

Inviting attendance at a conference on Tuesday 29th October to consider the public question and river rearing loans.

Cooperation granted on the motion of C. Marshall seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported the receipts of rates - current £45.1.0; rates arrears £1.15.0, dog fees £1.15.0, contractors' deposits £1.8.0; Government Endowment £208.9.4, hire of hall £1. Total £258.18.4.

£ balance at Bank of Victoria, Australasia £326.9.11. Received.

The Rate Collector reported receipts rates current £45.1.0; rates arrears £1.15.0; Dog fees £1.15.0. Total £148.1.0. Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and clauses dealt with as shown on margin in Engineer's report book. Do.

General Business

Relative to the matter of Mr. Dudgeon's complaint referred to in correspondence C. Jackson moved that the request for the construction of a culvert be not entertained, there being no seconders.

C. Fulton moved that Mr. Dudgeon's request be complied with. Seconded by C. Fulton. Carried. Councillors Jackson, Marshall and McLeod voting against the motion.

C. Coult moved that when the President and C. Potter were in Melbourne on the water question, they should wait on the Lands Department about the alienation of the Pampas State Lands as previously requested. Seconded by C. Marshall. Carried.

C. Coult moved that the Secretary write to the Water Supply Department pointing out that the system adopted in merely allowing 300' of water per minute to pass through the Redington weir was unsatisfactory. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

C. Potter moved that the Engineer be instructed to get formation (near Messrs Roberts, Larkins) fenced on both sides. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

The President moved that the Engineer get the culverts repaired on road near Mr. Adam's residence, Jamieson East. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By C. McLeod

That the deposit receipts at the Bank of Victoria, Australasia be

sold, the proceeds to be devoted towards liquidating the shire overdraft.

Seconded by C. McCrea.

Voting for the motion C. McCrea & Coulter
Against the motion. The President and
C. Coulter, Bissell, Jackson, Marshall, Hardy
and Potter

The motion was lost.

Notice of Motion

By C. Coulter.

That this Council take steps
to have the high rate of interest (7%)
charged on shire overdraft, greatly
reduced.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £332-11-7 were
passed for payment on the motion
of C. Jackson seconded by C.
Bissell.

Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned
to Friday 15th November 1895 at 11 a.m.

Read and confirmed at Exeter this 22nd day of
November 1895

D. C. Laird President

Present at 11.30 a.m.

Councillors Laird (President) Bissell,
Coulter, Coulter, McCrea, Jackson,
Marshall, Hardy and Potter.

Minutes of meeting held 18 October 1895 were
read and on the motion of C. Marshall
seconded by C. Hardy. Confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence

From Crown Law Office

To the effect that the District General
was willing to substitute a court
at Melton for that at Exeter,
leaving the question of the continuance
of the Pyramid Hill Court in
obeyance for the present. An
additional court was not approved
of.

Received

Consideration deferred till general
business.

From J. J. Small.

Objecting to valuation of £210.0
placed on his property at Melton,
and asking consideration.

C. McCrea moved that the letter
be received and no action taken.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Town Clerk, Borough of Inglewood.

Stating that the Railway Commissioners
had promised to receive a depu-
tation on 27th November re the
arrangements of the train service,
in order to facilitate better

communication between these districts
and Ballarat, and asking the Council
to appoint delegates to represent
them in the matter.

(Mr. Marshall moved that supports be accorded, and that the Parliamentary representatives be asked to attend on behalf of the Council.

Seconded by C^r Jackson Carried

From H. Morley

Notifying his appointment as
Government Auditor. _____ Received _____

From Secretary London United Water Trust

Notifying receipt of cheque for
£249¹¹/₁₀₀ 5, for interest for year ending
31 December, 1893 (paid under protest)

Received

From Bundo Athletic Club.

King Council's patronage to annual
intercolonial Sporting, ^{and} Cycling Carnivals,
to be held in Bendigo on Boxing and
New Year's Day.

Received

From Mrs. Teacher Kamanovka State School.

Reporting case of typhoid fever at
Tandaro.

Received

From Frederick Dunm

Seeking position of Analyst to
the Univ.

Received

From Health officer, East Riding

Reporting favorably on the health
of his district.

[Signature]

From Secretary for Water Supply.

That the Hon. the Minister of Water
Supply would be pleased to
receive deputations or interests
etc in connection with the above
Trust Loan on 6th November.

Seaweed

From Railway Department

Admission to be furnished with
unframed Photographs of
picturesque scenery in the
District.

Peewee

From Public Health Departments

That the board has approved
of the opening of the Tandarw
Mechanics' Hall.

Received

Annual Meeting

The same councillors being present
the Secretary having read the annual state-
ment of accounts and expenditures &c
together with the auditor's report, cer-
tifying to the correctness thereof

It was moved by J. Bissett, seconded by C. Potter, that the accounts be now finally examined, settled & allowed.

Carried

On the motion of J. F. Marshall, seconded by C. Coult, the Auditor's report was

Received

The President declared the meeting closed and the council resumed the Ordinary Meeting.

Read and Confirmed

President
20.12.95

Reports of Committees

Councillor Marshall reported having represented the Council at the demonstration to welcome the Governor.

A vote of thanks was passed on the motion of C. Hardy seconded by the President. Carried.

C. Potter reported the result of the recent deputation from the Shire Councils to the Minister of Water Supply.

The Minister told them that a report was to be received from the Royal Commission on Water Supply, and until it had been received he could not say anything. However, the Minister had expressed his thankfulness that the Councils had taken the trouble to wait on him and express their views. He thought that altogether the interview was a very satisfactory one.

C. Potter also reported at length relative to interviewing the Minister of Land in connection with rabbit destruction at Pomapapire Forest, and obtaining a road through the same, the outcome of which was that the Conservator of Forests (Mr. Tennant) had promised to meet the land.

C. Hardy moved a vote of thanks to C. Potter for the able way in which he had represented the Council. Seconded by F. McEwen Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates £48. 11. 9. Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts

Rates current £12. 9. 0

" Arrears 36. 2. 9

Refund burglar

notes 10

Sale of Tessa 2 5

Diaper Wright & Co £2. 5. 6

£53. 12. 3

Sett's balance at Bank of Victoria, Ingham, £1107. 10. 9.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and clauses with note as shown on margin in Engineer's report book. Received.

Pomapapire State Forest

Mr. White, the lessee of this forest, waited on the Council and explained what action he had taken relative to coping with the rabbit pest. He stated he had done his level best, but could not keep the rabbits down. When he took the forest he thought the Govt. would make some concession in the way of allowing some of the timber to be removed and the undergrowth cleared, but they had declined to allow him to do anything. The forest had cost him about £50. and he had not received a single penny benefit from it.

McTearner (whose farm is adjacent to the forest) also had an interview with the Council, and complained of the damage done to his crops by the rabbits from the forest.

The Rabbit Inspector (Gustable Foley) informed the Council that the lessee had done good work, and he could not ask him to do more than he had.

The President on behalf of McDuffy (a farmer adjoining the forest) said if the rabbits were not destroyed in the forest he would have to leave his selection.

The lands must either be thrown open, or the Government must fence it with wire netting. McPerrin should be telegraphed to asking him to visit the place at once.

C. Marshall agreed with the remarks of the President and moved that McPerrin be asked to inspect the forest on the 29th November, according to a promise made by that gentleman to C. Potter when interviewing the department recently in reference to the forest.

Seconded by the President. Carried.

Water Extensions

A petition was received from John Dobbin and six other ratepayers, applying for the extension of the water channel, now constructed as far as McAuley's residence, west from that point to the two chain road, at all events as

as far as the cross roads at the junction of the four parishes, if the Council could not see its way clear to extend it a mile or so beyond that point. If extended to the point named the petitioners said they could make private drains to convey the water to many of the patches that are already dry and to others that must soon become so. The petitioners also asked, in the event of their wishes being complied with, that the work be carried out as expeditiously as possible, as the water is very urgently required.

Councillor Potter moved that Penders be called returnable on Saturday 30th inst at 2pm for the construction of channel as asked for by the petitioners.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

By permission of the Council

Councillor Potter moved that Penders be called returnable at 2pm on Saturday 30th inst for the construction of channel from Calrib brewery to East and West roads, east from the bush Calrib State School.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By C. Marshall

Engineer to survey a channel from Calrib brewery eastwards to John Lewis farm.

By C^o McCrea

Engineers to get their tank filled on road west from Tenich's Hotel.

By C^o Missick

Engineers to survey water channel from main line eastwards to Rag. wood road.

By C^o Hardy

Engineers to take levels from the channel at Siphuntis to Reas's Lagoon

By C^o Marshall

Engineers to examine and report on cost of constructing a bye wash to drain at Calm's creek, east from Messrs Roberts' Bros' farm.

By C^o Marshall

Valuer to report on valuation of W^o Michael Duff's property at Poupapiele.

The Bank Interest

C^o Coulter moved that the Secretary write to the managers of the Bank of Victoria at Inglewood requesting a reduction of the interest charged on the their overdraft from 7 to 6 per cent. He had no desire to see the account shifted from the bank with which they had dealt so long, but considered they should get their money cheaper. Seconded by C^o Coults.

Carried

Accounts amounting to £124. 14. 8 were passed for payment on the motion of C^o McCrea, seconded by C^o Jackson Carried.

The meeting then closed, and the council adjourned to Friday, 20th December 1895 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Siphuntis this 20th day of December 1895

D C Lairs President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 12 O'clock (noon).

Councillors Laird (President), Bissett, Coulter, McEld, Jackson, Marshall, Hardy and Potter.

Minutes of meeting held 22nd November 1895 were read and on the motion of C. Jackson, seconded by C. Marshall. Confirmed Carried

Correspondence

From Shire of M^cTor.

Seeking cooperation in having an Act passed regulating the branding and ear marking of stock.

C. Coulter moved that cooperation be granted by asking support of Parliamentary representatives. Seconded by C. Marshall. Carried

From Mayor of Castlemanor.

Seeking cooperation in erecting a memorial to the memory of the late Sir James Patterson.

Moved by C. Hardy that the subscription list be left in the hands of the Secretary. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From Water Supply Department

Stating that in future when floods occur in the river the gates of the Bridgewater weir would be opened as desired by the Council.

Received

From J. J. Jewell, Milnace

Desiring to know when he could appeal against the valuation of his property at Milnace. Mr. Jewell to be informed that it is too late to appeal this year.

From Treasury, Melbourne

Enclosing account for completion for £233, being the amount available as a loan to the Shire under the Municipal Advances Act.

The Secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for obtaining the money on the motion of C. Hardy and Bissett. Carried

From Jamieson & Co. Contractors

Asking for 10 days extension of time on contract for cutting channels.

C. Marshall moved that the application be granted. Seconded by the President. Carried

From D. E. A. McRae, health officer for north and south ridings, reporting the ridings, so far as he knew, to be free from any infectious or contagious disease.

Received

Reports of Committees

C. Marshall reported that the following tenders had been accepted by the committee appointed

Constructing channel from M^r
M^r Anley's Poupapier.
Michael Kett £209. 7. 6

Constructing channel from Calvins
Cemetery to South Calvins Gate
Shrub.
Archibald Jamieson £124. 7. 6

The action taken by the Committee
was approved of on the motion
of the President, seconded by carried
C. Fisher
C. Jackson voting against.

C. Marshall reported the visit of M^r
Perrin to the Poupapier Forest. Consent
had been given to make a road
a chain and a half wide through
the forest and along the channel
conditionally that a fence with wire
netting be placed on the east side
of the road. He also promised to
do his best to get the rabbits de-
stroyed, but on no account would
he allow the forest to be alienated.
C. Hardy and Fisher also reported
on M^r Perrin's visit.

C. Jackson moved a vote of thanks
to the Committee for their attention
to the wishes of the Council by
meeting M^r Perrin and showing carried
him over the forest. Seconded by
the President, who explained that
through illness he was debarred
from joining with them in meeting
M^r Perrin.

C. Fulton took his seat

Report of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts

Rates current £118. 11. 0

Rates arrears 2. 10.

Dog fees 3. 5

Deposits 16. 9. 6

Refund President's

allowance 5

Interest on

Deferred D. Receipts 9. 8. 5. Total £155. 3. 11

Debit balance at Bank of Victoria

Inglewood £1076. 19. 0. Received

The Rate Collector reported receipts

Rates £121. 1. 0, dog fees £3. 5. 0 Do

The Shire Engineers reports were
read and received and clauses
dealt with as shown on margin
in Engineer's reports book. Do

General Business

C. Hardy moved that the following sum
be voted as charity and sub-
scriptions to the undermentioned
Institutions and Societies.

Inglewood and Bendigo Hospitals

and Bendigo General Asylum

£10. 10. 0 each, Eye and Ear

Hospital £2. 2. 0, Inglewood

General Asylum and Tustin

Hospital £1. 1. 0 each, Deaf and

Dumb Institution £1. 1. 0,

Wendigo Agricultural Society £3-3-0,
Inglewood and Boost Agricultural
Societies £1-1-0 each.

Seconded by C. McLeod. Carried

Instructions to Officers
 By C. McLeod

Secretary to again write Lands Department requesting that 20 chains on the southern boundary of Mitiamo racecourse be reserved for road purposes.

By C. Marshall

Secretary make application for a road through Poupapirab forest as promised by the Conservator of forests.

By C. Marshall

That the Engineer get the water channel extended for a length of 60 chains through M. Lowe's property Calirab. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

By C. Potter & Coult

That the Secretary lay on the table at next meeting a list showing amount paid for field assistance during the last financial year, also agreement with Council as to the duties of their Engineer.

By C. Bissell

That the Engineer get a broad culvert with earthworks constructed

over channel near M. Auley's farm at Poupapirab.

Motions on Notices
 By C. McLeod

That tenders be called for formation and culvert on road east from Mitiamo. Seconded by C. Coult. Carried

By C. McLeod

That tenders be called for formations and 3 pipe culverts near Messrs Kays' farm, Kaysano. Seconded by C. Coult. Carried

Notice of Motion
 By C. D. Coult

That the motion carried on 15th March 1895, fixing the payment for fox skins at 2/6 per skin be rescinded.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £310-14-3 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Potter, seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 17th January 1896, at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Lerpentines this 17th day of January 1896.

D. C. Laird President
 East Loddon Shire