

Present at 11.50 am

Councillors Laird (president), Coult, Bissett, Potter, Hardy, Marshall, Coulter, Buchanan and McEwen.

Minutes of meeting held 20 December 1895 were read and on the motion of C. Marshall, seconded by C. Potter, carried.

Correspondence

From Lands Office, Melbourne

Directing attention to a former letter which stated that the Council's application for reservation of 2 chains for road purposes from the southern boundary of allotment 16, Hagaman, could not be granted.

C. McEwen moved that the letter be referred back to the department for further consideration, the Parliamentary representatives to be asked to interview the Minister of Lands and lay the matter before him. Seconded by C. Marshall. Carried

From Borough of Eaglehawk

Asking assistance in an endeavour to have an alteration in the amount paid for audit fees. Received

From United Country Municipal Association of Victoria. - Notifying that a meeting would be held at the Town Hall Melbourne on Tuesday 24th March, and requesting that delegates be

appointed.

Received

From Loder H. A. Trust

Asking if the Council was agreeable to its engineer having charge and management of the works of the Trust within the Council's territory. C. Marshall moved that the Council comply with the request. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried
C. Buchanan voting against.

From Loder H. W. Trust

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Gordon Shire Council relative to the East Loder Council diverting water from Bullock Creek, also Trust Engineer's reports on the matter. C. Marshall moved that a conference be held between the East Loder and Gordon Shires to discuss the advisability of constructing a channel along Bullock Creek for carrying the water to the Gordon Shire boundary, to save the waste of water now caused by running it down Bullock Creek.

Seconded by C. Buchanan. Carried

The president and C. Coult, Marshall and Buchanan being appointed to represent the Council. The date and place for holding the conference was left to the Gordon Shire.

From E. A. D'Evario, Beach Officer for North and South Rivers, requesting

leave of absence for our mode.

The president moved that the request be granted. Seconded by C. Bristle Carried.

Petition

C. Marshall presented a petition from J. Palmer and 13 other ratepayers of the North Riding, requesting the extension of the water channel from Lower to the north boundary of the Shire.

By permission of the Council C. Hardy moved that tenders be called for the work necessary, returnable in a fortnight at the Four Posts, Hacklaw.

Seconded by C. Marshall Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates £965¹¹ 17 0, dog fees £4 5 0 total £970¹¹ 22 0.

Received

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £961¹¹ 9 0, arrears of rates £0¹¹ 2 0, dog fees £4 5 0, Haughleying Licences £1 0 0, Loan from Treasury £233 0 0. Total £1199¹¹ 16 0.

Debit balance at Bank of Victoria Inglewood £219 6 0.

Received

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

Do

Tenders

Contract 186. Formations and Culvert on road from Melbourn (5 tenders) C. Davis £33. 15. 10.

Contract 187. Pipe Culverts and approaches near Hays' farm, Hagganmi (4 tenders) lowest. R. D. Phillips £33. 15. 0.

C. McCrea moved that the lowest tenders be accepted. Seconded by C. Jackson Carried.

General Business

C. Coult moved that the Secretary write a forcible letter to the Water Supply Department pointing out the water famine at present prevailing in the district, and asking that a larger supply be sent down from Bridgewater. The Parliamentary representative to be asked to assist in the matter.

Seconded by C. Marshall Carried.

At the suggestion of C. Jackson the matter of placing a mill in order adjoining M^r J. E. Leshlean's property at Yallock was left in the hands of the members for the East Riding.

C. Marshall moved that the Secretary inform the Lands Department that the reserves at Hagganmi, required for water purposes had been fenced in, and request that the fence be

removed. Seconded by C^o Jackson Carried

Instructions to Officers

By the President and C^o Bisset
Engineers to measure water channels cut
by McAuley White at Poupsapies.

By C^o Potter

Engineers to examine culverts on
roads from Four Posts to Tiberian
Downs.

By C^o Jackson and Coulter

Engineers to get box culvert and
formation constructed on road ad-
joining Carluison's farm, east
from Quip's.

C^o Jackson moved that the Engineers
call tenders for the construction of
a small crossing and approaches
thereto on Terricks road, east from
Tandara Railway Station.

Seconded by C^o Coulter Carried

Bonus on Fox Skins

In accordance with notice given, C^o
Coulter moved that the motion carried
on 15th March 1895, fixing the payment
of five shillings per scalp be
rescinded.

Seconded by C^o Coulter Carried
C^o Potter, McGee and Marshall
voting against the motion.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £240.7.9
were passed for payment on
the motion of C^o McGee, seconded
by C^o Coulter. Carried

The meeting then closed, and the Council
adjourned to Friday 28 February 1896.

Read and confirmed at Superintendents his 28th
day of February 1896

D. C. Baird President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 12 o'clock (noon)

C^o Laird (President) Coults, Bissett, Hardy,
Potter, Marshall, Coulter, McLeod and
Jackson.

Minutes of meeting held 17th January 1896
were pass read and on the motion of
C^o Potter, seconded by C^o Marshall. Carried

Correspondence

From Secretary for Lands

Enquiring whether the Council, in consideration of the department granting a
our chain road in the Pompapire State
Forest, is prepared to comply with the
following conditions:

1. To fence the ^{road} reserve on the ^{reserve} road
sides of the channel with a good sub.
stantial post and wire fence.

2. That public proof wire netting be properly
fixed on the fence, and (3) to erect a
crossing at about the elbow of the channel
with 2 gates.

C^o Potter moved that the foregoing conditions
specified by the department be complied
with, providing the department agrees to
the road being 1½ chains in width.

Seconded by C^o Marshall. Carried

From Land Officer, Wadiga

Asking if the Council has any objection
to the granting of a residence license
for 3 acres in the parish of Janiueber
Eiss to Eliza Ann Ball.

C^o Potter moved that no objection be
offered. Seconded by C^o Hardy. Carried

From Secretary for Lands

Stating that the Councils letter of 24th ult^o,
re fencing erected round allotment 150,
parish of Haganni had been referred to
the police bailiff of Crown lands at Milamo
for report. Received

From J. Jager

Stating that while crossing a water channel
on the Durham to and Raymond road, he
met with some damage to his buggy,
and asking for a refund of the cost
of repairs thereto.

C^o Jouts moved that the matter be deferred
for a month, and referred to the Nomb
riding members for report at next meet-
ing. Seconded by C^o Coulter. Carried

From the Messrs J. M. Pratt, D. Jouts and J. Bell
M^{rs} L^{ts} stating that the Minister of
Water Supply had met the Councils
members to a certain extent by allowing
a double supply of water for a
fortnight. Received

From Secretary Water Supply Department

Stating that his department is of
opinion that the allowance of 300 cubic
feet per minute made to the Ladon
United Water Trust for Tullock Creek
is ample if properly distributed,
but the Minister had, however, in
view of the present extreme dry
season, directed that the supply during
the next fortnight be increased to
double the quantity now allowed.

that is to say, 600 cubic feet per minute.
 C. Coutts moved that the letter be received and that the Secretary write to the Minister of Water Supply thanking him for his communication to the Council as far, and asking him to see the letter posted by the Secretary of the Council to Secretary for Water Supply pointing out the necessity for sending down water for a longer period than that originally fixed. Seconded by the president Carried

From H. J. Marple

Regarding resolutions carried at the conference of the Shires of Gordon and East Loddon held at Melbourn on 14th February 1896, in reference to the Bullock Creek water supply question.

C. Coutts moved that the resolutions be received, and that the resolution "That the Engineers of Gordon and East Loddon Shire Councils meet and report on the cost of cutting a channel along Bullock Creek" be adopted. Seconded by C. Bissett Carried

From Shire of Ripon

Drawing attention to the great and alarming increase in the number of rabbits throughout the colony and advocating the appointment of inspectors. Received

From E. A. DeRorin, Health Officer

With satisfactory report on North and South ridings for year ending 31st December 1895. Received

Petition

C. Jackman presented a petition from P. O'Donoghue and 9 other ratepayers in the East Riding, pointing out the urgent necessity for cleaning out a dam situated on Section 125, Kaurarooka village settlement. C. Coutts moved that the petition be received and referred to the East riding members with power to act. Seconded by C. Marshall. Carried

Reports of Committees

C. Marshall (for the North Riding members) reported the acceptance of the following tenders for channel works in the North riding.

N ^o 188.	Joseph Heib	£43. 15. 0
N ^o 189	A. Jamieson	186. 1. 3

C. Bissett moved that the report be received and adopted. Seconded by the president Carried

Tenders

Contract N^o 190. Stone crossing and approaches on Turnick's road, east from Sandara. R. S. Shire (3) tenders received.

Lowest tenderer Michael Heib £24. 6. 0.

C. Jackman moved that the tender of Michael Heib be accepted. Seconded by C. Marshall. Carried

Reports of Officers

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The Treasurer reported receipts of
Rates £19.12.0; Slaughtering Licenses
£1. Dog fees £1.5.0; Deposits £11.7.0

In hands of Treasurer
Debit balance at Bank of Victoria,
Inglewood £294.19.1. Received

The Rate collector reported receipts
Rates £36.19.0; Dog fees £1.10.
Total £38.9.0. 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

C. Jackman referred to the necessity for
clearing out tanks at Downellans and
Hannays, in the Parish of Sandown.

C. Hardy moved that the matter be left
in the hands of the members for the
judging with power to act. Seconded
by C. Potter. Carried

C. McCrea mentioned that as yet no action
had been taken in regard to removing
the fence erected on the water reserve
at Hapannin and moved that the
Secretary write to the Land's Department
regarding the removal of the fence
at once. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

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Councillor Coulter moved that the
Huntly Shire Council be written to
asking if they are prepared to
pay half the cost of metalling on
boundary road near M. J. Gout's
residence, and if so, tenders to
be called returnable next meeting.
Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

C. Jackman moved that the Engineer
visit reserve near M. J. Gout's
residence, and ascertain
cost of repairing dam thereon.
Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried

Re proposed alteration in line
of water channels near M. Kerrian's
property. Calmed

The following Councillors were
appointed to meet on 3rd March to
examine the site and take action
if thought necessary.

The President & Councillors Marshall, Potter
and Hardy, with the Shire Engineer.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £252.11.10 were passed
for payment on the motion of C. McCrea,
seconded by C. Potter. Carried

Notice of Motion

By C. McCrea. That the motion in minute book (August 18/1893) that the
rate collector pay his own Guarantee Premium be rescinded.

The meeting then closed and the council adjourned to Friday
20th March 1896 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Exeter this 20th day of March 1896.

Geo Marshall President Chairman

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 20 March 1896

Present at 11.50 a.m.Councillors Marshall (Chairman) Hardy, Potter,
Jackman, Mc Cra, Coult and BissettMinutesOf meeting held 28 February 1896 was read
and on the motion of C^r Jackman,
seconded by C^r Bissett. Confirmed. Carried.CorrespondenceFrom Councillor CoultApologising for absence on account of ill-
ness in family.Leave of absence granted on the motion
of C^r Coult seconded by C^r Bissett. Carried.From Councillor Laird (President) (Telegram)

Apologising for absence.

The Chairman moved that leave of absence
be granted. Seconded by C^r Hardy. Carried.From The Treasury, MelbourneForwarding account for £105 for com-
pletion, being equivalent for licensing
fees for 1896.

Attended to by President and Secretary. Received.

From Chief Inspector Vermin Destruction Act,
notifying that the Vermin Proof Fences
Act 1896 provides for the loan to Shire
Councils of £50,000 for the purchase of
wire netting, to be repaid in ten annual
instalments with interest at the rate
of 3 per cent. Applications to be for-
warded not later than 1st May.
Councillor Hardy moved that consideration

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of the letter be deferred for our month.
Seconded by C^r Jackman. Carried.From Shire of Essex.Seeking cooperation in an endeavour
to induce the Government to pay for
the collection of the agricultural statistics.
C^r Hardy moved that cooperation be
granted. Seconded by C^r Potter.
AmendmentFor the motion: C^r Hardy and Potter, Mc Cra
Against the motion: The Chairman, and
C^r Coult, Jackman and Bissett.
The motion was lost.From Under SecretaryThat in compliance with request, the
4th March had been appointed to be
observed as a public holiday throughout
the Shire of East Loddon. Received.From Secretary, Loddon United Water TrustRequesting cheque for £3.19.8, amount
of working expenses allocated to the
Trust for quarter ending 31st December 1895.
C^r Potter moved that the amount be paid.
Seconded by C^r Bissett. Carried.From Shire CouncilThat it could not see its way clear
to enter into any new works except
those that are absolutely necessary
to provide for the immediate traffic
of the principal roads, therefore it
was with regret that the wishes of
the East Loddon Council for works

on boundary road could not be put in
tained.

C. Jackson moved that the letter be
received and that notice be given
to the Shire of this Council's in-
tention to enforce sections 422 and 423
of the Local Government Act 1890. Seconded
by C. McCrea.

Carried

Reports of Committees

The Chairman (C. Marshall) reported on
behalf of Committee appointed to inspect
line of present contract for water
channel near Bogies and Kimans.
That after inspection the Committee
decided that the contract should proceed
as originally laid out.

C. Coutts moved that the report be
received and adopted. Seconded by
C. McCrea.

Carried

The North riding members stated that
they had not visited the site where
M. F. J. Sager met with an accident,
but would endeavour to do so before
the April meeting.

C. Jackson reported relative to a petition
received at last meeting asking that a
tank in the Hamarooka Village settlement,
be cleaned out and enlarged, that the
tank was in the vicinity of Marung
and Shirely Shires, the ratepayers of
which would benefit.

He moved that the Secretary write
to the Marung and Shirely Councils

asking if they would join in making the
tank a permanent one.

Seconded by C. McCrea.

Carried

Amendment

By C. Potter, seconded by Councillor Hardy
that the Engineer visit the place and
report at next meeting as to the cost
of the work.

Vote

Amendment Councillors Potter and Hardy
Motion C. Marshall, Jackson, McCrea, Coutts
and Brissels.

The chairman declared the motion.

Carried

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts:-

Rates £3.10.0, Deferred Deposit Receipts
and Interest @ 3 and 4 years £138.16.11,
Hire of Hall £1, Deposit on contracts
£1, Haughtoning Licence £1.
Total £145.6.11

Debit balance at Bank of Victoria,
Anglemood £479.3.4.

Received

The Rate collector reported receipts of
rates £3.10.0

Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read
and received.

Clause 1 That contractors were progressing
favorably with their works.

Received

Clause 2. That it would require about
100 cubic yards to fill in the gap
to dam bank on reserve near M. F. J.
Coutts residence. Motion was referred
to the members for the East riding

with power to get the work done on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by C. Potter. Carried

Clause 3. Reporting necessary repairs required to culverts on road west from Sacklan Post office.

C. Potter moved that the Engineer get the ^{work} get executed. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

Clause 3. That 1682 cubic yards of earth work had been excavated from water channel by Messrs. McAuley, White and others, on road in the parish of Poupouid.

C. Bissett moved that payment be made for the work at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cubic yard.

Seconded by C. Coutts. Carried

General Business

Examiners in connection with water channels.

C. Hardy moved that the Secretary be instructed to get all examinations in proper form where necessary.

Seconded by the Chairman. Carried

C. Coutts moved that the Shire Engineer furnish the Council, in Committee, with a report giving the names of those persons who obstructed the flow of water during the past season in the Shire water channels.

Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

C. Hardy moved, in connection with the water question, that a vote of thanks be passed to C. Coutts for his able attention to their requirements by interviewing the Minister and in many other

ways assisting in the water question.

Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried

C. Coutts acknowledged the vote.

C. M. Crea drew attention to the large number of stock dying in the East riding, the burial of the carcasses in most instances falling upon the Council. He moved that the Inspectors of Nuisances (Messrs. Brown and Flegg) be re-appointed.

Seconded by the Chairman. Carried

C. Marshall moved that tenders be called for constructing log crossings over water channels in the North and South ridings. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

C. Bissett moved that the Secretary write to the Loddon United Water Trust asking that body to construct a timber weir on Bull-creek creek near M. Dougalls, and to remove silt from channel.

Seconded by the Chairman. Carried

C. Jackman moved that the Engineer examine and report on condition of culvert on North and South road, near M. Stephen's land, Hayman. Seconded by C. M. Crea. Carried

C. Potter moved that the Secretary lay on the table at next meeting all agreements entered into between the East Loddon Shire Councillors and its officers. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

C. Bissett moved that the Engineer notify Contractor Nett to proceed with his own track for raising banks to water channels in the parish of Yarmouth.
Seconded by C. D. Coulters. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By C. Jackman (lodged 21st June 1895)
That tenders be called for two culverts and 40 chains formation on north and south road between Shaw's and Hargrave parish of Yallock.
Seconded by the chairman. Carried.

By C. Coulters.
That the motion in minute book of 18th August 1893. "That the rate collector pay his own guaranteed premiums be rescinded."

C. Jackman (who was authorized by C. Coulters to deal with this notice) moved that consideration stand over till April meeting. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £190.19.11 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackman, seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

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

Read and confirmed at Exeter, this 17th day of April 1896.

D. Cairns President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 12 o'clock (noon)

The President (C. Laird) and Councillors Bissett, Coulters, M. Gird, Jackman, Hardy, Marshall, Potter and Coulters.

Minutes of meeting held 20th March were read and on the motion of C. Bissett, seconded by C. Marshall. Carried.

Correspondence

From Department of Lands and Survey.

Intimating that, in reply to Council's request, M. Gullen had been requested to remove the fencing erected by him round allotment 150. parish of Hargrave. Received.

From Shire of Talbot.

Drawing attention to the necessity of an amendment of the Dog Act, with a view of allowing every householder to keep one dog without paying the tax.

C. Jackman moved that co-operation be granted. Seconded by C. M. Gird.
Voting: For the motion C. Jackman, M. Gird and Hardy.

Against the motion Councillors Coulters, Bissett, Marshall, Potter and the President.

The motion was lost.

From The National Wool Company of Australia, requesting, in view of the arbitrary action of the Pharmacy Board, that the

council, in the interests of rabbit extermination, will allow its Secretary to obtain a permit from the board to sell "foxes".

It was agreed that the Secretary make application when necessary.

From Wm Strong, Mayor of Melbourne and Treasurer to the Brunner Colliery accident Relief Fund.

Inviting cooperation in raising funds on behalf of the sufferers.

Ct Potter moved that the Secretary make for a Subscription List and receive contributions. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Premier's Office, Melbourne, forwarding copy of Dr J. M. Springthorpe's report of the intercolonial Medical Congress recently held at Dunedin, and drawing attention to resolutions 3 in reference to tubercular disease.

C. Buchanan moved that the matter stand over for our month. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

From Secretary, Shire of Marong.

Stating that the matter of clearing out a certain dam at the Kauratoka Village Settlement had been referred to the Shire Engineer for report. Received.

From A. Jamieson, Contractor

applying for a small payment for spreading material in ruts and holes and low places in road adjoining his late contract at Calver.

C. Marshall moved that the Engineer

report on the application at next meeting. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From H. B. Denavin.

Forwarding annual health reports on the East Riding. Received.

Reports of Committees

Councillor Hardy reported, relative to Mr. Inger's claim for damages to a buggy, sustained through a drain cut across the road, that the Council was not liable.

The report was received and adopted on the motion of C. Bischoff, seconded by C. Marshall.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts:-

Rates £4.17.0. Equivalent Publican's Licenses £105, Neighbour's £4.17.0
Total £114.14.0

Debit balance at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood £582.19.4. Received.

The Rate Collector reported receipts:-

Rates £4.17.0. Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and dealt with as follows
Clause 1. Reporting satisfactory completion of Contracts Nos 186 and 189. Received.

Clause 2. That roadway - reported to be in a dangerous state - near Mr. Stephen's housestead, Kauratoka was quite safe to travel over. Do.

Clause 3. Suggesting that the planing of Bullock Gable Bridge near M^r Bell be covered with metal.

C. Coulter moved that the work be carried out. Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

Clause 4.

That the seal of the Council be required to be affixed to contracts specifications. &c.

C. Pether moved that the seal be affixed and specifications signed by President and our Councillor. Seconded C. Jackman. Carried.

The Secretary presented a half yearly report of the receipts and expenditures from 1st October 1895 to April 15th 1896 also report on the financial position of the ridings which were received. Received.

Tenders

Contract No 191.

Formations and 3 pipe culverts on north and south road west from Taudara By Station. Three tenders received.

Lowest tender Michael Felt £46. 2. 0.

Contract No 192

Constructing six box culverts over water channel. North riding. 2 Tenders received. Lowest tender A. Jamieson £41. 8. 0.

C. Marshall moved that the lowest tenders be accepted. Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

General Business

C. Marshall moved that the Secretary obtain forms of applications for river netting, and supply same to those requiring them. Seconded by C. Pether. Carried.

C. McCrea moved that the Member for Mandurang be written to and asked to wait on the Minister of Lands requesting an excision of two chains from the southern boundary of preserve recently used as a race course near Melbourn.

Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

C. McCrea moved that the Secretary again write to the Lands Department requesting that 50 acres of land be reserved for Quarry purposes at the Irick preserve.

Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

C. Coulter moved that the Secretary write to the Crown Lands Department recommending ex-presidents Marshall and Jackman, and Mr. Alexander Garrow, of Serpentine, for appointment as Justices of the Peace.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

C. Coulter moved that the Engineer examine and report on works necessary on road near J. Lishman's Yallock. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

C^o Coult moved that the Engineer report at next meeting on the state of the bridge and facing thereto over the River Loddon at Salisbury. Seconded by C^o Bisset. Carried.

On the motion of Councillors Hardy and Jackman the Secretary was instructed to obtain titles of road exchanges and tank sites throughout the Shire. Carried.

Motion under Notice

C^o Coulter moved that the resolution that the rate collector pay his own guarantee premium be rescinded. Seconded by C^o Marshall. Carried.

C^o Jackman and Potter voting against.

C^o Jackman moved that the council in future pay the rate collector's guarantee. Seconded by C^o Coult. Carried.

C^o Potter voting against.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £213-13-7 were passed for payment on the motion of C^o McGee seconded by C^o Coulter. Carried.

The meeting then closed, and the council adjourned to Friday 15th May 1896 at 11 am

Read and confirmed at Lorpentire this 15th day of May 1896

De Laird President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.55 am.

Councillors Laird (president) Coult, Bisset, Hardy, Marshall, Potter, McGee, Coulter and Jackman.

Minutes of meeting held 17th April 1896 were read and on motion of C^o Jackman seconded by C^o Hardy confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence

From Treasury, Melbourne.

Forwarding account for £402-14-8 being the council's amount of the endowment for half year ending 30th June 1896. Received.

From Lands Department

Stating that the Minister of Lands had given the Council the consents required to remove material for road making purposes from Council owned timber reserve. Received.

From Crown Land Department

Acknowledging receipt of Council's letter submitting the names of George Marshall, Robert Jackman and Alexander Gander for appointment to the commission of the peace. Received.

From Public Health Department.

Drawing attention to the fact that the Council was still without a public analyst.
Messrs A. Dunn and G. J. Matthews

applied for the appointment.

C^r Coult moved that M^r Matthews be appointed.

Seconded by C^r Bisset. Carried.

From Department of Public Works.

Enclosing an extract from a report by the inspector of municipal accounts regarding the accounts of the Shire of East Loddon.

Received

From Chief Inspector, Vermin Destruction Act.

Forwarding the necessary forms in connection with the wire netting loan. Received.

From Chief Inspector, Vermin Destruction Act.

Recommending council's application for a loan of £40 (lodged by M^r Duffy) under the Vermin proof Fences Advances Act.

The President informed the council that the committee appointed at last meeting to deal with the applications, received only one, and that from M^r Michael Duffy, whose land adjoins the Poupariro State forest.

Received

From Shire of Marong.

Stating that it has been decided that no action be taken by them to expend money to clear out a bush in the Kamarooka Village settlement at the joint expense of the three Shires. Consideration deferred to next meeting.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.

Requesting payment of £6.18.8, the amount allocated to the council for the working expenses of the trust for the quarter ending 31st April 1896. C^r Bisset moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by C^r Coult.

Carried

From Hon. Sec. Taudara Mechanics Hall.

Soliciting a donation to the building. Received, request declined for the present.

Carried

From J. H. Wright, Bridgman.

Drawing attention to the matter of Bullock Creek being dammed back on his land, through the construction of the temporary weir across the creek. C^r Potter moved that the matter be referred to the Loddon United Water Trust and that the East Loddon Shire Engineer examine and report thereon at next meeting. Seconded by C^r Bisset.

Carried

From Shire of Echuca.

Inviting co-operation in bringing about an amendment in the Dog Act 1890.

Received and no action taken. Received.

From M. P. Cronin.

Forwarding account £2.2.0 work done repairing Hayman Dam. Referred to Loddon United Water Trust.

Received

From R. O'Neill M.L.A.

Stating that he had interviewed the Secretary for Lands in reference to the excision of a portion of the Maitland racecourse, and he had informed him that as the department had already refused other requests, he could not recognise any alteration of such decision.

C. McLeod considered the reply very unsatisfactory and moved that the secretary write again to the Department insisting on the 2 chains of the reserve being excised. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Coulter presented a petition from H. Phillips and six other ratepayers in the east riding, asking to have the road known as Torkins repaired by a formation and stabs crossing. The petition was received, the Shire Engineer being instructed to report thereon on the motion of C. Coulter, seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported, receipts

Rates current £1 13. 0, Contractor's deposits £4 4. 0; Shire of Hall £; subsidy £402 14. 8. Total £409 11. 8. Debit balances at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood £388 4. 3. Received.

The Rate Collector

Reported receipts rates £1 13. 0. Received.

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

General Business

C. Coulter moved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow and family of the late Mr Thomas Cornmaughton, who was killed at the Bridge go. W. Station. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

C. Hardy moved that the Secretary write to the Minister of Railways asking him to instruct the Standing Committee on Railways to report on the line from Inglewood via Serpentine and Parklaw as a suitable one for a narrow gauge. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By C. Marshall.

Secretary write Lands Department requesting payment of half cost of wire netting which Mr M. Duffy is to receive, as the netting is to be erected along the State forest. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

By C. Baxby

Engineer to get water channel widened and defined on road south from Serpentine. Seconded by C. Lamb. Carried.

Councillor McCrea moved that the Engineer get a few chains of earth work done on east and west road north from Prairie Railway Station. Seconded by C^r Jackman. Carried.

Councillor Marshall moved that the Engineer report on roadway forming the northern boundary of A. Duff's land Township and estimate cost of removing the spoil heap from channel to allow of sufficient width for traffic. Seconded by C^r Hardy. Carried.

Motion under Notice
By C^r Jackman. That tenders be called for stone crossing and 80 chains formation on Trench's road, South from Dinges Railway Station. Seconded by C^r Coulter. Carried.

Notice of Motion
By C^r McCrea - That tenders be called for pipe culvert and two chains of formation on road adjoining McManara's land, parish of Haysman.

Accounts
Accounts amounting to £207.3.8 were passed for payment on the motion of C^r Jackman. Seconded by C^r McCrea. Carried.

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

Read and confirmed at September this 19th day of June 1896.

D. B. Laird President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 12 o'clock noon.

Councillors Laird (president) / Bissett, Coulter, Jackman, McCrea, Coulter, Potter, Marshall and Hardy.

Minutes
Of meeting held 15th May 1896 were read and on the motion of C^r Jackman, seconded by C^r Marshall. Confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence
From Chief Inspector, Venetian Distinction Act. Intimating that the request of the Council that the Government pay half the cost of getting to be erected by McCrea on his land, adjoining the Township State Forest, cannot be granted, there being no funds available for the purpose. C^r Coulter moved that the letter be received, and that the Government be written to and asked, seeing that they could not keep their property free from Venetian, to have the forest made available for S.S. section. Seconded by C^r Hardy. Carried. C^r Jackman voting against the motion.

From Department of Lands
Stating that the fence erected by McCrea around allotment 150, parish of Haysman, had been removed. Received.

From Crown Land Officers, Melbourne

Relative to the Council's recommendation that certain names be put on the list for appointments as justices of the peace, stating that from the returns in the last officers it appeared that five justices were available for the Bench at Inverness Creek. Received.

From Railway Department

That arrangements are now being made for the erection of cattle trucking yards at Dungee station. Do.

From Water Supply Department

Asking if there were any water supply objections to the sale of our acre of land in the parish of Dungee, applied for by the Wesleyan Church.

No objections to be offered. Do.

From Public Works Department

Drawing attention to the provisions of the Health of Towns Act. To stand over for consideration at next meeting, an opinion being expressed that the Act as it now stood was useless. Do.

A letter was received from Mr. O'Neil

M.L.A., which he had received from the Lands Department, in reference to the Council's application for the excision, for road purposes, of certain land in the

parish of Hayamui, from the site lately used as a racecourse, stating that the request had been declined. The Department, however, was prepared to consent, if desired, to the removal, within a limited time, from a specific portion of Crown lands, without fee or license of the material required for the formation of the existing road.

A letter of a later date, received from the Department by the Hon. D. Forth M.L.C., was also read, in which it was stated that the Minister of Lands had decided to allow an additional width of our chain, on condition that the fence on the north side of the present road be removed and re-erected at the sole expense of the Council.

The last letter was received as satisfactory and a vote of thanks passed to the Hon. D. Forth for his energetic action in the matter, on the motion of Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Buchanan. Carried.

From J. D. Lam, general manager of the Bank of Victoria, Limited, giving notice of the withdrawal of the Board to pay off, on the 12th Sept. 1896, with accrued interest to that date, 10th of the amount of all its deferred deposit receipts which mature on 12th June in years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1905. Interest will

case on the amount to be paid off on the 12th September 1896.

Received.

From Minister of Railways

Intimating that the Council's letter asking for an inspection and report of the proposed railway line from Ingleswood to Durham ex, had been forwarded to the Standing Committee on Railways for consideration.

Do.

From Margaret Connaughton

Thanking the Council for their letter of condolence in her recent sad bereavement.

Do.

From Ellen Johnson

Requesting the Council to get the public right-of-way to the water at Bear's Lagoon opened, as the parts where the good water is is fenced off.

Do.

Left in hands of North Riding members.

From Andrew Cheyne Junr

Calling attention to a bad piece of road in the parish of Durham, between allotments 102 and 103.

Referred to North Riding Members.

Do.

Petition

Councillor Hardy presented a petition from J. and N. Ross and 12 other ratepayers asking the Council to use its best endeavours to cause a channel

to be constructed along the three chain road between Sapratt's and Bear's Lagoon, for the purpose of filling the lagoon with water.

Received.

Reports of Officers

The Health Officer (East Riding) reported the health of the portion of the Shire under his supervision to be exceptionally good, no cases of infectious or contagious diseases having come under his notice.

Do.

The Treasurer reported receipts.

Rates current £280.18.0, rates arrears £.7.0, dog fees £2.10.0, Licenses £.1, Deferred deposit receipts £31.11.7, Interest on D. O. Receipts £5.19.3, Hire hall, Law Department £10.0.0, Total £333.5.10.

Overdraft at Bank of Victoria Ingleswood £264.11.7.

Received.

The Rate Collector reported receipts.

Rates £279.17.0, dog fees £2.15.0.

Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and viewed and clauses added with as shown in reports book.

Do.

The Inspector of Nuisances for the East Riding reported inspections made of Slaughteryards, hotel yards, drains etc at Ulliano which was.

Received.

C. McEwan moved that the drain referred to in the report be cleared.

out, seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

Tenders

Contract No. 193. Formation and metal dressing
Trenick's road.

Two tenders received, lowest tender
Michael Lobb £93. 12. 9.

Contract No. 194. Repairs to Salisbury Bridge
Three tenders received, lowest tender
Michael Lobb £40. 14. 6

Councillor Coulter moved that the lowest
tenders be accepted.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

Moved by C. Coulter, that our month's
notice to pay be given to those
ratepayers in arrears as shown on
list of defaulters. Seconded by C. Chapman. Carried.

By C. Marshall

That Secretary again write to
Lands Department relative to the
road promised along the line
of water channel in the Suez Forest,
Campasied.

By the President

Engineer examines and report on
culvert east from McTittan's house at
Campasied, and get the fence repaired
around shire land adjoining Ray
road road.

By C. Marshall.

Engineer to have ^{three} additional culverts
erected over channel at Carruthers,
Dows and Kinnans.

Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

On the motion of councillors Hardy
and Marshall, C. Potter was authorized
to expend amount necessary to
repair culverts in the parish of
Inchclaus.

Motions on Notice

By C. Coulter for roads near T.
Lebleans. Yall-oh was proposed
for our roads.

By C. McCrea

That tenders be called
for pipe culvert and formation
between McManara's property and
Pentlands. Parish of Kapanui.

Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

Notices of Motion

By C. Coulter.

That tenders be called for
graveling formation on boundary
road with Shire of Hume, near
Mc John Low's property.

By C. Marshall.

That tenders be called
for constructing about 80 chains of
water channel, on road east from

Calver's ceremony.

By C. Hardy.

That tenders be called for constructing water channel along the Inau Hill road as far as the jilets to Peas's lagoon.

Accounts
Accounts amounting to £235. 13. 7 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson, seconded by C. Marshall.

Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Thursday 23rd day of July 1896 at 11 am

Read and confirmed at Secretaries this 23rd day of July 1896

D. C. Laird President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.45 am.

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

Minutes of meeting held 19th June 1896 were read, and on the motion of C. McCrea, seconded by C. Bissett. Confirmed. Carried

Correspondence
From Revision Court
The Secretary presented the Voter's lists for the 3 ridings, also schedules as required by the Local Government Act.

North Riding
Applications from Andrew Cheyne Junr and Charles Reid claiming one vote in addition to one on the list were granted.

There being no other claims or objections C. Potter moved that the North riding roll as revised be adopted. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

South Riding
N. J. Peavis applied to have his name inserted for land situated at Pumpfield.
C. Coulter moved that the applⁿ be granted. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.
The roll as revised was adopted on the motion of C. Bissett, Secd. by the Chairman (C. Laird). Carried.

East Riding

Applications from William Rogers and Mary Lethlean for insertion on the list were granted.

C. Jackson moved that the East Riding roll as revised be adopted. Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried.

The rolls of each riding having been signed and alterations initialed, the Chairman declared the Court closed.

Read and confirmed at Exeter this twenty first day of August 1896.

President.

Ordinary Meeting

The same councillors being present.

Correspondence

From Department of Lands and Survey
That the Scheme for the reduction in width of road adjoining the Tamarooka Village Settlement, had been confirmed.

Received.

From Public Health Department.

Asking what action the Council intended taking relative to the night soil system at Melbourn.

Do.

From Water Supply Department.

Asking if 300 acres, Tang Tang

Reservoir, could be occupied under Section 123 of Lands Act 1890.

C. Coulter moved that the Council object to the alienation. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Shire of Huntly

Stating that when funds were available that Council would be happy to join in carrying out boundary works as desired.

Received.

From Messrs Driggs and Kelquach

Bringing under notice the unsanitary condition of the drain in front of their business premises at Driggs, also from F. R. W. Driggs calling attention to the ineffective character of the Driggs main drain.

The letters were received and held over for Engineer's report.

Do.

From W. P. Cronin

E. E. Howthorn, Secretary Loddon & W. Trust

Referring back an account of W. P. Cronin for £2.0.0, for repairs etc to Kapanini tank in January 1892, also a letter from W. Cronin in which he stated he had done the work at the request of certain ratepayers.

C. McEwen certified to the work having been done, and moved that the amount be paid.

Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried.

From Lodon United Water Trust.

Requesting cheque for £6. 19. 0, amount charged to the Council for working expenses for June quarter.

C. Potter moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by Councillor Coulter. Carried.

From Lodon United Water Trust.

Forwarding form of appointment, under Seal of the Trust, for the Shire Engineer to take charge and management of the works of the Trust within the Shire territory. Received.

From Borough of Port Fairy.

Soliciting co-operation in an effort to assist St. Ireland in the serious position he has been placed in as the result of the recent law suit, Holland v. Ireland, and suggesting that a sum of 5/- from each Councillor would substantially aid St. Ireland in the matter. Do.

From Shire of Praybrook.

Inviting co-operation and assistance in inducing the Public Health Dept to make an amendment of the latter part of clause 20 of the Public Health Amendment Statute 1880. Received.

From Messrs Bros. Pegg.

With prices for wire netting.
On the motion of C. Sachman.

Seconded by C. McBride, the Secretary was instructed to write to other firms and purchase the netting at the lowest quotation. Carried.

From H. F. Lewis, Mildura.

Offering to sell olive trees, suitable for wind breaks, reservoirs and park lands - at £2 per 100. Received.

Reports of Committees

The Rate Collector reported receipts Rates £114. 3. 0; dog fees 5/- Total £114. 8. 0. Do.

The Treasurer reported receipts Rates current £110. 16. 0, arrears of rates £3. 7. 0; Dog fees 5/- Contractors Deposits £6. 0. 0. Loan Wire Netting £40. Total £160. 8. 0.

Overdraft £35. 5. 11. Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and clauses dealt with as shown in report book. Clauses relating to drainage works at Dinger and contracts on Teniers road were referred to the East riding members.

C. Potter reported re road works asked for by M. Chayne in the North riding.

It was agreed that provision be made for the work on next year's estimates.

The report was received. Received.

Ct Potter also reported on a water guernance of Mr. Johnston at Bear's Lagoon, through Mr. Jero forcing off the frontage. The obstruction being removed since his inspection, he now understood the matter had been settled.

Received

Deputations

Ct Potter introduced Messrs J. Korman and M. Robinson as a deputation from a public meeting held at South Calrib State School relative to Water Supply matters. Mr. Korman said their attention had been drawn to a notice of motion by C. Marshall asking for the extension of a sub-channel eastward from the Pumpapier frannery. A motion was passed requesting the Council not to undertake any but main channels. Another motion was carried by the meeting, that the Council be requested to take steps to get a larger supply of water down Bullock Creek so as to give a better supply to the Calrib Channel. They finally wanted a supply when the water was not required for irrigation purposes.

C. Marshall having intimated that it was his intention to withdraw his motion, C. Coult remarked that the Minister of Water Supply had instructed the caretaker at the Bridge water weir to turn the water down the channel whenever there was a

freshet in the river. The request of the delegates to have more water in the winter months was a nice one, and it would be the duty of the Council to endeavour to get it carried out.

Ct Potter thought they could assure the delegates that they would receive more attention in the future than in the past.

After thanking the Council the deputation withdrew.

Ct Hardy introduced Messrs H. M. Ross and W. H. Hardy as a deputation requesting assistance in clearing timber and debris from Bear's Lagoon.

Mr. Ross stated that the lagoon was about 2 miles in length, and about half of it had already been cleared by the ratepayers themselves. From inquiries the work of clearing the lagoon of timber could be done for £15.

Mr. W. H. Hardy said the timber now standing in the lagoon had become so rotten that it was continually falling and was a source of danger. The less trees there were in the lagoon the better the water would be.

Ct Potter supported the request, and moved that the Engineer be instructed to get the work carried out.

Seconded by Ct Hardy.

Carried

Tenders

Contract No 194⁵ Formation and pipe culvert on road near McQuarrie's & Hutchings' properties, Hagamanie.

Seven tenders received.

Lowest Tenderer R. J. Phillips £11.10.0

C. Bisset moved that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by C. McCrear. Carried

Returning Officers

For annual Election August 1896

The following were appointed
South riding, the President, and also for auditor, North Riding C. Potter; East Riding C. Jackson. Carried

General Business

C. Marshall moved that the Engineer make another survey for water channel from main line at Poupapiree Fork running eastward.

On the motion of C. Coulter, seconded by C. Jackson 3 months leave of absence was granted to George Forristal, Nightbridge Keeper, Dinger. Carried

Motions on Notice

By C. Coulter.

That tenders be called for metalling formation on boundary road with

Shire of Huntly, near Mr John Gow's residence.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

By C. Marshall

For constructing water channel east from the Gallics Creamery.

By leave of the Council, C. Marshall withdrew the motion.

By C. Hardy.

For constructing water channel to Bear's Lagoon, was allowed to stand over for our month.

By C. Coulter.

For works on road near Mr J. Lethbourn, Yallock, was allowed to stand over for our month.

Notice of Motion

By C. Coulter.

That tenders be called for stone crossing and formation on road known as Tushies, in the parish of Dinger.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £228.5.2 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McCrear, seconded by C. Jackson, Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 21 August 1896 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 21st day of August 1896

D. C. Laird President

Present at 11.35 am

Councillors Laird (president) Coutts, Birrell,
Potts, Marshall, Hardy, Coulter, McKinnon
and Jackman.

Minutes of meeting held 23rd July 1896
were read and on the motion of C.
Jackman, seconded by C. Coulter
carried.

Correspondence

From W. B. Gillies and 8 other ratepayers
of the North riding, requesting that
a channel be formed from the
present main line down to their
properties.

C. Hardy introduced 6 of the petitioners
as a deputation in support of the
request. After having stated their
views, C. Hardy moved that the
Engineer make a fresh survey
through the forest in order to as-
certain the cheapest route.

Seconded by C. Coutts, on the under-
standing that the Engineer supply
an estimate of the cost and the
number of people to be sent to,
along with their names.

The motion was carried. Carried.

From Land Office, Brisbane

Intimating that the road through the
Pouapou Forest would be 150 links
wide, and instructions had been
issued to effect the survey. Received.

From Public Health Department.

Declining to ratify the appointment
of M. H. E. Matthews as analyst to
the Shire, as he persistently refused
to submit himself in order that
his fitness for the office might
be certified to. Received.

From Venison Destruction Board

That the Rabbit Inspector had em-
ployed men to destroy rabbits
in the Pouapou State Forest,
and adding that the farmers of
the district state that the forest
has never been clearer of the
pest than at the present time. Received.

From Water Supply Department

Asking, that as the Tang Tang water
reserve was applied for under Section
123 of the Land Act 1890, which does
not allow of the alienation of the
land, but merely admits of a
yearly grazing license, if the Council
objects to such license.

It was decided to oppose any oc-
cupancy of the reserve, it being
required for watering purposes, on
the motion of C. Coulter, seconded
by C. Jackman. Carried.

From Water Supply Department

Asking if there any water supply
objections to the issue of a grazing
license over the land applied for
(adjoining M. Hope Creek) by M.

James Lowe.

Considerations deferred till next meeting

From Department of Public Works.

Drawing attention to increased hours for polling at municipal elections. Received.

From R. Cornish, Dingee.

Suggesting that care should be taken to prevent his cultivation paddock being damaged by water through proposed road works.

No.

From London United Water Trust

requesting the Council to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement, through effluxion of time, of its representatives upon the Trust (Councillors Coult and Potter)

C. Marshall moved that the retiring members be re-appointed. Seconded by C. McCrea.

Carried.

The President eulogised the action of their commissioners and moved that a hearty vote of thanks be passed there and recorded on the Minutes. Seconded by C. Marshall.

Carried.

C. Coult and Potter returned thanks for the vote.

C. Hardy moved that the Commissioners representing the East London Shire be reimbursed their expenses, seconded by the President.

Carried.

From London United Water Trust

Asking for cheque for interest due by the Council on the liabilities allocated to the Shire viz:-
Current interest £~~408~~ £637.17.11
back interest £408.7.0, total
£1046.4.11.

Received.

From Manager Bank of Victoria, Inglewood

Advising that the interest on Shire overdraft had been reduced by half per cent from 1st July last.

Received.

Reports of Committees

Councillor Jackman, on behalf of the East Riding members, reported having inspected the Terricks road, and found that the works suggested by the Engineer at last meeting were quite feasible. C. McCrea and Coulter coincided.

C. Marshall moved that the report be received. Seconded by C. Potter.

Carried.

C. Jackman moved that the Engineer get the necessary work carried out as suggested in his report of 23rd July 1896, at a cost not to exceed £65.0.0. Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried.

C. Coulter reported relative to complaints made by Messrs Orr & Co and Selvaeth as to defective state of drain fronting their premises at Dingee. The matter at present was in the

hands of the Railway Department, whom the Committee considered responsible for the effectual discharge of the waters complained of. Nothing further could be done till after the reply from the Department to the Council's request.

The report was received. — Received.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts rates £36.10.0; dog fees 157. Total £37.15.0. —

Do.

The Treasurer reported receipts Rates £36.10.0; dog fees 157; Contractor's deposits £1, Total £38.10.0

Debit balance at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood £543.11.7. —

Do.

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

Do.

Relative to clause 3 Suggesting that a box culvert and formation be constructed on road west from Midland Railway Station near M.T. Ruff's property. C. McCrea moved (by leave of the Council) that tenders be called for the work returnable in 14 days.

Seconded by C. Bissett. — Carried.

Tenders

Contract No 196, Metalling 34 chains of formation on boundary road with Shire of Humeby near M. John Low's residence, parish of Kananooka.

Four tenders received.

C. Marshall moved that the tender of Michael Kells at £115.2.6 be accepted. Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried.

General Business

Councillor Coulter moved that arrears of rates up to 1895 be placed in the hands of the Shire Solicitor for collection. Seconded by C. McCrea. — Carried.

C. Coulter moved that after one month's notice all arrears to date be handed to the Solicitor for collection.

Seconded by C. Lockman. — Carried.

C. McCrea moved that the Secretary write to Lands Department objecting to an allotment of land at Midland being taken up under miner's rights, being required by the public for watering purposes. Seconded by C. Lockman. — Carried.

C. Lockman moved that the Shire be asked to join in the cost of cleaning out and enlarging dam in the Kananooka Village settlement. Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried.

Motions on NoticeBy Councillor Coultter

Nos 1 and 3 (by permission of the Council) were deferred for our month.

No 2 By C. Hardy

That tenders be called for constructing water channel to Bear's Lagoons.

was seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.
Councillors Potter, Jackson, McGee and Jackson voting against the motion.Notice of MotionBy C. BissettThat a rate of one shilling in the pound be made on the net annual value of all the rateable property in the Shire of East Loddon, for the period commencing on 1st October 1896, and terminating on the 30th day of September 1897.Accounts.

Accounts amounting to £57. 17. 8 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McGee seconded by C. Coultter. Carried.

The meeting then closed, and the Council adjourned to Friday 18th September 1896 at 10 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 18th day of September 1896

J. B. McGee President
East Loddon ShireAnnual Elections27th August1896Shire of East Loddon
North Riding

At the election of our councillor for the above riding held on 27th day of August 1897 the voting was as follows:-

	Votes
Hugh Macdonald Ross	65
George Marshall	48
Majority for H. M. Ross	17

I therefore declare the said Hugh Macdonald Ross duly elected as a councillor for the North riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

John Potter
Returning officer for
the North ridingJack Law
14 September 1896.Shire of East Loddon
South RidingThe Hon David Coultter MLC being the only candidate nominated for the office of councillor for the South riding, I hereby declare him duly elected as a councillor for the South riding of the Shire of East Loddon.D. C. Law
Returning officer
For the South ridingCalrib
14 September 1896

Annual Elections

27th August 1896

Shire of East Loddon

East Riding

Mr John Bustard McCrea being the only candidate nominated for the office of councillor for the East riding, I hereby declare him duly elected as a councillor for the East riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

Robert Jacksonman

Returning officer

For the East Riding

Hallatree

14th September 1896.

Shire of East Loddon

Election of Auditor

Mr Ronley Croker 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.

D. C. Laird President

and Returning officer

Calivis

14th September 1896.

Shire Hall

Serpentine

18th September 1896

Election of President

The following councillors being present
Councillors Laird, Bissett, Coulter,
Jacksonman, Potter, Hardy and
the newly elected councillors
David Coult, John D. McCrea
and Hugh MacDonald Ross having
subscribed to the following dec-
larations 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, 1891, numbers 1112 and 1243

David Coult

Hugh MacDonald Ross

J. B. McCrea

Declared at Serpentine before me
this eighteenth (18th) day of September
1896.

John Potter J.P.

Confirmed at Serpentine this 18th
day of September 1896.

J. B. McCrea President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 11 am.
Councillors Laird (president), Bissorth,
Coults, Hardy, Ross, Potter, Coulter
Jackman and McCreo.

Election of President

The president remarked that it was
time now for him to vacate the
position. In doing so he would
say that during his term councillors
had been kind to him and thanked
the Secretary for the assistance
accorded him. The financial position
of the Shire at the end of September
would be about £200 less in
debt than when he took office.

Allowance to Incoming President

C. Hardy moved that the president's
allowance for the next year be £50.
Seconded by C. Potter

Amendment

By C. D. Coults that the allowance be
£50, in accordance with the establish-
ment scheme formerly adopted by the
Council. Seconded by C. Coulter

Voting for the motion

The Chairman and C. Potter, Hardy
for the amendment. C. D. Coults, Coulter

C. Ross, Jackman, Bissorth

The Chairman declared the amendment Carried

Election of President

C. Laird moved that C. McCreo be
elected president for the ensuing
twelve months. Seconded by C.
Coulter. Carried unanimously Carried

The newly elected president thanked
councillors for the honor conferred
upon him, which he fully appreciated.
He moved a vote of thanks to
the retiring president, who had
filled the chair in a very excellent
manner. Seconded by C. Coults. Carried
C. Laird responded, thanking coun-
cillors for their kind expressions.

Ordinary Meeting

The same Councillors being present
Sept. 18/1896

Minutes of meeting held 21st August
1896 read and on the motion
of C. Jackman, seconded by C.
Bissorth Confirmed Carried

Correspondence

From Treasury, Melbourne.

Forwarding account for £1402. 14. 8 for
completion, being sundries for half
year ending 31st December 1896.

Attends to.

Received

From H. A. Morrison, Secretary, Pyramide Hills
Agricultural Society, asking that Wednesday
7th October, be proclaimed a public
holiday in the East riding of the Shire.
The Secretary of the Pyramide A.S.
Society also wrote asking that Wed-
nesday, 14th October be proclaimed
a public holiday throughout the
Shire.

C. Coulter moved that the requests
be complied with. Seconded C. Bissorth. Carried

From Lands Department, Melbourne.

Asking for the Council's views in reference to an application that would probably be made for permission to cut away the subsoil near on the site known as the Tang Tang Water reserve.

Deferred for general business

From Borough of Daylesford.

Drawing attention to the amendment in the Local Government Act placing all ratepayers on the same footing, whether they have paid their rates or not, and asking that action be taken to petition the Legislative Council to throw out the bill.

C. Jackson moved that compensation be granted and a petition sent to the Legislative Council asking that the bill be opposed. Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried

From Martin Mitchell, Dinger.

Drawing attention to bad state of road at the north end of Tang Tang Swamp.

Engineer to examine and report on cost.

Received

From Caroline H. Ltd., Wandoo.

Bringing under notice the value of their machines and ploughs for road and irrigation works.

Received

From Mary Evans, Tandra.

Calling attention to the work recently executed on Turner's road, which places her property in danger of being flooded, and stating if such did occur she would hold the Council responsible for any damage.

Received

From Dooch Agricultural Society.

Soliciting donation.

Held over for the annual charitable rates in November.

From Shire of Henty.

Asking that arrangements be made for the Council's representatives to meet representatives from the Henty Council at the place where the works recently let to M. Leib are being carried out.

Received. No action to be taken in reference to a conference.

Received

From Dr E. A. DeRavin, health officer for the North and South ridings, reporting the health of the ridings to be in a very satisfactory hygienic condition, there being no illness of note under his observation.

Received

From Department of Water Supply.

Asking if there are any water supply objections to the issue of a grazing license over the land applied for by M. J. Lewis in the parish of Maitland. The jurisdiction moved that

the Council object to the granting of the licence on the grounds that it is required for watering purposes.

Seconded by C. Foster. Carried.

From Mr. Rogers, Pompanick

Drawing attention to the very unsatisfactory way the ratepayers are treated with respect to the water sent down the Pompanick Creek owing to the ratepayers higher up the creek retaining it.

C. Lamb moved that when water is available it be sent down the creek & that the Engineer get obstructions removed where considered necessary.

Seconded by C. Bissell. Carried.

Petitions

Presented by the president from Mr. Zercho and 8 other ratepayers, praying that the well on the Mitiamo to Elmore shire chain road, opposite Mr. C. Quin's residence be placed in order.

The president moved that the matter be left in the hands of the East riding members with power to act. Seconded by C. Buchanan. Carried.

Petition

Presented by the president from James Coult and 6 other ratepayers, drawing attention to the dry season which is threatening, and the consequent

urgent necessity for securing water for stock etc before the summer sets in. The petitioners brought under notice the fact that the Picanniny Creek has only reached in its northward flow as far as the East and West prairie road. This was not caused through the inadequate flow of water, but through the persistent efforts of those ratepayers situated on the creek & to the south of the road mentioned irrigating a considerable area of their grass land.

Mr. James Coult attended in support of the petition and said his principal object was to ask the Council if it would join with the Echuca Council in having proper byewashes fixed to the dams placed across the creek.

C. Buchanan moved that the Engineer report on the cost of making a proper byewash at the Tang Tang.

Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.

The president moved that the Echuca Council be written to requesting that proper byewashes be placed on the dams on the Picanniny Creek. Seconded by C. Foster. Carried.

Report of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of Rates £8.6.0.

Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £8.6.0; Contractors deposits £6.11.0; Half cost works from Koroing Shire £29.10.7 Total £44.0.7
Debit balances £863.16.8. _____ Required.

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

Clause 3 That an error had been made in the rate of Wm Cooper and suggesting that the amount £1.10.0 be struck off was adopted on the motion of C. Jackman, seconded by C. Coulter. _____ Carried.

Clause 4 That the bridges over the Pau Pau Lagoon and Serpentine Creek were in need of repairs C. Laird moved that the Engineer get the work done as suggested. Seconded by C. Bissett. _____ Carried.

Tenders

For constructing water channel from Serpentine to Bears Lagoon.

Four tenders received. Lowest tenders Isaac Palmer and Michael Macey £65.12.9. Accepted. _____ Carried.

Appointment of Committees

For year ending 30th September 1897.
Finance. The President and J. S. Potter, Jackman, Coulter and Laird.

Public Works. The presidents and councillors Bissett, Coulter, Hardy and Ross. _____ Carried.

General Business

C. Coulter drew attention to the necessity for a permanent road on the Bullock Creek. If the Council were prepared to find the money for the work to £70, the Lodon United Water Trust would carry it out. _____

The president moved that the secretary write to the Lands Dept asking for the reservation of 5 acres on Koroing Creek in the parish of Dinges for water supply purposes. Seconded by Councillor Jackman. _____ Carried.

Relative to Contract for the supply of Piers cutting of a channel from Bears Lagoon to Serpentine. C. Hardy moved that the cost thereof be borne equally between the North and South ridings. Seconded by C. D. Coulter. _____ Carried.

C. Coulter moved that the Secretary write to the Lands Department asking assistance in the work of clearing out a tank on the muzzers contained in the Karamooka village enclosure. _____

Seconded by C. Jackson. — Carried.

C. Coulter moved that the Engineer examine and report on costs of constructing formation on road between Dinges and Ravis, and joining the railway line. Seconded by C. Jackson. — Carried.

C. McEwen reported the acceptance of R. J. Phillips tender for constructing the advent and approaches on Aldiemo road at £11.3.6.

C. Potter moved that the action taken be confirmed. Seconded by C. Potter. — Carried.

Estimates and Rate for year 1896-7.

Moved by C. Hardy, seconded by C. Bissett that this Council do now adopt and confirm the estimates as submitted for the year 1896-7, ending 30th Sept. 1897 of the receipts and expenditure, the sum of £2787.7.0 being required for the several purposes contained therein. — Carried.

Valuation

Moved by C. Bissett, seconded by C. Laird that this Council do now adopt the net valuation submitted of all the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon amounting to £34,447 as made by the Valuer in the year 1896. — Carried.

Setting the Rate

Moved by C. Bissett, seconded by C. Hardy that to raise the sum

of £1722.7.0 this Council make and levy a rate of one shilling in the pound (1s) upon the net annual value of all the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1896 and ending 30th September 1897. — Carried.

Collecting the Rate

Moved by C. Bissett, seconded by C. Laird, that the Rate collector be directed to collect the said rate. — Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £188.15.10 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson seconded by C. Hardy. — Carried.

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

Read and Confirmed at Serpentine this 16th day of October 1896

J. B. McEwen President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.50 am

The president Mr. Goss, and Councillors
Coulter, Buchanan, Ross, Hardy, Potter,
Bissett, Laird and Cault.

Minutes of meeting held 18th September
1896 were read and on the motion of
C. Buchanan, seconded by C. Hardy
Confirmed _____ Carried

Correspondence

From Public Works Department

Notifying the appointment of Mr. A. C.
Morley as Government Auditor. _____ Received

From Shire of Council

Declining to acknowledge any liability
in connection with the contract re-
cently let to Mr. Lett on the boundary
road between the two Shires. _____ Received

From J. McPherson, Railway Department

Asking that a day suitable to the
Shire Engineer be fixed for an in-
spection of the drainage at the
Dingee railway station. The Engineer
explained that he had fixed Monday
19th instant, at half past one o'clock,
to meet Mr. McPherson. _____ Received

From Quirk and Syrett, barristers and solicitors

Brading, on behalf of Mr. Jas. McPherson
of Terpoint, bringing under the
attention of the Council the damage
which he has suffered by the flooding
of his land consequent on the
Council's action in bringing water

down a channel along the main
road, into Lanson's dam. The
writers stated that when the dam
is filled it overflows and spreads
on back on to their client's land.
They requested that immediate steps
be taken to abate the nuisance.
C. Cault moved that the letter be
received and referred to the Shire
Engineer for report. Seconded by
C. Buchanan. _____ Carried

From Shire of Cranbourne

Asking the Council to communicate
with its Parliamentary representatives
requesting them to strenuously oppose
the expenditure of about £200,000 in
the construction of a railway line
from Prince's Bridge through Fitzroy
or Collingwood, as it is considered
the money would be better expended
in the construction of light lines
in country districts to act as feeders
to the existing main trunk lines.
C. Hardy moved that co-operation be
granted. Seconded by C. Buchanan. _____ Carried

From Department of Lands and Survey

Asking if a road applied for by Mr.
H. C. Wilson at Yallock can be
sold without injury to public in-
terests. Consideration postponed for
our month, on the motion of C.
Coulter, seconded by C. Buchanan. _____ Carried

From Henry Trezise, Gov. Secretary, Imperial Cricket Club.

Applying for use of shire hall on the evening of 20th October for holding a concert and ball.

C. Laird moves that the application be granted under the usual conditions. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

From Wm Robinson, on behalf of M. Pettins, M. Rodgers and himself, requesting that all obstructions, in the shape of dams constructed by M. Gardin, be removed from Toupapies Creek, so as to let the water have its natural course.

Messrs Robinson and Rodgers attended in support of the request, and explained that they wanted the obstructions complained of removed from the creek so as to give free access to the water to allow of them getting a supply lower down.

C. Potter moved that M. Gardin be asked to remove the obstructions. Seconded by C. Jackson.

Amendment.

By C. Bissett, seconded by C. Laird that the council make a small channel down the creek to M. Rodgers boundary.

Voting for the amendment.

Councillors Bissett, Laird, & Coult.

Voting for the motion. Councillors Potter, Jackson, Ross, Hardy, Fulton and the President.

The President declared the motion carried. Carried.
A further motion by C. Laird, that the matter be left in the hands of the South riding members and the Engineer to take what action they thought necessary, was seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

From Department of Lands and Survey.

Acknowledging receipt of letter requesting that certain land, parish of Orings be permanently reserved for water supply purposes and that the application would be dealt with in due course. Received.

From Secretary to the Law Department.

That a Writ of Redivivus Potestatem had been forwarded to the Hon. D. Coult M.P. to enable him to administer the oaths in respect of the office of Justice of the Peace to the President of the Shire Council of East Loddon.

Received.

From Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Office that requests for public holidays on 7th and 14th October have been granted.

Do.

General Business

C. Coult moved that £10.10.0 be granted C. Laird for deputation and conference expenses.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Exhibit to Ross report 13/10/1896

Councillor Ross desired permission to wire net certain blocks of land in on the Serpentine Estate as shown on a plan produced, to enable him to cope with the rabbits.

C^r Fuller moved that permission be granted to the lessees of the Serpentine Estate to enclose at their expense the blocks of land as shown upon the plan, as provided for in Sections 58 and 59 of the Victoria District Act 1890, No 1153.

Seconded by C^r Laird. Carried
 C^r Jackman ^{and Ross} refrained from voting
Instructions to Officer

C^r Bennett
 That the Engineer get a box culvert inserted in channel opposite M. Smiths property, north from Serpentine
 Seconded by C^r Laird. Carried

C^r Fuller
 That the Engineer get a small culvert constructed near Bonnets and other repairs on road between Myers Creek and Dinger, known as the Turner's road. Seconded by C^r Jackman. Carried

By permission of the Council
 C^r Fuller moved that tenders be called for the construction of a by-pass at the Tang Tang Reservoir
 Seconded by C^r Jackman. Carried

Reports of Officers

The Rate collector reported receipts of rates £35.13.0 Received

The Treasurer reported receipts Rates current £26.2.0, arrears £9.11.0, Contractors deposit £3.6.0, Deferred deposit receipt and interest £28.6.4, Subsidy £402.14.8. Total £470.0.0.

Debit balance £575.9.6. Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and clauses dealt with as shown in Engineer's reports. Received

All motions on notice were deferred for one month.

Accounts

^{By} Accounts amounting to £207.13.4 were passed for payment on the motion of C^r Fuller, Seconded by C^r Laird. Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 20th November at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 20th day of November 1896

J. B. McCreag, President
 East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.15 am.

The President C. McEwen and
Councillors Porter, Ross, Hardy,
McEwen, Coulth and Bissett.

Apologies were made for C^r
Coulth and Laird.

Minutes of meeting held 16th Oct. 96 were read and confirmed. ^{(1) Porter} ^{(2) Lockman} Carried

Annual meeting

The Secretary having read the annual
statement of accounts and expenditures
etc. together with the auditors report
confirming to the correctness thereof.
it was moved by C. Coulth, seconded
by C. Bissett that the accounts be
now finally examined, settled
and allowed. Carried.

On the motion of C. Coulth, seconded
by C. MacEwen the auditors report
was received.

The President declared the meeting
closed and the Council resumed
the ordinary meeting.

Read and confirmed

President

Correspondence

The same councillors being present.
From Lands Dept.

That a strip of land two chains
in width at the N. E. corner allot
30⁰ parish of Quigee has been
permanently reserved for public

purposes, and that slips are now
being taken to temporarily reserve
for water supply purposes the
portion of land in question
not included in such per-
manent reserve. Carried.

Received

From Shire of Echuca

Asking co-operation by the appoint-
ment of a delegate to a con-
ference to be held at Melbourne
on 25th inst. to consider the
Constitution Act amendment Bill,
and more particularly that portion
relating to the franchise to women
and the one man one vote, with
a view of approaching the Leg^l
Council to have the bill amended.
C. MacEwen moved that co-operation
be granted. Seconded by C. Hardy Carried.

From Shire of Gordon

Asking if Council would con-
tribute part of the cost of a
stone crossing over Bullock
Creek on three chain roads between
Molega and Meliamo, estimated
cost £40.

Deferred for 1 month.

From Loddon C. Water Trust

That the trust had no objection
to the Council constructing a small
timber weir at Bullock Creek at
the offtake of Bissett's channel,
provided that the levels of the

notches and creek are made subject to the approval of the Trust Engineer.

Attention was directed to a crossing required by M. F. H. Wright at a cost of about £8. The work being necessitated by the backing up of the water in the creek by the temporary weir.

C. Coutts moved that the Trust Engineer prepare plans and estimate of cost of a weir, to be presented at next meeting. Seconded by E. Hardy ——— Carried —

From Loddon United Water Trust

Stating that one of the bridges over the Bridgewater Channel is unsafe and is being temporarily repaired, the cost being debited to the Shires' interest. A new bridge is an imperative necessity, and will cost from £100 to £120, the Trust asked to be informed if the Council would pay its share, amounting to about £75.

Consideration postponed to full next meeting.

From Susan Bennett, Yallock.

asking that a culvert run over by the Council on Fernicks road be replaced.

Left in hands of the Trust Engineer.

From Alexander Garden, Lessee of Albert Park estate, Terparitua.

Declining to remove embankments placed across the Pomahia Creek on the grounds that the terms of lease provide that improvements must be kept in repair, he referred the Council to the trustees of the late M. Edmonds who are the owners of the embankments.

C. Coutts moved that the same notice as was served on M. Garden be now served on the trustees of the estate. Seconded by C. Potter ——— Carried —

From R. H. Fletcher, Taudara State School.

Notifying that whooping cough had appeared in several families resident at Taudara & Yallock. ——— Received —

From J. A. Prior, Mitiamo.

Stating that the property occupied by him is valued above his yearly rental, and asking for a reduction.

Referred to Valuer for report.

From Margaret Granger, Mitiamo.

Soliciting reduction in rates. ——— Received — and request to be again considered before proceedings are taken for recovery of rates.

From Loddon U. Water Trust.

asking for cheque £4. 15. 11, towards proportion of working expenses of Trust for September quarter.

C. Jackson moved that the amount be passed for payments. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried.

From Andrew Chapman, Jarklan

Objecting to the lessors of the serpentine estate erecting a gate which the council had previously ordered to be removed.

Refers to members for the North riding, to report at next meeting.

From J. C. Martin

Drawing attention to amount of costs he had to pay in reference to the collection of his rates.

Received.

From Office of Lands and Survey

Stating that the railway department objected to the sale of road applied for by M^r H. C. Wilson at Yarraluen.

Do

From J. W. Tarnier, Minister of Agriculture (by wire) asking what, in the opinion of the rate collector, will be the average return of wheat per acre in the shire. The Secretary to reply four bushels.

Reports of Committees

Councillor Wissett on behalf of the Towns riding members reported having visited Poupapire Creek in connection with M^r E. H. Rodgers' complaint at last meeting relative to alleged obstructions placed in the creek by M^r S. Lardner. The members expected to find some 6 or 7 feet of water in the creek, but were surprised to find there was no water standing there that would run if the embankments were removed.

M^r Rodgers stated he would be satisfied if the obstructions were removed so as to allow a flow of water down the creek next winter.

C. Toller moved that the report be received, seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried

Councillor Jackson and the Shire Engineer reported having met the Railway Dept. Engineer at Dingle, in connection with the railway water drain. M^r McKersow promised to recommend the Ry. Dept. to vote the shire a sum of money sufficient to construct a culvert large enough to convey the flood waters across the roadway on the western side of railway.

line. A report from the Railway Dept might be expected in due course.

The report was received on the motion of Mr Bissett, seconded by Mr Hardy. ——— Carried —

The President reported having in company with Mr Buchanan and the Engineer, met a deputation from the Echuca Shire at that portion of the Picaminy Creek that had been obstructed, and found that the creek in places was blocked up and a complete system of irrigation adopted, not only crops being irrigated but also grass land. The Echuca representatives promised that the obstructions would be removed and also the subdrainage along the creek, and stated there would be no complaints in future.

The report was received on the motion of Mr Ross, seconded by Mr Potter. ——— Carried —

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported: rates current £46.7.0, rates arrears £11.18.0, dog fees 10/-; Nightingale fees 18/-, Hires of Hall £1.0.0 Total £60.8.0

Debit balance £735.18.10. ——— Received —

The Rate Collector reported receipts £480 £58.0.0, dog fees 19/- ——— Received —

The Shire Engineer's report was read & ——— Received —

Clause 1 — Received —

Clause 2. Relative to Mr McFlannagan's complaint that his property was damaged by water sent down the Shire channel, that as the embankments placed across the channel were cut by some unauthorised person the Council was not liable — was received — Carried —

Clause 3. Reporting inspection of the diversion of water from Bullock Creek on Messrs Kaye's land. Mr Bissett moved that a copy of the clause be forwarded to the London & N. H. Trust, seconded by Mr Potter. ——— Carried —

Clause 4. Suggesting that tanks be cleared out in the east riding. Mr Buchanan moved that the tanks near Camerons be cleared out at once. That tenders be called for draining out the remainder. Seconded by Mr the President — Carried —

Tenders

Contract No 199. Drye mark Tang Tang.

Two tenders received. Lowest tender Mr Telt £36.13.4. Mr Hardy moved that the tender of Richard Telt be accepted. Seconded by Mr Bissett — Carried —

General Business

C. Coult moved that notice be served on Messrs Hayes Bros to remove obstructions on Bullock Creek fork. mth. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Coult moved that the Angians get crossings made over water channel opposite Morris Tinsell's property. Septimus. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Jackson moved that the Secretary write to the railway department asking if authority had been given to the station master at Dingee to refuse anyone a bucket of water from the railway dam. Seconded by the President. Carried.

The President moved that a pipe culvert be constructed on roadway adjoining Prairie railway station, to lead water into the railway tank, also that earthworks be placed over bridge on Trimney Creek east from Prairie. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Gissett alluded to a complaint by M. McHardy who wanted a culvert made and obstructions removed at the water course near his place at Septimus. It was decided to defer the matter for inspection before next meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to make making applications for authority to pay the interest in connection with the Loddon United Water Trust.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £158.15.3 were ^{sent} passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson, seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

All motions on notice were postponed for one month.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 18th December 1896 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Septimus this 18th Day of December 1896

J. B. W. President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon

The president C. McCrea and councillors
Haray, Potter, Coulter, Laird, Bisell
and Jackson.

Minutes of meeting held 20th November
1896 were read and on the motion of
C. Jackson seconded by councillor
Potter

Carried

Correspondence

From Miss J. Ballan.

Requesting cooperation in maintaining
the existing bonus on fox scalps

Received

From J. T. Carlin, secretary of the Sparrow
Suppression Conference held at Bendigo
on the 31st of October, soliciting cooperation
and asking the appointment of a
representative on the conference, and
for an annual subscription of not
less than £2.

C. Laird moved that sympathy be
granted. Seconded by C. Jackson

Carried

From Crabbe, Cohen and Kirby, relative to
the embankments placed across the
Pompapies Creek on the Albert Park
Property, stating that the excavators
resided in different places and the
matter referred to will require their
consideration.

Received

From D. E. A. DeRavin, health officer for the
North and South ridings.

Reporting the health of the ridings
to be in a very satisfactory
state.

Do

From Water Supply Department.

Stating that permission was granted
to the council to apply £249.1.5
of its funds towards payment of
interest on Loans to Loddon United
Water Trust, and requesting that
the amount be paid as early
as possible.

Received

From Constable Foley

Tendering his resignation
as Suspector of Nuisances for North
and South ridings, and recommending
Constable Fictor as his successor.

C. Laird moved that the resignation
be accepted. Seconded by C. Hardy

Carried

C. Potter moved that Constable Fictor
be appointed Suspector of Nuisances
and Slaughter Yards for the North
and South ridings. Seconded by
C. Hardy

Carried

From Miss J. Gordon, (deferred from last
meeting) asking if the Council
would contribute part cost of a
stone crossing over Bullocky Creek
on a clay road between Molega
and Milambo at an estimated cost
of £40.0.0.

The president reported that he had
visited the place and found it
was over a mile out of the Shire
boundary. He moved that the
Council decline to join in the
cost. Seconded by C. Jackson

Carried

From Loddon United Water Trust.

(Depured from last meeting)

Asking if the council would pay its share, amounting to about £75, of the cost of a new bridge over the Bridgewater Channel.

On the motion of C^r Bisset and Coulter, the matter was held over, C^r Bisset stating that now the bridge alluded to had been repaired it would last a long time. Carried

From Messrs Chapman (deputed from last meeting)

asking for the removal of a gate in the parish of Sackham.

C^r Hardy moved that the matter be postponed for one month to allow of the attendance of C^r Ross.

Seconded by C^r Jackson. Carried

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates
£24.1.0

Received

The Treasurer reported receipts rates £24.1.0

Contractors deposits £1.15.0 Total

£25.16.0 Overdraft £868.19.7 Do

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

General Business

Poupaire State Forest

Councillor Laird moved that the Government be asked to take steps to destroy the rabbits and to fence the forest in with wire netting. Seconded by C^r Hardy. Carried

The Laanecoorie Weir

Councillor Coulter alluded to the action of the people residing in the vicinity of the Laanecoorie Weir in endeavouring to get the flow of water down the river stopped and moved that the Minister of Water Supply be written to and thanked for past consideration, at the same time pointing out the injustice that was trying to be done to the people down the river, and urging that the request be refused. Seconded by C^r Laird. Carried

C^r Coulter referred to the agitation in favor of gristing in bond, which if carried into effect would be greatly against the interests of the wheat growers and farmers in the county. He moved that the Secretary write to the Minister of Customs strongly protesting against the proposal.

Seconded by C^r Jackson. Carried

The President moved that the Secretary write to the Railway Department requesting that the dam at the Taines railway Station be cleared out. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

C. Coulter desired to know if proper steps had been taken by the Echuca Council to block up the drain on the Ticanimny Creek. Timber should be used in the works, as earthwork would be of no use.

The President replied that as yet no letter had been received from the Echuca Shire.

C. Coulter asked if any reply had been recd. relative to the refusal of the Station Master at Dinger to allow people to take water from the railway dam.

The President said the Secretary had not written to the Dept. thinking it better to first communicate with the Station Master - who replied stating that he had not received any instructions to prohibit the use of water, and denying that he had ever done so.

C. Coulter said he had the statements of residents that the S.M. had said he had instructions not to allow the water to be used.

Councillors for the various ridings were authorised to have repairs effected to bridges and culverts damaged by rabbits.

Instructions to Officers
By C. Laird

That the Rate Collector use his best endeavours to get in the rates by 30th instant.

By C. Dixon

Engineer to make survey and estimate of water channels along Poupapirai Creek as far as Mr. John Rogers property.

By C. Coulter

Engineer to examine and report on cost of constructing roadway by Shaws, and on road west from Church of England. Yallook

By C. Coulter

That the Engineer call tenders for clearing out tanks in the Tamarooka Village Settlement.
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £474. 5. 6 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McMahon and Potter. Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 15th January 1897 at 11 am

Read and confirmed as foregoing this 15th day of January 1897

J. B. Moore President
East Loddon Shire