

Present at 11.50 am.

The president (C. Coult) and Mr. McLean, Jackman, Hardy, Potter, Gill, Bissett and Coult.

Minutes of meeting held 21st Nov. 1899 now read and confirmed on the motion of C. Potter, seconded by C. Jackman.

Carried

From Bank of Victoria, Limited.

Notifying the intention of the board to pay off, on the 13th day of March 1900, with accrued interest to that date, all its deferred deposit receipts which matured on the 13th day of March since in the years 1900 and 1905 respectively. Interest will cease on the amount on the 13th March 1900.

Received

From Shire of Borung.

Asking support towards raising a fund to be offered as a reward for an effective scheme for the wholesale destruction of sparrows.

Consideration deferred.

From Shire of Kilos.

Seeking cooperation in inducing the Government to take active and effective steps to cope with the crime of sheep and cattle stealing, which is increasing in the colony, and drawing attention to the inadequate sentences passed lately by some of the judges on sheep stealers at Kyretown, Northam

and Maryborough; also urging the passing of an act to enforce the registration of brands throughout the colony, with heavy penalties for persons found with cattle or sheep with mutilated brands or marks in their possession. Mr. Jackman moves that cooperation be granted. Seconded by Mr. Coult.

From Secretary for Agriculture.

Asking if Sturtwood is growing in any part of the shire, and what action the council is taking to enforce the provisions of the Timber Act. Received. Secretary to supply information.

From Lands Department, asking if the land applied for by W.E. Fr. Edwick, in the Parish of Yarragoe can be sold under Section 76 Land Act 1890.

Mr. Jackman moves that the matter stand over for one month. Seconded by C. Gill.

Carried

From Lands Department

Asking if the Council shall object to the occupation, under a grazing license, of the 20 acre piece, near Dyants, Melbourn.

Consideration deferred till next meeting, on the motion of C. McLean seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried

From Water Supply Department.

Regretting that there is not sufficient water for the supply of Yamague Channel.

Received

From William Dody, Frank Dody and Mr. E. Johnson. Taurimber Creek.

Drawing attention to the way pigs are allowed to pollute the water in Bean Laguna. As the water has to be used for drinking purposes, the writer considers it injurious to health. C. Gell moved that the matter be referred to the Inspector of Nuisances, with instructions that he take steps to abate the nuisance. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried

From Secretary, Shire of Echuca.

Bringing under notice the following resolution passed at a special meeting of that Council:

"That this Council donate the sum of £500 to a fund to provide the expense of sending a third contingent of bushmen, or other troops, to South Africa, and that donations be solicited from all British subjects within the Shire for the purpose. It was desired that immediate co-operation be accorded in forming a joint municipal fund, and that the Mayor of Melbourne be asked to act as treasurer.

Consideration postponed for our wants.

From Jas. H. Pictor

Tendering his resignation as Inspector of Nuisances and Sanitary Officer for the North and South Ridings, and suggesting that Constable Weppler be appointed to the position.

The resignation was accepted on the motion of Mr. Hardy and Peter, and on the motion of C. Gell and Jas. H. Pictor Constable Oswald Weppler was appointed to the position.

Carried

From E. A. DeFaria

Health Officer for North and South ridings, applying for two months' suspension of his leave of absence.

C. Bissett moved that the request be granted. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried

Reports of Committees

The president reported that as instructed he had endeavoured to make arrangements with the former caretaker of the Dinger's bridge to take the bridge for 3 months at the reduced charges. He declined to do so, and he then waited upon Mr. Dodge who expressed his willingness to take charge of the bridge at a percentage of 90% on the takings under the reduced charges, the period being for 3 months. From what the president could ascertain

The bridge was giving every satisfaction.

On the motion of C^o Jackson and Hardy, a hearty vote of thanks was passed the president for the very satisfactory manner in which he had arranged matters. ———— Carried

Reports of Officers

The rate collector reported receipts of rates amount £1063.7.6

Rates amount £42.17

Dog fees 3.15 Total £1109.19.6

Received

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates amount £1063.7.6; rates amount £42.17.0; Dog fees £3.15.0. Instalment D. D. Receipts £45; Interest 78 and 10/10. Total £1124.5.0.

Credit balance £880.10.1. ———— Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received.

Clause 2 giving the cost of constructing a small bridge over the road near Mithams R.R. was dealt with by notice of motion.

Clause 3. Relative to work executed by M^r Hussey at Calveil under the direction of C^o Gell was received and on the motion of C^o Jackson seconded by C^o Potter the amount was passed for payment. ———— Carried

General Business

Authority was given C^o Potter to expend up in cutting star drains on road to the Mappo Lane bridge

C^o Jackson drew the Engineer's attention to the necessity for removing some wood left by a contractor on road near Thier's farm. Yallock.

C^o Gell said something happened 13 years ago that he would like pursued. An amount of £9.1.0 for work at McDonalds Swamp, was debited to the North riding, whereas the swamp was a mile and three quarters in the East riding. C^o Gell moved that the East riding refund the amount seconded by C^o Hardy. ———— Lost

The motion was Lost.

C^o Gell moved that the Engineer be instructed to obtain a chain for the pump at Peans Lagoon. Seconded by C^o Perrett. ———— Carried

The President moved that the Engineer obtain a few loads of gravel for the maintenance of the approaches to the Dinges Mughbridge. Seconded by C^o Jackson. ———— Carried

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £1098.18.2 were passed for payment on the motion of C^o Gell seconded by C^o

Bisett

Carried

Law CostsClosed Roads CasesSkypur v. Hoie

C. McCra moved that each party pay an equal share. Seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried

Mrs. Gill, Hardy & Potter voting against

Motion on Notices

C. Bisett moved that the day of meeting be altered to from third Friday in the month to the third Wednesday. Seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried

Notices of Motion

By C. McCra.

That funds be called for constructing a small bridge over drains near the Victoria St. Supture Right.

By C. Coulters.

That funds be called for cleaning out and enlarging the drain near old Commercial Hotel Serpentine.

Finance Committee Report

15.12.99.

Was submitted showing payments amounting to £231.4.6 was adopted on the motion of C. Bisett, seconded by C. McCra.

Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday the 21st February 1900 at 11 a.m.

Grad and Lou joined at Serpentine this 21st day of February 1900

L. P. Fuller, President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

The President (C. Coulter) and Councillors
McEwen, Jackman, Gill, Hardy, Potter,
Bissett and Coult.

Minutes of meeting held January 19th
1900 were read and approved
on the motion of C. McEwen, seconded
by C. Bissett. Carried.

Correspondence

From City of Dunedin.

Asking for a representative to be
appointed on a deputation to the
Minister of railways, to again bring
under his notice the advantages to
be secured to the colony in the
construction by two short lines
of railway, Viols Town to Madia
and Rushmore to Goornong,
and to request that the question
be remitted to the Railway Standing
Committee.

C. Jackman moved that C. Bissett
attend the deputation. Seconded by
C. Gill. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon R. W. Trust.

Requesting cheque for £8. 3. 6,
council's proportion of rates, exp.
for December quarter.
C. Hardy moved that the amount
be passed for payment. Seconded
by C. Jackman. Carried.

From Water S. Department.

Asking if there are any water supply
objections to the issue of a grazing
license under section 123 L. Act 1890
over the Tang Tang Water reserve.

C. Jackman moved that the
council strongly oppose the
alienation of the reserve in any
form. Seconded by the President. Carried.

From Shire of Mildura.

Asking the council to give every assist-
ance in inducing the Minister of
Defence to encourage the formation
of volunteer rifle corps.

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

From Mrs. Dooey.

Asking that an obstruction be
removed from road running north
from bridge and leading to water
liff on Bear's Lagoon, the road
being fenced across and there being
no way of getting to the liff without
going through private property.

C. Gill moved that the road be
opened. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Constable Neppner.

Accepting position of Suspectors
of slaughter yards and nuisance,
North and South ridings. Carried.

From Water S. Department.

Asking if the council still
object to a grazing license

being issued over a 20 acre reserve near Bryants late residence, parish of Mlhamo.

C. M. Carr moved that no objection be offered to the reserve being occupied under a grazing licence. Seconded by the President Carried.
C. Jackson voting against.

From Secretary for Lands.

Asking if the land applied for by W. E. W. Edwist in the parish of Yamaque could be sold under Section 76 Land Act 1870. without injury to public interests.

C. Bissett moved that the Council offers no objection. Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.
Crs Gill and Jackson voting against.

In reference to Echucashier's request for a donation in aid of the Bushman's Corps which was received at last meeting. C. Hardy moved that £50 be voted, £25 to the Bushman's Corps and £25 to the Patriotic Fund.

Seconded by C. M. Carr Carried.
Crs Gill and Jackson voting against.

From Secretary L. U. Water Trust.

Forwarding resolution unanimously agreed to at a special meeting of the Loddon United Water Trust as follows:

"That Comr. Johns notice of motion that the Trust resign as a corporate

body) be held over until the next ordinary meeting of the Trust. And that a deputation of the whole Trust wait on the Ministers of Water Supply to discuss the whole question and ask for further concessions, and that the Ministers be invited to visit the Trust's district and make himself acquainted with the facts of the case.

Also asking the Council to strengthen the hands of the Trust in whatever manner it deems advisable.

C. Hardy moved that the President represent the East Loddon Shire Council on the deputation. Seconded by C. M. Carr Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £41.5.0, arrears of rates £2.19.0, Dog fees £7.15.0
Total £51.19.0 Carried.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £41.5.0, arrears of rates £2.19.0, Dog fees £7.15.0, Nightingale fees £4.13.2, Hire of Hall 17.
Total £57.7.2.
Overdrafts £161.3.11. Carried.

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

General Business

Mr. Bissett referred in sympathetic terms to the recent death of Mrs. Laird and the loss suffered thereby by Mr. Laird and family.

He moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. Laird.

Mr. Coult's seconded the motion, bearing testimony to the esteem in which the deceased lady was held, as did Mr. McCrea, Hardy, Potter, Gills, Jackson and the President. Carried

The President wished instructions as to how applications for selection of Dinged timber reserves should be regarded. He had been asked to attend the last sitting of the Bendigo Land Board, but the matter not having been before the Council he requested postponement, which the Board agreed to. From what he could learn he believed the people in the vicinity did not want the reserve.

Mr. Jackson moved that the matter be held over till next meeting. Carried
Seconded by Mr. McCrea.

The President stated that in the interval he would call a meeting of those interested to consider the matter.

Mr. Jackson was granted permission to expend about £150 in repairing culverts at Taudara.

On the motion of Mr. Jackson the Engineer was instructed to ask the Ry. Dept to form approaches to the rails near Taudara Ry. Station.

The Shire Engineer was instructed to get trucks drawn out at Camps Evans & Millers.

On the motion of Mr. McCrea seconded by Mr. Jackson the President was empowered to arrange with Mr. Hester for a supply of water from the well in his paddock. Carried

Mr. Gills moved that the Engineer take steps to have all wells permanently closed during the winter months. Carried
Seconded by Mr. Hardy.

Mr. Gills moved that the Engineer take steps for the removal of sand in front of the Satchell Post Office. Carried
Seconded by Mr. Potter.

Accounts.

Accounts amounting to £579.9 were passed for payment on the motion of Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Carried

Motion on Notice

By Mr. McCrea
For the construction of a small bridge & approaches near Maitland Park.
To stand over

By A. Coates:

For the construction of a bank
at Sceptons near Commercial
Hotel. Secured by A. P. Smith. Carried.
Under returnable in 14 days.

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to
Wednesday 21st March 1900 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Sceptons this
21st day of March 1900.

Remain fully persuaded
East Loddon Shire.

Present at noon.

The president (F. Coulter) and C.
Jackman, McCrea, Lamb and
Hardy.

Minutes of meeting held 21st February
1900 read and confirmed on the
motion of C. Jackman. Secured
by C. Hardy. Carried.

Correspondence

From A. Jamieson

Asking the Council to allow him
£7 for rebuilding the shire pile
driving machine

C. McCrea moved that the Shire Eng.
report on the matter. Secured by
F. Lamb. Carried.

From J. H. Coulter, Yallock

Applying for permission to construct
water catchment ^{culvert} draw across the
north and south road opposite
his residence.

F. McCrea moved that permission
be granted, the work to be done
under the supervision of the Shire
Engineer. Secured by C. Hardy. Carried.

C. Jackman strongly objected
on the grounds that such drains
would be the cause of accidents.

From Henry Jackman, Tansard.

Drawing attention to a bank
put across north and south road
1/2 a mile north of circumer, which

deters him from getting a fair supply of water which runs up the north road. The water asked to know who gave the authority and on what grounds. Received

From W. L. Thomas Junr.

Objecting on public grounds to the alienation of the Dinger furwood preserve.
Held over for next meeting.

Reports of Officers

From Constable Neppner, Inspector of Nuisances

Reporting that Shire was in a sanitary condition and asking that the provisions of part 1 of the Police Offences Statute 1890 be extended to Shire Received

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £9.16.0, rates arrears £2.5.0, dog fees £3. do

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £9.16.0, rates arrears £2.5.0, dog fees £3, Neighbourhood fees £4.14, Slaughtering Licenses £3. Total £21.2.4.

Overdraft £300.2.10.

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

Reports of Committees

The President explained that in the absence of C. J. Peter and Dissart he would hold over his report of the deputation to Melb^o re the Loddon United Water Trust till next meeting, as well as the result of the public meeting relative to the alienation of the Dinger furwood preserve. Agreed to

General Business

On the motion of the President seconded by C. Jackson the Sec. retary was instructed to write Mr. Aitken Sec. Tardara asking him to share portion of the cost of draining out paths near M. J. Williams premises, Yallock. Carried

C. M. Cera moved that the Engineer get the paths at Station Yard, Princes, drained out and enlarged. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

The President drew the Engineer's attention to the alleged insufficient waterway at Tang Tang Outlet.

The President moved that the Sec. retary again write to the Shire of Shire Council drawing their attention to share of cost of work on boundary road at J. Gows premises, Kamarooka. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £255.5.9
were passed for payment on the
motion of C. McCrea, seconded by
C. Hardy. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By C. McCrea,
That tenders be called for
culvert and formation near N. N. E. A.
Edwards residence, Melbourn.
Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Notice of Motion

By the President,
That the resolution contained in the
minutes of ordinary meeting held 19.1.1900
appointing the 3rd Wednesday in the
month be rescinded, and that the
3rd Friday in the month be substituted
therefor.

The meeting then closed, and the Council adjourned to
Wednesday 18th April 1900 at 11 a.m.

Read and confirmed at Secretarys this
18th day of April 1900

W. W. Fuller President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 11.30 a.m.

The President (J. Coulter) and Councillors
McCrea, Hardy, Gibb, Pissett, Jackson
Potter and Lamb.

Minutes of meeting held 21 March 1900
were read and confirmed on the
motion of C. Jackson, seconded
by C. McCrea. Carried.

Correspondence

From Treasury, Melbourne.
Forwarding account for £390.10.5
and warrant for half year ending
30th June 1900, for completion. Received.
Attended to by President, Treasurer
and Secretary.

From Secretary Empire Patriotic Fund,
acknowledging receipt of £85.7.6 Shire's
contribution, and £25 to the Rushmore
Fund. Received.

From Lands Department.
Asking if the Council has any objections
to the sale of certain lands in the
parish of Melbourn.
Referred to Echuca Shire, the land
not being within its area.

From Railway Department
Noting the instructions had been
given to allow the Contractors to proceed
with the clearing out of the dam
on Railway reserve at Prairie. Received.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, requesting that any suggestions or motions for consideration at the next quarterly meeting may be sent not later than the end of May. Received.
To be considered at next meeting.

From Post and Telegraph Department. Requesting that branches of wires growing in the streets at Serpentine and on Mr. Coult's estate near the tower be cut clear of the telegraph line. C. Laird moved that the matter be left in the hands of the Shire Engineer with power to get the poles re-moved in accordance with letter sent to the Department. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From D. E. A. Davison stating that he had resumed duty as health officer, and thanking Council for consideration and courtesy in granting him leave of absence. Received.

Reports of Officers

From Constable Neppner Inspector of Nuisance. N. S. Redings, reported that the shire is in a healthy and sanitary condition. do.

The Rate Collector reported collections as under. Rates current £5.9.0; rates arrears £; Dog tax £. Total £7.9.0. do.

The Treasurer reported receipts Rates current £5.9.0; rates arrears £; dog fees £; Contractors Deposits £.11.0. D. balance. £391.12.9. Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Received. Clause 1. C. Laird moved that the Engineer get the old water lifts from Serpentine the erected at the new saw. Seconded by C. Pissitt. Carried.

Clause 2. asking for instructions re mill sunk near Ernie's property Taudara. was allowed to stand over till September 1900 meeting. on the motion of C. Jackson, seconded by the President. Carried.

Reports of Committees

The President reported re the deputation from the Council to Melbourne in reference to the Loddon United Water Trust's affairs, the particulars of which C. Potter referred to the recent conference of municipalities on water questions at which resolutions were adopted and afterwards submitted to a meeting of the Loddon U. W. Trust which made certain amendments. The conference of municipalities constituting the trust was the outcome of a visit of the Minister of Water Supply and officers of the Dept. to the district to inspect the trusts work etc, as provided the deputation from municipalities and trusts when invited, having the Premier. Minutes of the conference

and Trust ^{meeting} was read by the Secretary.
C. Potter also referred to his action in attending a meeting of the Porton Shire Council to discuss the recession of area, and the Secretary produced a plan showing recessions proposed to be submitted to the Trust for confirmation.

C. Jackson moved that the Council agree with the resolutions adopted by the Loddon U. N. Trust, as amended by the Porton Shire Council, and that the Trust ask the Minister to base the liability on the reduced area, the rate not to exceed 6 in the £. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried
unanimously

Votes of thanks were passed to the President & C. Potter & Bissett for attending deputations etc on water supply matters.

C. Bissett reported having attended a deputation at Melbourne re a Cross-Country railway line from Viola Town to Frederic. Three different proposals were placed before the Minister, who promised to place the matter before the Cabinet.

On the motion of the President, seconded by C. Hardy a vote of thanks was passed to C. Bissett.

Finance

Accounts amounting to £187.4.0 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McCrea. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried

The Dungee Firwood Reserve

Letters were read from Messrs N. J. and J. W. Rawlinson, W. B. Thomas Junr and J. W. Rawlinson objecting to the alienation of the Dungee firwood reserve. The Land Officer at Bendigo, also made asking the Council's view relative to selection of the reserve.

The President reported relative to a public meeting held at Dungee on 12th ultimo, to consider the question of the alienation or otherwise of the reserve at which the following resolutions were carried the voting being 14 for and four against.

"That this meeting being of opinion that the land in the parish of Dungee known as the Dungee firwood reserve is no longer needed for such purposes (excepting an area of 16 acres for recreation and drainage purposes) respectfully recommends the East Loddon Shire Council to agree to the alienation thereof."

C. McCrea moved that 120 acres on the western side of the reserve be permanently reserved for recreation and other purposes, no objection to be offered to the balance being thrown open for selection. C. McCrea stated there appeared to be a difference of opinion between the people interested, and he considered his motion would meet the case.

The motion was seconded by C. Hardy and carried unanimously.

Carried

C. Jackson moved that the President

and Secretary be authorised to attend the Land Board when applications for the alienation of the reserve now being dealt with, to see that the Council's interests were preserved. Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

General Business

C. McCrea moved that fresh tenders be invited for culvert and approaches near W.E.B. Edwicks housestead, East from Mitama returnable in our next. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Potter objected, remarking that the tenders should be returnable at the next ordinary meeting.

C. Potter moved that the Engineer inspect road near Silasian Downs brookbed and order the removal of a hollow log culvert placed through a formation.

C. Pissett moved that a light fence be placed round the new dam at Sappantua. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried. Fences returnable in 7 days.

C. Peter moved that about 12 chains of formation be loaned on boundary road with North and South ridings, near Mr. Bell's property. Seconded by C. Pissett. (Fences returnable in 7 days.) Carried.

C. Hill moved that the Engineer have stumps etc removed from N. and S. road, between Messrs Doolans & Kinuan's properties Parish of Galilee. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

On the motion of C. McCrea, seconded by the President, the Engineer was instructed to get the drain cleared out near Mr. Dykes store at Mitama, and repair the roadway by metalling. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By C. Coalter
Engineer to furnish an estimate of the cost of loaning formation opposite Kitchin's dam, West from Taudara by Pottier.

Motions on Notice

By the President
That the resolution contained in the minutes of ordinary meeting held 19th January appointing the 3rd Wednesday in the month as the day of meeting be rescinded, and that the 3rd Friday in the month be substituted therefor. Seconded by C. McCrea and C. Lass. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 16th May 1900 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Sappantua this 16th day of May 1900

J. W. Foster President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at noon.

The President (C. Coulton) and Councillors
Jackson, McCrea, Hardy, Gill, Potter,
Bissett and Laird.

Minutes of meeting held 18th April 1900
were read and confirmed on the motion
of C. Jackson, seconded by C. McCrea Carried.

Correspondence

From Councillor W. J. Coats, Telegram from
Melbourne, "Will you kindly grant me
leave of absence unavoidably delayed
on business"
C. Bissett moved that leave of absence
be granted. Seconded by C. Gill Carried.

From Secretary Shire of Kimbly.

Stating that his Council was prepared at
any time to carry out the agreement
entered into on 4th May 1899, to pay 1/3
of the cost of the expenditure (£40) in
full payment of Council's claim, the offer
being made without prejudice in the
event of its not being accepted.
C. McCrea moved that the offer be accepted.
Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Dungee Rifle Club

Soliciting a donation.
Consideration deferred until next
meeting.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates
current £20.14.0; Rates arrears £1.14.0

Dog fees of J. Leesons £1; Contractors
deposits £3.14.0; Government Endowments
£290.10.5. Total £318.2.5.
Overdraft £268.6.1. Received.

The Rate Collector reported collections as under.
Rates current £20.14.0; arrears of rates
£1.14.0; dog fees of Total £22.18.0 Do.

The Inspector of Nuisances (Constable Wappes)
reported that the shire was in a fairly
satisfactory condition and free from any
cause for complaint. Do.

The Health Officer, D. E. W. Drurie

Reported that the health of the North and
South ridings is very good, there being
no cases of infectious or contagious
diseases. Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Received.

Clause 3, 5 & 6 was dealt with by
Notice of Motion.

Clause 2. Regarding the acceptance
of the following tenders was approved
and adopted on the motion of C. Gill
seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

Culvert near Edwicks, Utiamo. A. Jamison £58.12.10
Spanning near H. Gills property E. O'Neill 9.18.4
Fencing dam, Invercadd. J. G. Butler 4.15.0

Reports of Committees

The President reported having attended the
Land Board at Prudigo on the 10th
inst; when the disposal of the Dungee
furwood reserves was considered.

Present at 11.50 am.

The President (C. Coulton) and C^{rs} McCreo, Jackman, Laird, Coult, Bissett, Hill, Potter and Hardy.

Minutes of meeting held 16 May 1900 read and confirmed on the motion of C. Jackman, seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

Correspondence

From Royal Commission on Local Government Law, requesting Council's views on any amendments thought necessary in L.G. Laws. Held over for our month.

From Loddon U. N. Inst.

Requesting payment of £21.14.8, Council's proportion of the cost of repairing bridge over channel near Mr. Pegg's residence, parish of Bridgwater, also asking if the Council is prepared to bear portion of cost of repairing 2 other bridges on the same channel which are rapidly falling into a state of disrepair.

C. Potter moved that the amount claimed be paid. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

It was also agreed to pay proportion of repairs necessary to other bridges stated.

From Telegraph Dept. Melbourne.

Stating that the cost of transferring the telegraph poles at Leppentree to bring the wires clear of the street trees was estimated at £12, and asking if the Council would be prepared to contribute

£5 towards the work. C. Laird moved that the Council contribute the amount stated. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

From John Cheyne, Inklew.

Calling attention to the bad state of the one chain road leading from Raywood road to their boundary.

Deferred for Engineer's report.

From Town Clerk, Kew.

Relative to the movement for presenting a sword of honor to Major General Baden Powell. C. Laird moved that a subscription list be opened. Seconded by C. Bissett, who suggested that a list should be forwarded to each Councillor. Carried.

From Secretary Diogenes Rifle Club, seeking donation. C. Jackman moved that the sum of £5 be voted. Seconded by C. McCreo. Carried.

From Paul Lowe.

Requesting to be informed as to who removed his water culvert across a road in the parish of Calmick. Deferred for Engineer's report.

Petition

Presented by C. McCreo from Mrs. Kelly and 8 other ratepayers of Mitiamo and district, asking the Council to take action to prevent the removal of the post office at Mitiamo from its present position at the Railway Station. C. McCreo moved

that the Secretary write to the members for Mauderang and Guelowen, asking them to use their influence in having the post office retained in its present position.
Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £39.0.6; rates arrears £22.8.0; Dog fees £10, Hire of Hall £10.15.0; weigh-bridge £1.19.8 Total £372.3.2
Overdraft £19.13.3. Received.

The Rate collector reported collections.
Rates current £327.0.6; arrears of rates £22.8.0, Dog fees £0. Total £357.8.6 Do.

The Secretary's statement of municipal fund at 20th June was submitted and Do.

The Sanitary Engineer's report was read and Received.

Clauses 1 to 3 were received
Clause 4 re John Cheyner's request for construction of roads was referred to the Works judging members.

Clause 5 Relative to drains cut across roadways for conveyance of water, C. Laird moved that the Engineer report at next meeting as to places where crossings for water are required in the Street North and South ridings. Carried.

C^s Hardy and Hill voting against.

As to the matter of banked channels it was decided that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted. In this connection Mr Jas Jackson, of Yallock

waited on the Council and lodged a complaint against the permission given to Mr J. H. Coulter to put an embanked channel across the road to fill his dam, the overflow from which flooded Mr Jackson's property. He had no objection if provision was made to prevent his property from being inundated.

General Business

The Commonwealth Bill.

C^r Laird moved that the Secretary write to the Premier expressing approval of the Council at the satisfactory settlement of the 74th clause of the Commonwealth Bill.
Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

C^r Potter moved that the water channel be extended so as to reach Mr George Mahoney's land, parish of Kaitiki. Seconded by C. Hill.

The President ruled that the matter could not be dealt with until the Engineer had reported at next meeting.

C^r Priest moved that an effort be made to have inserted in the business sheet of the Municipal Association a motion for the amendment of the Thistles Act in the direction of compelling municipalities to cut all thistles on their roads. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

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C. M. Cress moved that tenders be called for formation east from the Prairie by St. Secured by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. M. Cress moved that the adjoining Shires be written to asking that the Councils on the Shires be increased from 2/6 to 5/-. Secured by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Potter referred to an increased valuation of 10% on property owned by Mrs. Hall in the parish of Sallaw. Valuer to report on the motion of C. Laird. Secured by C. Gill. Carried.

On the motion of C. M. Cress and the President the Engineer was instructed to have a few holes filled in our road north from F. Wood's farm Sallaw. Carried.

C. Hardy moved that the Secretary procure a supply of poisoned wheat for destruction of sparrows. Secured by C. Bissett. Carried.

C. Bissett moved that the Engineer get stumps removed from the Serpentine to Yarraggs roads. Secured by C. Laird. Carried.

Motions on Notices

By C. Potter.

Tenders be called for formations east from Calrice ch bridge, and near Havers on road west from Prairie by St.

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Secured by C. Gill. Carried.

By C. Potter

Tenders for formations North, east and west from South Calrice State School. Secured by C. Gill. Carried.

By the President

Tenders for leaning formation near J. Williams residence. Yallock. Secured by C. Jackson. Carried.

Returning Officers

For Elections 23rd August 1900.

The following were appointed on the motion of C. M. Cress and Jackson.

North Riding. C. Hardy.
South Riding. C. Bissett.
East Riding. C. M. Cress. Carried.

Notice of Motion

By C. Hardy.

That the Council take into consideration the advisability of constructing a new floor in the Shire Hall, Serpentine.

Accounts amounting to £225.17.0 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Hardy & Jackson. Carried.
The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 25th July 1900 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 25th day of July 1900.

W. Forester, President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.55 am _____
The President (C. Coulter) and Councillors
McCrea, Hardy, Gill, Brissett, Potter
and Laird.

Minutes of meeting held 20th June
1900 were read and on the motion
of C. McCrea, seconded by C. Laird
confirmed. _____ Carried.

Pensioners Books

The Secretary submitted the voter's lists
for the various ridings.

North Riding. J. I. Carruthers made
asking why his name had been
omitted from the North riding list,
seeing that he posted his rates on
the 6th June. The rate collector stated
that he had not received the money
till the 12th June. It was recognised
that nothing could be done in the
way of placing Mr. Carruthers' name
on the list.

C. Hardy moved that the North riding
list as revised be adopted. Seconded
by C. Gill. _____ Carried.

South Riding

There being no claims or objections
C. Laird moved that the South riding
list as revised be adopted. Seconded
by C. Brissett. _____ Carried.

East Riding

Claims for insertion on the East
riding list were received from William
Thomas Rawlinson, James Lewis
Rawlinson, George W. M. Wright, Duncan

Wright and William Wilson. C.
Coulter (Chairman) moved they be
added to the East Riding list. Secd
by C. McCrea. _____ Carried.
The East Riding rolls as revised
was then adopted on the motion
of C. McCrea, seconded by the Chairman Carried.

The rolls for the 3 ridings having been signed by the
Chairman the meeting closed.

Read and approved J. B. Faulter President.

Ordinary Meeting

The same Councillors being present.

Correspondence

From Sec. Municipal Association Public Health Dept.

Relative to enforcing the provisions
of the Straths Act in the direction
of obtaining a thoroughly efficient
system of inspection of dairies,
and suggesting that the registration
fee should give sufficient return
to cover the cost of inspection.

C. Hardy moved that the matter stand
over till next meeting with a view
of appointing an inspector. Seconded
by C. Potter. _____ Carried.

From W. Grylls, Dungeo

Complaining of the bad state
of the road fronting her land.
Parish of Dungeo. Engineer to report
on the motion of the President,
seconded by C. McCrea. _____ Carried.

From Sec. Municipal Association.

Stating in regard to proposed registration of Brands act, that the Agricultural Dept. had the matter under consideration, and would possibly introduce a bill during the present session of Parliament. Referred.

From Sec. Municipal Association.

Forwarding copy of Bill to authorize contributions by councils for rifle ranges, also copy of letter sent to members of the Legislative Council asking that the 2nd reading should not be carried until Councillors had an opportunity to express their views.

C. Laird moved that the Council decline to take any responsibility in connection with the establishment of rifle clubs. He considered it the Government's duty to take all responsibility. Seconded by A. Hardy. Carried.

From J. H. Cole, M.L.A.

In reply to Secretary's letter re Post Office, Witcomb, stating that he had received information from the Postal Department that a change had been made, and is to have a trial. Carried.

From J. H. Smith, Banker.

Stating that he thought the small sum of £25 would not be too much for what was required to be done on the road between the Raywood road and Godon Shire boundary. Referred to the North riding members.

From Robt. Dobbin, Cadrib, applying for a refund of 10% amount of rate alleged to have been wrongly charged. Value to report at next meeting.

From A. Samisow.

Offering to put with his interest in the Shire files during machine for £5, or he would give the council £1 for its interest.

C. Laird moved that the matter stand over for one month, Seconded by A. Bisett. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon C. D. Trust.

Asking for cheque £7 18 1 proportion allotted to the Council for working expenses of the trust for half year ended June 30th.

C. Laird moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by C. McLeod. Carried.

From H. H. Ross, Superintendent Estate.

1) Asking permission to cut a drain across the two chain road north from J. White's farm. Proposed and for the construction of culverts on same road for the conveyance of flood water.

2) Requesting that about 2 chains of way may be formed at the N.E. corner of paddock known as the "Wood paddock".

3. Asking for a supply of water down the River Channel.

C. Gill said the first request would be dealt with in the Engineer's report, and the second he would deal with under instructions to officers.

In connection with the third request he moved that application be made by the Secretary, to the Trust to have water laid down all the channels. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

From Stokes & Sons.

Inviting prices for medals commemorative of the Declaration of Peace in connection with the South African War. Received

From City of Bendigo

for 23rd July
Concerning Conference of bodies interested in the Eastern or Central route for proposed line of railway to Melbourne. The President (C. Coulter) explained that he was unable to represent the Council at the Conference at Bendigo, but if it were necessary he felt that the Council would join in sending a deputation to Melbourne.

C. Hardy, in speaking of the ultimate extension as the best of the proposed routes, moved that the President and Mr. Bissett be appointed to represent the Council on any deputation that may be sent to Melbourne. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

Petition

Presented by the President
From James Wilkin junr and 15 other ratepayers, requesting the Council to effect a change of a portion of the road leading from Serpentine to Tandara. M. J. O. Shaw whose property the proposed new road would traverse wrote that he was agreeable to the proposed change, and would give any necessary document agreeing to the transfer of the land required.

C. McLean moved that the matter stand over for one month, the Engineer to report in the meantime. Seconded by the President. Carried.

Tenders.

The following being the lowest tenders were accepted on the motion of C. Gill, seconded by C. Totten. Carried.

No 33 Formation culvert etc near Palmer's Doonans & Lewis properties, Calver's Robert Cobb. £26.18.6.

No 34 Box culverts and formations west from Prairie to the near Bailies & Lewis. R. Cobb. £20.12.0.

No 35 Leaming roads west from Tandara Railway Station R. Cobb £22.11.8.

No 36 Formation E. from Prairie Railway Sta R. J. Phillips £9.5.6.

No 37 Supplies for road N. of Raybon £28.4.

Reports of Officers

Dr. E. A. DeFavio, health officer for the North and South ridings, reported the health of the inhabitants to be good. — Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £114.18.0; arrears of rates £2.6.0; dog fees £15.0; Bonus statistics £7.11.1 — Husky Shire £40. Overdraft £84.17.2. — Do —

The Rate Collector reported collections Rates current £114.18; arrears £2.6. dog fees £15.0. — Do —

The Inspector of Nuisances N. and S. ridings reported his district to be in a sanitary state and free from complaints. — Do. —

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Received
Clauses 1, 2, 4, 7 read with by notice of motion.

Clause 3 stating that procured whips had been procured. The President moved that the ratepayers be supplied with procured whips for the destruction of sparrows free of cost on application to any of the Councillors at their residences. Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried —

Clause 5 Stating that no error had been made in the notice of J. J. Hall's property in the parish of Sacklaw was received and the clause — adopted —

Instructions to Officers

By C. Hill (1) Engineer to have about 1 1/2 chains formation constructed at the western end of culvert on road east from Roberts's late property, Sacklaw.
(2) About 1 1/2 chains approaches to Fragwell culvert near well on road east from ^{H.} Chayer's late residence.
(3) About 2 chains formation on roads referred to in H. Ross's letter.

By the President. Engineer to get hand rails fixed to culvert south from Carey's residence, Sandara, also small formations north from Dinges and East from J. Kennedy's residence, Yallock.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £195.12.3 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Hardy seconded by C. Bissett. — Carried —

Motion on Notice

By C. Hardy.

To take into consideration the advisability of fixing a new floor in the board room at Shire Hall, was held over till next meeting.

Notices of Motion

By C. Laird.

That tenders be called for the construction of culverts for the conveyance of water across roads in the North and South ridings.

By C. Gill

That tenders be called for culvert, formation and drain adjoining Mesian Downs brookbed paddock.

By C. Laird

1) That tenders be called for loaning formations on Serpentine and Kehua Roads, near Serpentine.

2) Tenders for loaning formations near McTulys residence, Tompapira

By P. Potter

That tenders be called for retarding the main canal water channel from N. Kiwans to Mahourys and providing the necessary culvert.

The meeting has closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday the 15th day of August 1900 at 11 and

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 15th day of August 1900.

W. H. Justice President.
East Loddon Shire

Shire of East Loddon
Annual Elections

23 August 1900

North Riding

Election of our councillor.

I hereby declare that the following votes were polled at the above election

James Mahoury 64 votes

John Potter 63 do

Majority for James Mahoury one vote

I therefore declare James Mahoury duly elected.

W. H. Justice Returning Officer
Serpentine 14/8/00.

South Riding

Election of our councillor

I hereby declare that the following votes were polled at the above election

Henry Palmer 53 votes

Donald Craig Laird 60 "

Majority for Donald Craig Laird 7 votes.

I therefore declare Donald Craig Laird duly elected.

W. H. Justice Returning Officer
Serpentine 14/8/00.

South Riding

Extraordinary Vacancy

James Alfred Shaw being the only ^{nominated} candidate, to fill an extraordinary vacancy in the place of William George Coult, resigned - I therefore declare the said James Alfred Shaw duly elected.

W. H. Justice Returning Officer
Serpentine 14/8/00

Shire of East Loddon

Annual Elections (Continued)

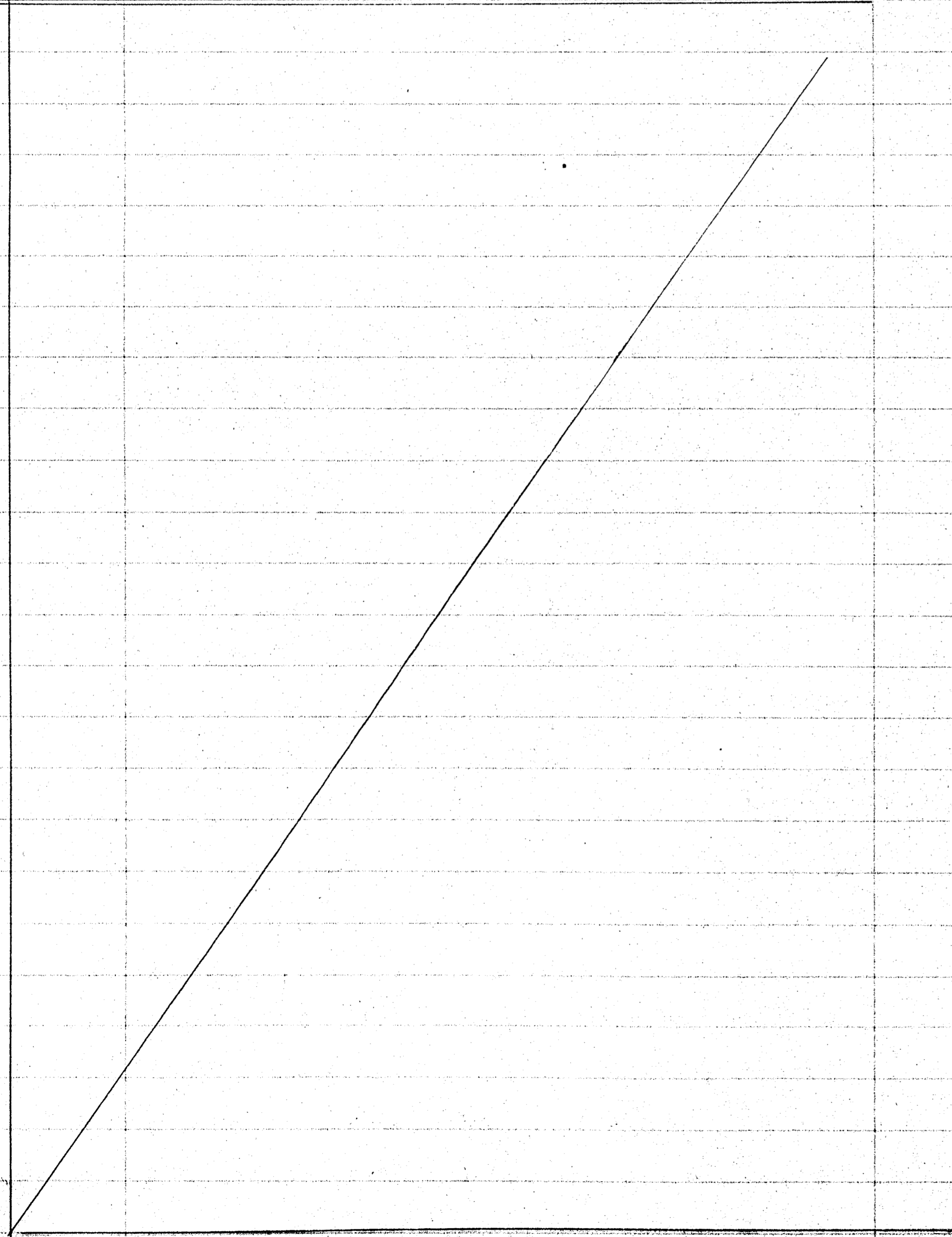
East Riding

David Wilson Coulter being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the East riding, I hereby declare him to be duly elected.

John B. McCrea

Returning Officer

Metamio 14/9/00



This Hall

Septentius

19th September 1900.

Election of President

The following Councillors being present Councillors Hardy, Gill, Jackson, McCrea, Priest and the newly elected Councillors Mahony, Shaw and Laird 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 1890-1891 numbers 1112 and 1243.

- 114 X D.W. Coulter X
- 120 X James Mahony X
- 126 X Jackson X

Declared at Septentius before me this nineteenth day of September 1900

Mr. Bennett J.O. X

Read and Confirmed at Septentius this nineteenth day of September 1900

114 J.M. Hardy + President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

C. Coulton (President) and Councillors
Laird, Bissett, Gills, Hardy, McCrea
and Potter.

Minutes of meeting held 25th July 1900 were
read and confirmed on the motion of
C. Laird seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

Correspondence

From C. W. J. Coult, tendering his resignation
as a member of the Council owing to
business affairs precluding him from
devoting either the time or attention that
should necessarily be given to municipal
matters, and thanking the Council for
the kindness shown to him while a
member.

C. Laird moved that the resignation
be accepted, and that the Council
place on record the regrets they felt
at C. Coult's retirement.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From Department of Lands & Survey.

Stating that the request of the Council
of the Council for such an exclusive
area for recreation and other purposes
within the timber reserve at Dinged
is unreasonable and asking the
Council to reconsider the matter.

C. McCrea moved that the Council
adhere to its former resolution, and inform
the department to that effect. Seconded
by the President. Carried

From Mounted Constable Neppner.

Tendering his resignation as Inspector
of Nuisances and Slaughtering for
the North and South ridings.

C. Laird moved that the resignation
be accepted. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

On the motion of C. Laird, seconded
by C. Gills, Mounted Constable La. Jock
was appointed to the vacant office. Carried

From Secretary Municipal Association, drawing
attention to the necessity for a thoroughly
efficient system of inspection of
dairies.

C. Gills moved that the Secretary
prepare the necessary bylaw.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From Public Health Department.

Acknowledging receipts of the annual
reports of the health officers (D. J. Dinnis
and Bill) and pointing out several
subjects which the reports should
embrace.

Received and referred to the Health
Officers.

From A. Jamieson - Relative to file driving
machine. was held over for our
month.

From Secretary Loddon Trust, notifying
date of Conference at Koroing Vale
in provision desired by the
L. & T. Trust. C. McCrea moved
that the President attend. Seconded
by C. Bissett. Carried

Reports of Committees

C. Gill reported that in company with B. Hardy he inspected the road asked to be made by Messrs Cheyres and J. H. Smith in the Parish of Salken. The work was necessary and C. Gill lodged notice of motion for the work to be done. Carried

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates amount £16.6.0; Dog fees 17 Total £17.10. Do.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates amount £16.6.0; dog fees 17, Slaughtering licences £1; Contractors deposits £4.7.0; Hire of Hall 17 Total £23.4. Do.
Grants £250.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Do.

Clause 2 re proposed road exchange at Yalton. Petitioned for at last meeting. Considered the proposal a good one.

The president moved that the change be effected. Seconded by C. McCrea Carried

Clause 3. Recommending to avoid accidents that about 20 chains of posts and wire fencing be constructed along the water channel on the Iron Hill road. Notice of motion lodged by C. Proctor.

Clause 4. Estimating cost of loaning formation on Echuca road and near Bean's Lagoon Post office at £92. Carried

Clause 5 That a new culvert was required on the Iron Hill road north from Ferguson's Estate. C. Tab lodged notice of motion.

Clause 6. Estimating cost of curbing formation near Miss Grylls's property Dinged at £154. Carried

Clause 7 Relative to request from B. Dobbin for production of rates. That the matter together with other would be reported on at next meeting. Carried

Valuer's Declaration

The sworn declaration of the Valuer Stephen Collins Jones was read and Carried

General Business

C. Potter moved that the Lands Department be written to asking for the permanent reservation of 10 acres at the North West corner of the Campaspe State Forest for recreation and building purposes.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

C. Potter intimated that he would be in Melbourne shortly, and would attend to the application if the Council desired. The offer was accepted.

C. McCrea moved that the Engineer get a small drain made for removal of surface water near McNamee's land Haywards.

C. Land moved that the Engineer report on cost of repairing Dods Haywood road north from J. Priestly and on road north from C. Duddy's residence.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Gill reported that in company with Mr. Hardy he inspected the road asked to be made by Messrs. Cheyres and J. H. Smith in the Parish of Sattlau. The work was necessary and Mr. Gill lodged notice of motion for the work to be done.

Received

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £16.6.0; Dog fees 15. Total £17.1.0.

Do

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current £16.6.0; dog fees 15; Slaughtering Licences £1; Contractors deposits £4.7.0; Hire of Halls 15. Total £23.3.4.
Gravel £250.

Do

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Do.

Clause 2 re proposed road exchange at Yalton. Petitioned for at last meeting. Considered the proposal a good one.

The President moved that the charge be effected. Seconded by C. H. Curd. Carried.

Clause 3. Recommending to avoid accidents that about 25 chains of posts and wire fencing be constructed along the water channel on the Inaw Hill road. Notice of motion lodged by C. Priest.

Clause 4. Estimating cost of forming formation on Echuca road and near Dean's Lagoon Post office at £92.

Received

Petition from ~~James~~ ~~Andrew~~ ~~James~~ & 15 other
ratepayers requesting the Council
to effect a change of a portion of the
road leading from Serpentine to Jordan
P520 25th July 1900

JA Shaw became a Councillor
14th Sept 1900

Engineer reported exchange a good one
The President (C. Coulter) moved that the
change be effected seconded by Cr Mc Crae
Carried. P529 15 Aug 1900

Copy have typed in full.

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relating

C. Bissett moved that the Engineer report on cost of repairing the footbridge near Mr. Hodger's farm. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £85.9.0 were passed for payment on the motion of C. M. Carr. Carried by C. Bissett.

Motions or Notices

By C. Hardy.

That tenders be called for fixing a new floor in the Shire Hall, Carried by C. Laird.

By C. Laird.

That tenders be called for constructing culverts for the conveyance of channel waters across roads in the North and South Ridings. Carried by C. Gill.

C. M. Carr voted against, as he considered it would be establishing a bad precedent.

By C. Gill.

For culvert formation and drain near Slesian Down moorland. Carried by C. Bissett.

By C. Laird.

That tenders be called for loaming formation on Scepter and Edusa roads and near Mr. Auley. Carried by C. Bissett.

By C. Carr (for C. Jackson) Tenders for grubbing near O'Donoghue's Tannery. Carried by the President.

Notice of Motion

By C. Gill.

For culverts and drains formation near Cheyres and Smiths. Carried by C. Carr.

By C. Hardy.

For culvert on Fraustill road north from Scepter Station.

By C. Bissett.

For fence adjoining channel on Fraustill road N. from Scepter.

By C. Bissett.

That a rate of 1 in the £ be struck on the net annual value of all the rateable property in the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1.10.00 and terminating 30.9.1901.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 19th September 1900 at 10 am.

Read and confirmed at Scepter this 19th day of September 1900

Wm. Hardy
President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

The president (C. Coulter) and councillors
McCarra, Jackson, Laird, Bissett, Shaw,
Mahoney, Gill and Hardy.

— Election of President —

The president said his term of office
had now expired. Before vacating the
chair he would give a brief statement
of the financial position of the shire.
The B. balance was £301, with also to
be passed amounting to £250, making
the total debit bank balance £551.
Against this there was the subsidy of
£500, and £50 miscellaneous, to be
received, which would leave a probable
debit balance on 30th Sept. of £201.

— Allowance to Incoming President —

Councillor Coulter moved that the
president's allowance for the ensuing
year be £60. Seconded by A. Jackson. — Carried. —

President Coulter moved that C. Hardy
be elected president for the ensuing
twelve months. Seconded by C. Gill. — Carried. —

C. Hardy in taking the chair thanked
councillors for the great honor conferred
on him, and would do his best to
deserve the confidence reposed in him.
He moved that a vote of thanks be
recorded the late president for the very
efficient manner in which he had
carried his duties. Seconded C. McCarra. — Carried. —

C. Coulter in returning thanks said he
had done all in his power to carry
out the duties of the position to the
credit of the Council.

On the motion of C. Coulter & Jackson
a vote of thanks was passed to the
officers for the satisfactory manner
in which they had carried out their duties
during the past 12 months.

— Committees —

The following were appointed:

Finance: C. Laird, McCarra, Mahoney,
Jackson and the president.

Public Works: C. Coulter, Bissett, Gill,
Shaw and the president.

Minutes of meetings held 15th August 1900 read and confirmed on the motion of their seconds
by C. Bissett.

— Correspondence —

From Ex-Councillor Potter.

Tendering his resignation as one of
the Council's representatives upon the
London United Water Trust.

C. Laird moved that Mr Potter be written
to asking him to reconsider his
decision. Seconded by the president
and carried unanimously, the pres-
ident and C. Bissett being deputed
to interview Mr Potter. — Carried. —

From Const. G. T. Brown, Mitham.

Forwarding account for 10/- for the
burial of a cow on one of the roads
near Mitham.

C. McCarra moved that the a/c be paid.
Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried. —

From Borough of Mangaraka.

Directing attention to the disability
delegates from country municipalities
labor under in having to pay railway

faces when proceeding to Melbourne on municipal business. It was suggested that application be made to the Govt for free passes for delegates on purely municipal business. Held over for consideration at the Municipal Association Conference.

From Shire of Taitor, with a request that the Parliamentary representatives be asked to oppose the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Forests by which owners or occupiers of grass lands will be required to burn fire breaks for a chain wide, on the ground that they would prove inadequate and dangerous, and urging that the duty should be thrown upon the Govt or the Shire Councils. — Received.

From Shire Council of Bruny. Stating that they notice that Parliament contemplates passing an Act to make it compulsory to destroy sparrows and asking if the Shire is in favor of such an Act being passed. Received and no action taken.

From Lower Shire re united action for the destruction of foxes, by a bonus of not less than 4/- a scalp, the Government to be asked to pay; failing this the Govt. to be asked to pay the amount paid by each Shire. — Received.

From Municipal Association Suggesting that the question of an

increase of the Govt. Municipal Subsidy should be made a first question with candidates at the coming elections, and that support be rendered only to those candidates who agreed to vote for an increase. Was held over for consideration at the municipal conference.

From B. Ball, Munica

Drawing attention to the filthy state of the water in the Shire pump at Bears Lagoon and suggesting that it be removed on to the Lagoon.

C. Gill moved that the Engineer engage labor to clean out the well. Seconded by the President. — Carried.

From Foot Ag. Society, soliciting donation. Held over for claimable vote. — Received.

Reports of Committees

C. Coulter reported relative to the conveyance and deputation re the application by the L. L. N. Trust for excision of 36 square miles, the E. L. division receiving excision of 36 square miles.

C. Laird moved that a vote of thanks be passed to C. Coulter & the Sec. for their action in the matter. Seconded by the President. — Carried.

C. Laird moved that the Trust be recommended to accept the offer of the Water S. Dept. to write off £975 on account of 36 square miles to be received in the East Lodon division of the Trust. Seconded by C. McCree. — Carried.

Ex. C. Potter reported in writing that the Minister of Lands expressed himself favourably disposed to the Council's application for the preservation of 10 acres in the N.W. corner of the Pompairek State Forest, but would have to consult with the Forestry Dept.

Resolved, and a vote of thanks passed to Ex. C. Potter for his action in the matter on the motion of C. Coulter and Gill.

C. Gill and the President reported having instructed the Engineer to repair road way leading to the Bears Lagoon Ground. The report was received and action approved of.

Reports of Officers

The rate collector reported collections Rates current £8.19.0; dog fees £1. Received

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current £8.19.0 Dog fees £1, total £9.19.0.

Overdraft £331.4.5. Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received.

Clauses 1 to 6 estimating cost of constructing various roads were received. Clause 7. Suggesting that P. Dobbin and J. O'Donoghue be refunded ten eleven shillings each, rates charged on building which were removed before the date of valuation in 1899. C. Gill moved

that the clause be adopted and the rate books amended accordingly. Secured by the President. Carried.

Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1900-1901

Moved by C. Laird. Secured by C. Coulter that this Council do now adopt and confirm the estimates for the year 1900-1901 ending 30th Sept. 1901 of the receipts and expenditure the sum of £2529.5.0 being required for the several purposes therein specified. Carried.

Moved by C. Coulter, seconded by C. Jackson that this Council do now adopt the net valuation submitted of all the rateable property within the Shire amounting to £34,085 as made by the Valuer in the year 1900. Carried.

Moved by C. Bissett, seconded by C. Jackson that to raise the sum of £1704.5.0 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 Oct. 1900 and ending 30 Sept. 1901. Carried.

Moved by C. Laird seconded by C. Coulter that the rate collector be directed to collect the said rate forthwith. Carried.

Tenders

The following tenders, being the lowest, were accepted on the motion of C. Gill, seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

No. 1 New Floor for Shire Halls.

J. G. Butler £24. 17. 9.

No. 2 Box culverts for conveying channel
waters N. T. ridings. A. Jamieson £45. 2. 8

No. 3 Culvert etc Silsian Downs
A. Jamieson £13. 10. 8

No. 4 Leaming Trenches Techeva Road.
J. Crapper £102. 9. 10.

No. 5 Leaming near M. Mulry. Poupapriet
A. Jamieson £39. 19. 8

No. 6 Gubbins at Kawaroka.
J. Crapper £7. 2. 6

General Business

C. Jackman moved that the Secretary
make application for 2 days' holidays
(10th to 11th Oct) through about the Shire for the
Bridging Show. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

Spoke relative to the necessity for a reduction

C. Jackman moved that the Secretary
of the Shire, on matters and
write to the Municipal Association ask-
ing that the question be placed on
the business sheet, other municipalities
and agricultural societies to be
requested to support the movement.
Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

C. Bisset moved that the Engineer report on
cost of graveling footpaths at Tepeutia,
and metalling opposite Post Office and
Speritine Hotel.

C. Laird moved that the Engineer obtain
a few trees for street planting at
Speritine. Seconded by C. Bisset. Carried.

C. McCrea moved that the Engineer get
a small formation made opposite the
Maitimo Flat School. Seconded by
C. Jackman. Carried.

C. Gill moved that the Engineer have
stumps removed from off roadways near P.
Kedous, Bear Lagoon. Seconded by
the President. Carried.

C. McCrea moved that the Engineer
report on cost of forming roadway near
Kedous old shop S. E. from Maitimo. Carried.

C. Bisset moved that the Engineer have
a movable screen constructed for
use at the front of hall door.
Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By C. Gill. Seconded by C. Mahoney.
That tenders be called for constructing
about 30 chs form^u & 2 culverts north
from Messrs Cheyne's property. Carried.

By C. Hardy. Seconded by C. Gill.
That tenders be called for constructing
a bre culvert near M^{rs} O'Brien's late
farm - Inau Hill road. Carried.

By C. Bisset. Seconded by C. Laird.
Tenders for constructing about 25 chains
fencing Inau Hill road. Carried.

By C. McCrea, Seconded by C. Jackson.
Tenders for Stone Crossings and
formations Serpentine and Educa Roads.
near Terrie's Station. Carried.

Notices of Motion

By C. Gibb,

That tenders be called for
extending the Calrib Channel
in an easterly direction from
the Calrib Causeway about one
mile.

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called for
constructing formations etc on the
Serpentine and Dungee roads, between
Lax's farm and the Township.

By C. Booth

That tenders be called for constructing
footbridge over Bullock Creek near J.
Cargers residence, Poupapies.

Accounts amounting to £250.12.5 (1900)
passed for payment on the motion of
C. McCrea seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday
17th October 1900 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 17th day
of October 1900.

D. W. Foulter
President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

Councillors Laird, Bissett, Coulter, Shaw, Mr. Gera Mahoney, Jackson and Gill.

The President C. Hardy made apologies for his absence through ill health.

The Secretary was instructed to forward President Hardy a letter conveying the sympathy of the Councillors.

Councillor Coulter was voted to the chair.

Minutes of meetings held 19th September 1900 were read and confirmed on the motion of C. McCrea, seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried.

Correspondence

From Treasury, Melbourne

Forwarding account £240.10.5 for completion, being Council's proportion of ad valorem for half year ending 31st Dec. 1900.

Received.

From Public Works Department

Notifying appointment of Mr. J. G. Wood, Collins St., Melbourne as Govt. printer for the Shire etc., the fee being fixed at £6.0.

Received.

From Secretary, Municipal Association

Notifying that in consequence of the approaching Parliamentary elections it had been decided not to hold the annual session of the association during the months of October. Dec.

notice of the date of the meeting would be given.

Received

From Minister of Health

Notifying that the period for which the representative member of the Board of Public Health for the Western Shires Group was elected expired on the 31st Dec. 1900, and that Friday 16th Nov. had been specified as the day on or before which the Council could nominate a member of one of the councils in the group as its representative.

A letter was also read from Herbert A. Austin, notifying his candidature and requesting a continuance of the support of the Council.

C. Laird moved that Mr. Herbert A. Austin be again nominated, seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried

From Secretary Loddon U. N. Trust

Intimating that the term for which Mr. Potter had been elected one of the Council's representatives on the Trust had expired by effluxion of time. Mr. Potter made stating that in compliance with the expressed wish of the Council he had decided to withdraw his resignation as the Council's representative on the Trust.

C. Laird moved that Mr. Potter be re-appointed, seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried

From Department of Lands Survey.
 Stating that lands required to be permanently reserved for recreation and building purposes in the parish of Poupaeiel, forms a part of a site permanently reserved for the growth and preservation of timber, consequently the request of the council could not legally be complied with.
 C. Laird considered the reply unsatisfactory and moved that the Dept be asked to reconsider their decision. Seconded by C. McEwen. Carried.

From J. Jamieson.
 Asking that a small drain should be cut through the rising ground south of the Ross Laguna Hotel.
 Engineer to report on the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Priest. Carried.

Petition

Presented by C. Laird
 From Edward Doody, Robert Gill, W. Hardy, and Frank Doody, applying to have a branch channel cut from off the main line on Snow Hill road to supply them with water.
 C. Laird moved that the petition be received and that the Engineer report thereon. Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

Reports

C. Coulter reported having attended

the conference at Bridgo relative to the Midway railway and was sorry to say the Ultima route agitation had not succeeded.
 A vote of thanks was passed to C. Coulter for his attendance on the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

The Health Officer North and South Ridings.
 Reported that the health of the ridings was good. He knew of no illness of an infectious or non infectious nature among the residents. Carried.

The Rate collector

Reported Collections Rates current £3. 18. 0, arrears £7. 4. 0, dog fees 17. Total £11. 12. 0. Do.

The Treasurer reported receipts.

Rates current £3. 18. 0, Dog fees 17. Deposits on contracts £11. 0, Nightingale £1. 5. 8, Subsidy £278. 17. 5. Overdraft £286. 13. 9. Do.

The Shire Engineer reported completion.

of contracts Nos 33, 34 & 35 and estimated cost of gravelling & installing at Serpentine at £40, and form and crossing S. E. from Milama at £30 and culvert and formation near St. Leans at £9. 10. 0. Do.

for constructing footbridge over Bullock
Creek near Mr. An. Rogers residence
Poupsapire. Recorded by C. Laird. Carried

By C. Sackman

That tenders be called for constructing
formation and other works on road
west from Dingee Railway Station.
Recorded by the Chairman. Carried

By C. Gill, Recorded by the C. Mahoney.

That tenders be called for extending
the main channel in an easterly dir-
ection from the Cairn's Creamery for
a length of about one mile.
To stand over pending further
survey and reports by their Engineer

Notice of Motion

By C. Gill. To move at next meeting that
action be taken with a view of
passing regulations for Bye Law
Registration of Dairies etc, and that
the application fee be fixed at
 $\frac{5}{16}$ per annum.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £188.16.9 now passed for payment
on the motion of C. Laird, recorded by C. Sackman. Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday
21 November 1900 at 11 and

Read and confirmed at September this 21st day of Nov.
1900.

Wm Hardy

President
East Loddon Shire

Tenders

The following tenders being the lowest were
accepted on the motion of C. Gill,
seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

No 1 Culverts and formations north from Messrs
Cheyres. R. Cobb £28.00

No 2 Culvert Inan Hill road near O'Brien
A. Jamieson £11.10.0

No 3 Fencing Inan Hill road.
A. Jamieson £11.3.3

No 4 Stone crossings and formations Sapeurice
and Echuca roads near Teniers Station
J. Foley £81.0.0

Instructions to Officers

By C. Sackman. Engineer examine
stone crossing east from Tang Tang
and have large stones reduced in size.

By C. Bissack

Secretary to write to owners of land
through which the Poupsapire Creek
traverses asking for authority to
remove the bars in the creek so
as to allow a free flow of water.

By C. Laird. Recorded by C. Bissack & Carried
That a movable stage be constructed
in the Board Room.

Motions or Notices

By C. Bissack That tenders be called

Present at 11.35 am
The president (C. Hardy) and councillors
Mahoney, Gill, Coulter, Jackson, Laird,
Bissett, Laird and Shaw.

Minutes of meeting held 17th October 1900
were read and confirmed on the motion
of C. Jackson, seconded by C. Coulter — Carried —

Correspondence

From Secretary, Loddon United Water Trust.
Notifying that the tender of M. Kells
at £140.11.6 had been accepted for re-
newing girders, caps, cills etc in three
bridges over the Bridgewater Channel, near
Bridgewater, and asking for the councils
share of cost viz: £57.19.5

C. Laird moved that the letter be received
and amount passed for payment.
Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried —

Reports of Officers

The rate collector reported receipts of
rates arrears £57.9.0, dog fee 57. Total
£57.14.0. — Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts. Rates
arrears £57.14.0, dog fee 57. Contractors
deposits £6.12.0. Share of hall 157. Total
£65.6.0. Overdrafts £386.16.0. — Do. —

The Shire Engineer's report was read
and received and clauses dealt with
by notice of motion. — Received —

Tenders

Contract No. 5. Footbridge over Bullock Ck near
Mr Rodgers residence. Lowest tenderer.
A. Jamieson £14.10.0

Contract No. 6. Formations and stone crossings west
from Svinger railway station.
F. Cobb. £80.6.8.

C. Gill moved that the lowest tenders
be accepted. Seconded by C. Bissett — Carried —

General Business

C. Laird moved that the Secretary write
to the Lands Department and Mr O'Neil
M.L.A., again urging the Councils request
for a 10 acre reserve in the Newspaper
Forest. Seconded by C. Mahoney. — Carried —

C. Gill moved that the Engineer have
the hand railings to culverts and
bridges on main roads painted
white. Seconded by C. Bissett. — Carried —

C. Coulter moved that the Engineer
get the footbridge over Bullock Ck
near Purstley repaired. Seconded
by C. Laird. — Carried —

C. Bissett moved that the Engineer get
a small drain cut on the Fraughel
road south from the Bears Lagoon
Hotel - cost not to exceed £2.
Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried —

The Closed roads question
 A deputation composed of Joseph Hill J. J. Carruthers and Dobbie waited on the Council in reference to the matter of the closed roads in the North riding.

Mr Hill said they wished the Council to have the gates removed. They were being put up again. He trusted the Council would repeal the motion that day giving the authority.

Mr Dobbie agreed with Mr Hill, and Mr Carruthers said it was but right that as the Council had control of the roads, the ratepayers should have unkindred use of them.

In reply, the president said they knew the result of the recent law suit and in consequence thereof it did not lie in the Council's power to alter their procedure at present - until they knew exactly their position. A motion on the matter was to be considered that day.

The deputation thanked the Council and withdrew.

Motion on Notices

By Mr Gill
 That the resolution passed at the ordinary meeting in October 1896 granting permission to Messrs Tand N. Rose, tenants and occupiers of the Septentive Estate, to enclose certain specified roads in the North Riding of this Shire, purporting to be under the Terminus Obstruction Act be repealed.

Mr Laird moved that the Secretary write to the Council's solicitors, asking the Council's position in connection with the closed roads case. Seconded by Mr Coulter. Mr Mahoney refusing to vote - Carried - and leaving the table while the vote was being taken.

Mr Coulter moved that the Engineer get a small formation constructed on road near Steele's property, Parish of Yallock. Seconded by Mr Jackman. - Carried -

Motions on Notices

By Mr Gill. That funds be called for constructing a water channel from Mellors on the Septentive and Eckuca roads N. easterly to Robinsons and Howes. Seconded by Mr Mahoney. - Carried - Mr Jackman, Mr Coulter voting against.

By Mr Laird - Seconded by Mr Bissett That funds be called for constructing water channel from off Straw Hill road south from Bears Lagoon Post office thence to roads Counaughlons, E. Doodys, Gills etc - Carried -

Mr Jackman, Mr Cra & Mr Coulter voting against, By Mr Mahoney. Seconded by Mr Gill That funds be called for constructing water channel from Kinnans N. W. corner Parish of Calrib, thence easterly to McAlloys block, also draining out Shirbank known as McAlloys. - Carried -

Mr Jackman, Shaw, Coulter and Mr Cra voting against.

Present at noon.

The President C. Hardy and C. Gell, Mahoney, Lamb, Bissett, Shaw, Coulter, Jackson and McCrea.

Minutes of meeting held 21 November 1900 were read and confirmed on the motion of C. Lamb, seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried.

Correspondence

From Borough of Echuca.

Requesting cooperation of the Council in promoting the making of a national cross country railway line to connect the north eastern and north western railway systems.

C. McCrea moved that the letter be received, and the Echuca Council informed that the Council was already pledged to support the proposed line via Gornong. Seconded by C. Lamb.

Carried.

From Secretary Municipal Association.

Requesting assistance in obtaining addresses representative of the municipalities of the colony for presentation to His Royal Highness the Duke of York and His Excellency the Governor General of the Commonwealth in connection with the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia.

C. Lamb moved that cooperation be granted. Seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried.

Seconded by C. Mahoney.

After a long discussion it was decided to obtain legal opinion as to the Council's position before the motion was finally dealt with.

The mover C. Gell and his seconder C. Mahoney withdrawing the motion for two months.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £277.11.3 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McCrea.

Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 19th November 1900 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Exeter this 19th day of December 1900

C. Hardy President East Loddon Shire

Reports of Officers

The rate collector reported Collections Rates current £30.18.0, rates arrears £1.16.0, dog fees £1.10.0. ——— Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £30.17.0, rates arrears £1.16.0, dog fees £1.10.0, Contractors deposits £4.15. Sixes of Health £1.10.0. D^r balance £622.11.9. ——— Do —

The Inspector of Nuisances M. W. Kelms. Reported that he had made an inspection of all back yards, pigsties etc in the township of Serpentine, and found them all clean and in a very satisfactory condition. One dead brack had been removed from off roadway near Mr. Bailie's residence at a cost of 10/-

C. Bissett moved that the report be received and be passed for pay^t. Secured by C. Laird ——— Carried —

The Shire Engineer's report was read received and clauses adopted as shown in reports book.

Tenders.

Contract No. 8. Water channel, Central Lowest tender J. Foley £44.6.8.

No. 9. Water channel, Parish of Pumpwell. Michael Kelly £174.19.2.

C. Gibb moved that the lowest tenders

be accepted. Secured by C. Shaw. ——— Carried —

General Business

C. McCrea moved that the Engineer engage labor in repairing the chain at Kapanui Water Lift. Secured by C. Coulter. ——— Carried —

C. Laird moved that the Engineer report on road works required west from Rossop's bridge.

C. Gibb moved that a fence be erected on formation east from the Bears Lagoon bridge. Secured by the President. ——— Carried —

C. Jackson moved that the dams at Coes, Duffer road, and at J. Williams's residence be cleaned out and enlarged. Secured by C. Coulter. ——— Carried —

C. Bissett moved that the main water channel be cleaned out when necessary. Secured by C. Laird. ——— Carried —

Accounts amounting to £119.2.2 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McCrea Secured by C. Laird Carried
The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 20 February 1901 at 11 am.

Read and Confirmed at Serpentine this 20th day of February 1901.

Wm Hardy
President
East Loddon Shire