Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koroit Shire Council held at Heidelberg on Thursday the 10th Oct. 1889.

Present Messrs. Roy (in the chair) Hunter, Macpherson, Maclean, Griffith, Morley, Coutts & Hegarty.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.

1 From the Inspecting engineer requesting that vouchers for main road works may be sent to his office. —

2 From the Inglewood Borough Council in reply stating that the formation of the Heidelberg road within the Borough is under consideration.

3 From the Employments Institute Melbourne

4 From the Crown Law Office requesting the Council to forward to the Minister of Justice any amendments they may hope to suggest in the proposed Shires Statute

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Macpherson That the Council go into committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the Shires' Statute.

Carried.

The Council then resolved itself into Committee. Mr. Roy in the chair.

The Secretary read a synopsis of the alterations proposed to be made in the present Act by the proposed Bill and also the report of the Shire Conference which was held in Melbourne on the 28th 29th & 30th Nov. 1866.

The following amendments were suggested.

1 That in Section 20 the number of voters requisite to obtain the division of a Shire into two Shires be one fourth of the whole instead of twenty only.

2 That the qualification of a Councillor remain at £25. —

3 That the present system of revising voters' lists at Courts of Petty Sessions be continued.

4 That the proportion of votes to be received by an unsuccessful candidate to enable him to have his deposit be as at present one fifteenth. —

5 That no power be given to make allowances to Presidents.

6 That ordinary meetings may be held in each Riding successively and that the place of meeting be not confined to the Office of the Council. —

7 That Councils be empowered to lease sites or buildings and machinery erected on all Crown lands under the provisions of the Mining Statute.

And also the whole of the amendments recommended by the Conference.

The Council resumed and the report of the Committee was read by the Secretary and adopted by the Council

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Macpherson That the report of the Committee embodying the proposed alterations in the Shires Statute be drawn up, signed by the President and forwarded to the Minister of Justice Carried.

Correspondence resumed.

5 From the Mining Department enquiring if the Council is prepared to take over the charge of the Heddleburn & Lamaguilla reserves at the rate of £8 pr. annum for 99 years on certain conditions & maintenance &c.

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr Roy That the Council decline to take charge of the Lamaguilla

reservoir because it is not within the Shire, and of the so-called Reservoir at Heddenburn because it is useless for any practical purpose.

Carried.

6 From the Roads & Bridges Office enclosing an Account for signature for 1st 1/3-1/9 subsidy for main road works. —

7 From the Victorian Resp. & Humane Institution asking for a donation.

Received. No Funds available.

8 From Mr. John Fone of Burkes Flat complaining of excessive valuation on his property.

The Secretary explained that the property had been entered in the name of John instead Mr. Fone and that the error had been rectified.

9 From Mr. Oates relative to clearing the road from Kenbridge to Bragenatta.

The Treasurer read his report which showed receipts for the month £318-19-6
Expenditure £18-7-5
The report was received and signed by the President

The engineer reporting that the main road work on the Landhurst road is completed and fit for traffic.
Also that a tender has been accepted by the Kingower members from V. Smith for the construction of a gum near Inkerman at a cost of £28 —
Also that a wooden culvert has been constructed and about twenty chains of road cleared near Rodin by day-work at a cost of £12.1.8. —
Also that John Smith's contract for grubbing V. at Heddenburn is completed.
The report also states that the drain on the St. Arnaud Road near the Heddenburn Bridge has been injured by the washing away of the butts and recommends the expenditure of £8 in repairing it.
Moved by Mr. Equitts
Sec. by Mr. Newman that the report be received and the acceptance of tenders be confirmed.

Carried.

Tenders were then opened for clearing 1/9 chains on the Bragenatta & Kenbridge road

James Whittle	£8/6 per rod —	74-7-6
Thomas Bran	6/6 —	55-5-0

Moved by Mr Kingsbury
Sec. by Mr Equitt that Thos. Bran's tender be accepted.

Carried.

Mr. Hunter said that no tender had been accepted by the Heddernheim members for the work authorized at last meeting on the Inglewood road. Only one tender was kept in and that was in excess of the amount voted for the purpose. He had made enquiries and found that the work cannot be done for the sum fixed and he therefore asked the Council to sanction the calling for fresh tenders in the usual manner —

Mr. Hunter also asked for the sum of £30 to be expended on the formation of a crossing near Moorcroft Garden and in preventing the further encroachment of the creek on the road at the same place.

Mr. Morley suggested that no more work should be done until the roadraft be defined.

Mr. Macaccan said that the place in question is in a very dangerous condition, and if not repaired some accident will probably happen.

After some discussion it was

Moved by Mr. Hunter

Sec. by Mr. Macpherson That the Heddernheim members be empowered to accept tenders for work on the Inglewood & Heddernheim main road near the first hill.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hunter

Sec. by Mr. Macaccan That tenders be called for the construction of a crossing on a road near Moorcroft Garden to be opened by the members for the Riding.

An Amendment being moved by Mr. Morley and seconded by Mr. Coates

That the consideration of the matter be postponed for two months

The original motion was carried.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

Contract 101	Jones	132 —
— 125	Smith	7 —
	Engineer	20 - 1 - 4
Deposit on Cont. 108		33 - 5 - 0
Sams Bros.		2 - 12 - 9
Thos. Power		5 - 10 - 0

The next meeting was ordered to be held at Kingower and the meeting then closed.

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Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Coutts That tenders be called for the eradication of thistles from all unoccupied Crown lands within the Lake, tenders to be for three years and to include gold-field commons.

Carried

The next meeting was ordered to be held at Kingston and the meeting then closed. —

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Confirmed
Peter Ray
President