Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Moorooduc Shire Council held at the Shire Office Bellbridge on the 12th March 1893

Present Cr. Munster President in the chair, Hall, Reed, Griffith, Jones, Coutts & Coy.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Correspondence:-

1 From Cr. Anderson applying for leave of absence from this meeting.

Moved by Cr. Coy
Sec. by Cr. Hall that Cr. Anderson's application be granted

Carried.

2 From the East Gippsland Shire Council relative to erection of bridge at Ferguson's.

The wording of this letter was so vague that its meaning could not be certainly ascertained the Secretary was therefore instructed to send a copy of it to the East Gippsland Council with a request for an explanation, and for a clear and definite statement of the intentions of that Council with respect to the bridge in question.

3 From M. L. Gibbs complaining that certain drains recently cut near Cotters Bridge are not effective

The letter was referred to the engineer with instructions to examine the drains.

3 From the Collector of the Eye and Ear Institution asking for subscription

4 From Inspector of Revenue applying for re-appointment.

5 From Jas. Hawk, Inglewood, asking for a recommendation to the Blind Asylum for his son Harry Howell

6 From Joseph Dowerson applying for a slaughtering license for his premises at Hedderburn.

The application was granted

7 From J.B. Roberts applying for the purpose of a road from the corner of Mr. Thos. Thompson's land on the Kangaroo and Old Inglewood Roads by the Salisbury nine mile hut to Powlett.

8 From W. S. Steel applying for an extension of three months on his contract time.

The application was granted.

9 From Hughes & Boyd applying for an addition to the amount of their contract money on Contract 218.

on the ground that they have made an error in calculating the quantity of earth work

A memorial was presented by Cr. Steel from residents at East Charlton applying for the drainage of the road through that township

Cr. Steel also presented a memorial from owners of stock depasturing on the Hedderburn Gold-fields Common requesting that the Council will order all roads within the Common at present closed to be thrown open.

On Letter No. 3 it was—

Moved by Cr. Griffith

Sec by Cr. Jones that a donation of £2 2 0 be given to the Eye & Ear Institution.

Carried.

On Letter 4—

Moved by Cr. Hunter

Sec by Cr. Roy that the present Inspector of Revenue be re-appointed for twelve months from the expiry of his present term on the same conditions as before.

Carried.

On Letter No. 5—

Moved by Cr. Hall

Sec by Cr. Griffith that the Council use its influence to get Harry Howell

admitted to the Blind Asylum.
Carried

On Letter 7. the Engineer was instructed to report on the best line of road in the direction referred to by J. Roberts.

On Memorial from East Charlton.—
Moved by Cr. Steel
Secd by Cr. [illegible] that tenders be called for [illegible] the road through the township of East Charlton
Carried

On Memorial from residents in Hedderbury, Cr. Steel gave notice of motion to rescind all resolutions of the Council giving leave to close roads within the Hedderburn Gold fields Common and all Gold-field Commons within the Shire.

On Letter No. 9 a long discussion ensued on this application from Hughes & Boyt. All the members of the Council present expressing themselves strongly against the practice of allowing deductions to contracts on the score of errors in calculation.
The engineer, on being referred to, said that there had undoubtedly been an error in the quantity of earth work in Hughes & Boyt's tender, and that the next lowest tender was fifty pounds higher than theirs

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Secd. by Cr. Johnson that, as an allowance for error in calculation, the sum of twenty pounds be added to the contract money of Hughes & Boyt on Contract No. 28. that the amount thus added be held by the Treasurer until the conclusion of the contract and be applied by him to the payment of any wages that may then be due to men working on the contract. And that in future no addition be made to the amount of any contract over and above the tender accepted for it.
Carried.
An amendment was moved by Cr. Steel that the matter be referred to the Ingliewood members and the engineer with power to grant a sum not exceeding £15. The amendment not being seconded, the original motion was carried.

Cr. Roy reported that he had expended £2 in repairing bridge at Mt. Pleasant. The expenditure was approved.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £93. 17. 10 Expenditure £157. 12. 2.

The Report was received and adopted

The engineer reported that he had called for tenders for various works as instructed at last meeting and recommended that about ninety chains of drains should be cut near Gibson's Cocoa Forest. Est. £20. and that £2.10.0 should be expended in clearing road to new Pegues farm Elevation.

Also that he had, with the members for the Inglewood Riding, inspected the Cross applied for by Mr. G. Bissett in Calabash Bush and carefully examined the country with a view to the proposed deviation of the road there. That it was decided that the deviation should be made to the North of the swamp as shown on tracing accompanying the report.

Moved by Cr. Coates
Sec. by Cr. Roy That the engineers report be received, that the deviation as recommended be approved, and that £2.10.0 be expended in accordance with the report by the Inglewood member

Carried.

The Secretary produced a valuation of the tenements at the Cocoa Forest Bush showing an annual value of £283 on which a six months rate only can be struck.

Cr. Johns moved that the usual rate be made on the property but the Council were of opinion that it would not be advisable to levy a rate there at present and the motion was not seconded.

Instructions to Officers.

Moved by Cr. Coates
Sec. by Cr. Jones That tenders be called for clearing and draining on the Inglewood road from Cockpeans Creek bridge to boundary of Shire.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Johns
Sec. by Cr. Coates That an open crossing be made over a creek near Questmans flat on the Boston and Mr. Pettyjohn's road. Tenders to be asked.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Roy That a road be surveyed from the Green Hills on the Kangaroo & Old Inglewood road to Calcannon Flat proceeding thence by two branches one towards Inglewood and the other towards Arnold's Bridge. The engineer to report on best line.

Carried

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain if the Department will pay the cost of road surveys made by the Council

Cr. Griffith resigned his membership of the Revenue Committee and Cr. Hall was appointed in his place

Leave of absence for a fortnight was granted to the Secretary.

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee

For draining & re Sophia & Queen Street was
Est. £10.0
W. Stephenson 7-10-0
Caldwell & Martin 8-5-
Recommend Stephenson's tender

For improvements in Middleburn and Fernhurst Road.
Est. £48.0.
Thos Montague 66-1-0
E. Shaw 67-10-0
Jas Paterson 57 p. cu. yd 67. 4. 4
John Dermody 47 p. cu. yd 42. 13. 4
Reid & Proctor 77.—
Recommend Dermody tender

For improvements in Nelson St Middleburn
Est. £10
Reid & Proctor 25—
Recommended.

For drains near Inglewood Race Course
Est. £28.
Caldwell & Martin 38. 10. 0
Hughes Bros 30. 15. 0
F. Hansen 31. 10. 0
J. Murphy 38. — —
J. Dermody 32. —
Recommend Hughes

For metalling &c on Inglewood and Middleburn Main road.
No. 1 Est. 124.19.0
C. Rose 171-18-0
Hughes Bros 171. 18. 6
Rowley & Son 148. 16. —
J. Paterson 191. 3. —
Recommend Rowley & Son's tender

No. 2. Est. £228.—
C. Rose 291. 14. 0
Hughes Bros 295. 16. —
J. Paterson 414. 17. 2
Recommend Rose's tender

No. 3 Est. £194. 3. 0
C. Rose 194. 14. 4
Hughes Bros 276. 15. 0
J. Paterson 337. 19. 0
Recommend Rose's tender

For all three portions
John Marwick 775. 10. 0

Moved by C. Coutts
Sec by C. Johns That the tenders of Jas. Stephenson, John Dermody, Reid & Proctor; Hughes Bros. Rowley & Son, & Charles Rose be accepted for the respective works for which their tenders are recommended by the Public Works Committee

Carried.

Moved by C. Hunter
Sec. by C. Roy That the following
accounts be passed and paid

			Carried		
119	Contract 215	Roberts	5.	—	
120	Gos & Brown	Lebanon	2.	16.	0
121	do	do	2.	7.	6
122	Hendricks		1.	—	
123	Contract 1/3	Caldwell	12.	—	
124	R. Pipes	Lebanon	2.	—	
125	Contract	216 Boys.	4.	0.	6
126	"	218 "	23.	17.	0
127	"	223 Sly & Fry	9.	9.	0
128	"	217 Lyston	3.	—	
129	"	219 R. Elliot	6.	—	
130	Boys.	Lebanon	1.	8.	0
131	Rowley do		11.	3.	0
132	H. Thomas, Printing &c.		4.	10.	0
133	Engineer		16.	13.	4
134	G. F. Grant	Comp. for Map	4.	15.	0
135	Baker & Bros	Lebanon	4.	2.	.
136	Secretary		20.	16.	8
137	F. F. Bailliere		3.	10.	6
138	Hopkinson & Co		6.	13.	0
139	Hendricks		2.	14.	0
140	Gos & Brown	Lebanon	2.	11.	0
141	Bros & Baker	do	5.	—	

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

Confirmed
10th April 1873

Henry Hunter
President