Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koroit Shire Council held at Kangaroo on the 17th August 1896.

Present Cr. Steel, Marquess, Hall, Anderson, Johns, Patterson, and Cosland. Also Cr. John Coutts, and James Coutts

Cr. Steel took the chair.

Crs. Marquess, John Coutts and James Coutts made the usual declarations as new members, and took their seats for the Middlebury, Rylestone and Kangaroo Ridings respectively.

Cr. Steel said that his term of office as President having expired at the conclusion of the annual election it became the duty of the Council to appoint a President for the coming year. He thanked the Council for the support given to him during the time that he had held the office and concluded by moving

That Councillor Anderson be appointed President of the Council.

Seconded by Cr. Marquess and carried.

Cr. Anderson then took the chair and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him.

Moved by the President

Sec. by Cr. Cosland that a vote of thanks be given to Cr. Steel for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as President of the Council during the past year.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence: -

1 Lands Office re bridge at J. McRobert's selection.

2 Deaf & Dumb Institution acknowledging donation.

3 Blind Asylum same.

4 E. Mennie acknowledging receipt of two pounds

5 J. Stevenson re transfer of department

6 Lands Office re Ballinger Reserve at Cannon.

7 State school teacher Cannon re scarlet fever

8 Town Clerk Melbourne calling attention to proposal to abolish exemption from service on juries: at present held by members and officers of municipal councils and asking the assistance of the Council in opposing the alteration.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the members for the district on the subject.

9 Town Clerk Ballarat re Main roads Bill.

10 Henry Irwin agreeing to allow traffic through his paddock on the East Charlton road during the winter for the sum of five pounds.

11 Chairman of Freetrade League re excessive tariff.

12 Mr. C. Leith - that he will remove weigh bridge.

13 Residents at East Charlton requesting that building standing on street there may be removed.

14 C. Leith asking permission to erect bridges across drain at East Charlton. Granted.

15 Secy. Electoral Conference request the Council to send delegates to meeting in Melbourne on 15th August.

16 Town Clerk, Sandhurst re Railway extension

17 Town Clerk Melbourne calling a meeting of delegates from Municipal Councils at the Town Hall Melbourne on the 17th August re Main roads District Bill.

18 Shire of Warrenga re Commons.

19 S. Rusch with reference to supposed extras on contract at Burke's Flat.

20 R. Bone, Bridgewater, suggesting the use of mullock as a foundation for metalled or gravelled roads. Referred to engineer.

21 Chief Secretary's Office with map showing electorates proposed by the new Bill

22 Chief Secretary's Office with copy of opinion by Mr. Skene, Surveyor General to the effect that the line of the South boundary of the Shire of Swan Hill as described in the schedule to the Local Govt. Act is a true West line and not magnetic West.

23 J. S. Harris asking for return of half five pound note sent for licence
Referred to Secretary

24 Margaret Ponne complaining that Joseph Lockett has closed road near her home.
Instructions were given to have the road opened.

25 L. Brandmiller, Heidelburn, asking that the Council should meet occasionally at his town.
Referred to Heidelburn members.

26 Ratepayers in the North West portion of the Shire applying for a division of the Heidelburn Riding into two Ridings.

Moved by the President
Sec. by Cr. ~~Andrew~~ Steel that a committee be appointed to consider and report on the subject of re-dividing the Shire, such Committee to consist of Cs. Steel, Hall, and the mover.
Carried.

27 Secretary for Lands re Boundary & Bylawns Commons.

28 E. Turner stating that he has commenced business as Engineer Surveyor in consequence of the abolition of his office as Inspecting Engineer and offering his services in matters connected with the Local Govt. Act.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain the assistance of Mr. Turner with reference to the Northern boundary of the Shire, and to bring that question before the Chief Secretary.

29 Town Clerk, Aylewood, stating that in consequence of the difficulty experienced in getting a quorum of the Council a delegate could not be sent to accompany the ~~Council~~ deputation to Town re railway.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £66.15.0 Expenditure £842.11.6. The Report was received and adopted.

The Engineer reported that he had made a survey of site for bridge at Marmal creek and estimated cost at £30. —
Robt McBrinnon is willing to cut the drain required at his solution or pay the cost if the Council has the work done. Engineer recommends that tenders be called for drains on both sides of road. Tenders had been called for works named.
Report received.

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee

For culverts &c. on Burkes Flat & Cassen Forest roads Est. £80 —

H. Innis	94 —
J. Hannon	142. 17. 6

Innis' tender recommended.

For bridge over Boille creek. Est. £96

H. Innis	102. 11. 10
J. Hannon	107 - 9. —

Committee referred these tenders to the Council

For culvert on Kingston & Hokla roads Est. £60

H. Innis	79. 10. 0
R. Jamieson	91. 13. 9

Tenders considered too high and not recommended for acceptance

For culvert near R.C. Chapel at Berlin Est. £25

A. Christofson	23. 9. —
H. Innis	29 - 10. —
R. Jamieson	29. 14. 9

Christofson's tender recommended.

For clearing on Beddenham & Cassen roads. Est. £75 —

A. Keogh	£50. —
Jas. Jenkinson	76. 13. 4
E. Hughes	90. 3. 4
D. Sutherland	68. 6. 8
Jas. Costelloe	80. —
C. Rose	86. 13. 4

Keogh's tender recommended.

For clearing on Boghmont & Kingston roads. Est. £57 —

Jas. Jenkinson	59 - 10. 0
E. Hughes	70. 16. 8
H. Innis	57. 10. —
Jas. Baragwanath	162. 19. —
Davis & Hansen	86 - —
Robt. Walker	73. 5. —

Innis' tender recommended.

For clearing on Salisbury & Wellesburn roads Est. £85. —

Franklin & Paul	£170. —
H. Lovell	97 - 10. —
E. Hughes	65. —
C. & F. Rose	86. 6. 3
Jas. Henderson	64. 7. 4
H. Innis	111. 6. 8
F. Robertson	94. —
A. Keogh	55. —

Keogh's tender recommended.

Moved by Cr. Cosland
Seconded by Cr. Jones. That the tenders of Mr. Innis (2), A. Chisholm and A. Keogh (2) as recommended by the Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Jones
Sec. by Cr. Cosland That the tender of J. Hannon for constructing bridge at Neille be accepted.
The Council divided on the motion as follows:-

For	Against
Cr. Jones	Cr. Anderson
" Cosland	" Steel
" Paterson	" Macqueen
	" Hall
	" John Coutts
	" James Coutts.

The motion was therefore lost.

Motions of which notice has been given
By Cr. Jones
Sec. by Cr. James Coutts That tenders be called for clearing abt. two miles on Beulah road Cr. Amaud road near Emu Bridge

Carried.

By Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Jas Coutts That tenders be called for culvert and formation on Binyavata and Newbridge road near Mr Harris's farm.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Hall & Macqueen with leave
Sec. by Cr. Cosland & Steel That tenders be called for clearing from East Charlton pre-emptive right to Sparks selection about four miles on the East Charlton

road. Also for clearing from B. Ross's selection to the receive East of J. Edwards selection on Wedderburn and Borkenbangate roads half a chain wide.-

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Paterson with leave
Sec. by Cr. Hall That engineer complete the survey of Wedderburn & East road from seven mile plain Gatts to existing survey and call for tenders for clearing same. Also that tenders be called for clearing about nine miles from Edwards selection on Wedderburn & East Charlton road Gatts towards Warmal to Edwards selection

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Steel according to notice
Sec. by Cr. Macqueen That Cr. Anderson, Hall, and the mover be appointed a committee to report upon the question of erecting a Drill Hall with estimate of probable cost.

An amendment was moved by Cr. Cosland.
Sec. by Cr. Jones That the question be postponed to this day six months.
The amendment was lost and the motion carried on division as follows-

For the motion	Against
Cr. Anderson	Cr. Cosland
" Steel	" Jones
" Hall	" John Coutts
" Macqueen	
" Paterson	
" James Coutts	

Instructions to Officers.

Cr. Cudlond That Engineer have holes filled on edge of Inglewood stormchannel near fence

Cr. Jones That drain near Lanning's bridge be deepened sufficiently to carry off the water.

Cr. Cudlond That the road to crossing of railway at Bridgewater on both sides of road be cleared.

Cr. Paterson
The Secretary was instructed to have notices posted threatening that all fences or other obstructions to roads be removed where permission has not been given, and to call the attention of the police to the practice of driving on footpaths and destroying bridge rails.

Cr. Bell
Engineer to ascertain if there is a road between land owned by Mr. Phillips and a Reputed Selection of John Mills on the Loddon in Kangaroo.

Cr. James Coutts That Engineer have culvert near Sifus land, new bridge road, cleared out.

The question of erecting a bridge near Howards at Bealkabanyule was postponed to next meeting.

The following notices of motion were given.
By Cr. John Coutts That tenders be called for constructing culvert on Kurting and Powlett roads near Gulfoyle's and drains

on same road from Gulfoyle's to bridge near James Briggs' land.

By Cr. Bell That tenders be called for enlarging and lowering drain from Lake creek bridge to next bridge on Inglewood Wheatsheaf road Also for repairing road near Mr. Bradbury's and bridge at same place. Engineer to report. Also that tenders be called for clearing a quarter chain wide about one mile of road from Thomas Thompson's land towards Buxton, and from Kell's land Kurting towards Mr. Smith's house. Also that Engineer survey road from South West corner of Old Cemetery in parish of Kangaroo to Salisbury & Heathcote road near Neill's selection on such terms as the Council may determine Also that engineer furnish plan and specification for rough timber bridge at Harrison's selection Kurting.

By Cr. James Coutts That tenders be called for cutting drains on both sides of about half a mile of road South of Gibson's store at Green Hill.

By the President That tenders be called for crossing and cutting at creek on the Tarlia and Heathcote road.

By Cr. Jones That tenders be called for forming and metalling two or three chains of road at Mr. Potter's

Moved by Cr. Jones
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the following acct. be passed and paid

Carried.

233	Contract 346 Gilmour	26 — 6 — 8	
234	Labour	1. 10. —	
235	Sundry	20. 16. 8	
236	Cont. 325 Mannon	37. 7. —	
237	" 338 Rose	55. — . —	
238	" 339 Rose	10. — . —	
239	" 335 Lusch	5. — . —	
240	" 321 Oblich	3. 10. —	
241	Labour Sanderson	4. 10. —	
242	" C Rose	11. 12. —	
243	Sundries	3 — 4. 6	
244	G. F. Grant. Salary	18. — —	
245	Deposit Cont. 320 Walker	4. — —	
246	Labour. Sanderson	6. — —	
247	Printing R. Stockdale	7. 8. 3	
248	Meeting Expenses, Barnish	4. 17. 6	
249	Deaf & Dumb Asylum	2. 2. —	
250	Blind Asylum	2. 2. —	
251	Deposit Cont. 346 Gilmour	1. . —	
252	Revenue Office, Coyle	10. —	
253	Cont. 206 Hughes	12 - 10. —	
254	" 342 "	32. —	
255	" 341 "	12. —	
256	" 389 Oblich	40. —	
257	" 201 Hughes	12. 10. —	
258	" 344 Sanderson	20. —	
259	" 336 Innis	21. 5. 3	
260	Rolling E. Charlton road Bancroft	4. 10. —	
261	Cont. 340 Walker	30. —	
262	" 333 Rowley	45 —	
263	Engineer	20. 16. 8	
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	Forward		485. 0. — 6	
264	Contract 337 Sprout		8. 12. —	
265	" 335 Lusch		20. — . —	
266	" 338 Rose		29. — . —	
267	" 335 Mannon		20. — . —	
268	" 328 Fly		50. 16. 8	
269	Deposit 328 —		12. — . —	
270	Cont. 323 Keogh		66. 16. —	
271	Deposit 323 —		7. — . —	
272	Cont. 344 Sanderson		20. — . —	
273	Sundry Exp. Mills		6. 11. 6	
274	Deposit, Rebate, 9%		4. 16. —	
275	Rolling East Charlton road Appleby		22. 15. 6	
276	Evans Bros.		7. 12. 4	
277	Cont. 342 Hughes		2. 6.	
278	" 374 "		4. — . —	
279	" 338 Rose		28. 12. —	
280	" 338 "		6. 12. 6	
281	" 339 "		4. . .	
282	J. Aldred Survey fees retn.		4. 15 —	
283	Cont. 310 Fly		3. — . —	
284	" 322 "		17. 15 —	
285	" 305 "		1. 1. —	
286	" 340 Walker		10. — . —	
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The next meeting was ordered to be held at the Shire Office, Heathcote, on the usual day and the meeting then closed.

Confirmed
John Anderson President

Adopt 14/10