Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koroit Shire Council held at the Shire Office, Inglewood on the 11th January 1899

Present Cr. Andrew (President in the Chair) and Crs. Hall, Jones, Macgowan, Steel, Patterson and John Coates.

Correspondence:-

1 Secretary Inglewood Hospital applying for donation to funds.
Moved by Cr. Jones
Res. by Cr. Andrew that £2 be given to the Hospital.
Carried.

2 Henry G. Cooper applying for lease to mine on lands at Inc. Integers.
Referred to members for Kingower Riding

3. J. Lords asking for extension of time to complete contract
Granted for four weeks

4 B. Rindee asking for compensation for improvements at Pound at Heathcote
Referred to Heathcote Members

5 Station master Inglewood applying for use of Shire roller for rolling approach to railway station. Granted

6 H. Barnes & Co. East Charlton applying for share of Shire printing
Consideration postponed.

7 Peter Moyer asking permission to mine on water reserve at East Wedderburn

Applicant had commenced to work on the reserve before knowing that permission was necessary and it was

Moved by Cr. Rae That leave be allowed

Sec by Cr. Hale to finish the paddock commenced but no more. The hole to be filled up again.

Carried.

8 George Bricker, East Charlton complaining that the open drain proposed to be carried under his house will injure his property

Referred to Cr. Macqueen & engineer for report.

9 L. Rowley forwarding tech. for work at Bridgewater

The work having been ordered by Cr. Cleland the matter was postponed for his attendance.

10 Mr. Lamont forwarding conveyance of land from the Council to Messrs. Cotter Bros. for execution.

Moved by Cr. Anderson

Sec. by Cr. Johns That the conveyance be executed in the usual way and the Shire seal attached thereto.

Carried.

The engineer reported that the culvert near the Royal Hotel, Hedderburn, is too in bad dilapidated condition and is too small; and recommended that it be removed and a new one constructed with an opening 12' x 2' at a cost of about £45.

That tenders have been called for works ordered, estimates of the cost of which were

given. That the cost of clearing from the end of Keogh's contract on the Hedderburn & Clunes road to Hunter's selection with necessary crossing will be about £50.

That a good bridge with approaches can be constructed over Kingsmill Creek for £130 — and that an additional half chain of clearing on the Heathbridge & Bridgewater road will cost about £30. —

Contracts in operation are progressing satisfactorily.

The Report was received and adopted.

Cr. Macqueen asks if Cartman's clearing contract at East Charlton cannot be extended further. The engineer stated that Cartman wanted carry it further at 6/6 per chain. This was considered too high a price.

Cr. Macqueen also called the attention of the engineer to the state of Lee's contract at Barakee. —

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee

For forming & metalling on Inglewood and Hedderburn road near Hedderburn Est. £250.

D. Guthrie	£16 - 5. —
John Kinning	222. 10. —
L. Rowley	258. —
C. Rose	260. —

Guthrie's tender recommended.

For constructing bridge on Hedderburn and Cooca Forest road. Est. £66.

L. Rowley	£49 - 7 - 0
C. Rose	57. —

Rose's tender recommended.

For drains &c. on Kingston & Otis Esplanade 2nd. Ds.

A. Fairy	40 - 5 - 0
E. Hughes	08 - 2 - 6

Not recommended.

The tenders for work at East Charlton were ordered to be returned pending the report referred.
No tenders were received for bridge at Buckenham Creek Howard. -
Fresh tenders were ordered to be called for these two works. -

Moved by Cr. Jones
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the tenders of David Guthrie and Charles Rose, as recommended by the Committee be accepted.

Carried

The Secretary reported that the deputation appointed at last meeting had written to the Chief Secretary with reference to the Shire boundaries and that they were informed that the Shire line proposed by the Council would probably be adopted. With respect to the Southern boundary the deputation had presented a petition signed by a considerable number of ratepayers asserting in the portion which the Bet Bet Council were endeavouring to have excised & praying that the present boundary may be continued. A quantity of information on the subject was submitted to the Chief Secretary who said that he thought that he should be able to decide the question without following the usual practice of summoning both parties to town, and that he would if possible adopt a east & west similar boundary

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Hall That the report of the deputation be received and approved ~~and~~ entered in the minutes of the Council.

Carried.

Motions of which notice has been given by Cr. Hall - postponed with leave
Cr. Bourgeois do do -

Cr. Bourgeois moved that the resolution appropriating fifty pounds towards paying the expenses of the opening of the Big Lagoon contingent be rescinded
He said that he brought forward the motion merely for the purpose of obtaining a decision by division of opinion on the subject of motions without notice as no notice had been given of the intention to bring forward the one which he now proposed to rescind.
Cr. Steel seconded the motion with the same object and not with any intention of supporting the motion.
The President said that he considered that a motion to grant money could be moved without notice provided that no committee sat on that period, but that where the object of the motion was to rescind or alter a previous resolution then notice must be given
After some further discussion the motion was withdrawn.

The Committee appointed to make enquiries respecting proposed Shire Office reported recommending that a part of the premises where the Office now is should be rented for five years at the same rent which for

remaining portion may be let to the Bank of British N.A. exceeding sixty pounds per annum and for a term of five years.
The report was received

Instructions to Officers.

C. Macqueen. Engineer to furnish estimate of cost of clearing to 20 chain wide, draining, gravelling, and making necessary crossings on road from Beaconsfield to Friar Point near Forest. Also of cost of draining about 20 chains of road through East Charlton pre-emption right.

B. Hall. Engineer to revise and correct, where necessary, all finger posts in the Shire as to distances and report where new ones are required.

B. Coutts (Jun.) Engineer to inspect Inglewood & Wedderburn road and make crossings repaired especially at Kurting.

The Wedderburn members were requested to examine the books of the Shire Board and report on them. Books to be produced.
Poundkeeper to be directed to furnish monthly report.
Moved by C. Steel with leave
Sec. by C. Paterson That tenders be called for new culvert and removing present one near Royal Hotel, Wedderburn, and for crossings near Powell & Ross' farms on Wedderburn & Kingparrill road.
Carried.

Moved by C. Steel with leave
Sec. by C. Paterson That tenders be called for erecting bridge over Kingparrill Creek on Fort Bodden road at Inglewa.
Carried.
B. Steel postponed his motion for clearing on Fitzgerald & Salisbury road.

Notices of motion.

C. Steel That all cheques appertaining to the branch of the Bank of Victoria at which the Shire account shall be kept be countersigned, contingent on which I will move that for the convenience of the Secretary the cash be kept at the Wedderburn branch as heretofore the Shire Office

C. Macqueen. That tenders be called for cutting about twenty chains of drains on the East Charlton & Lake Charlton road through the 8, 10 pre-emption right.

C. Macqueen That tenders be called for clearing 20 chain wide, draining, gravelling and making crossings on road from Wedderburn to finger post near Powell's farm, Green Street road.

B. Andrew That the banking acct. for the Wedderburn Riding be kept at Wedderburn and the Inglewood Riding at Inglewood.

B. John Coutts suggested that the Council should join the Inglewood Borough Council in erecting a weighbridge at Inglewood.

Moved by Ch. Hall
Sec. by C. Macqueen that the following
Accts. be passed and paid.

			Carried
88	Cont. 363	Lusk	£20 —
89	Secretary		£20 - 16 - 8
90	Cont. 344	Anderson	£18 —
91	Cabman	C. Rose	£35 —
92	"	L. Steel	£2 - 12 -
93	Cont. 360	Davis	£11 —
94	Cont. 361	Davis	£7 —
95	Engineer		£20 - 16 - 8
96	Deposits	Cont. 337 £1 338 £5	£6 —
97	L. Supreme	Road Board	£4 - 7 -
98	Cabman	Davis	£2 - 16 -
99	Office Sp.	Smallwood	£3 - 16 - 6
100	Revenue	Officer	£5 —
101	Supp. Sp. in connection with Show Commission		£13 - 3 -
102	G. F. Grant	Salary	£20 —
103	Guarantee	Premium	£4 - 10 -
104	Cont. 331	L. Steel	£9 —
			£195 - 15 - 10

The next meeting was ordered to be held at Kingston on the usual day and the meeting then closed.

Confirmed Feb 8th 1894
John Andrew President