Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koonga Shire Council held at the Shire Hall, Wedderburn on the 16th October 1893.

Present. Cr. Boyschie, president, in the chair, and Cr. Stat, Ross, Paterson, Boys, Quick, Hall, Coutts & Redwood.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed with the alteration of Cr. Coutts name being removed from the ayes to the nays on the vote for increasing the engineer's salary

Correspondence. 1 Chief Secretary's office notifying the appointment of Mr W. A. Baragwanath as Govt. auditor of the Shire accounts.

2 Const. South Bendigo applying for payment of 10/- for removing dead cow there
Referred to be paid

3 Town Clerk, Inglewood, offering set of standard weights & measures for £90- or joint ownership for £45-

4 Temporary Releases re engineering works.

5 Secretary North Western Agricultural Society applying for donation
Referred to the president for payment out of allowance

6 Assistant Commissioner of Customs stating that cost of complete set of standard weights and measures will be £79. 15- 0

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Stat That a set of standard weights & measures be purchased from the Customs department

Carried

7 Shire of East Loddon asking for the consent of the Council to the construction of a weir in the river Loddon for the purpose of diverting the surplus water from the river into the Serpentine Creek.

Cr. Coutts of the East Loddon Council was present and addressed the Council in favour of the application.

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Stat That the Council consent to the erection of a weir in the Loddon as requested by the East Loddon Council conditionally that the cost of constructing and maintaining the same be borne by the Swan Hill and East Loddon Shire Councils and that this Council be relieved of all present or future responsibility for any private or public damage caused by such weir.

Carried

8 Swan Hill Shire Council asking for the co-operation of this Council in diverting a portion of the Loddon water into the Kangaparil Creek.

Cr. Langdon of the Swan Hill Council and Mr. A. F. Leech of Boort addressed the Council in support of the application. Cr. Langdon stated that the intention was to throw a dam across the Loddon at its junction with the Kangaparil

Creek so as to divert a portion of the water into the latter which would require deepening. He estimated the entire cost at £250. and that the Minister of Public Works had promised to defray half the cost

After some discussion it was

Moved by Cr. Boys

Sec. by Cr. Steel that the members for the North Riding and the engineer meet the representatives of the Swan Hill Shire and inspect the site of the proposed work at 11 o'clock on ~~Saturday~~ Monday next the 20th Inst.

Carried

The president was requested to call a special meeting of the Council after the proposed conference if thought necessary

Messrs. J. C. Anderson & Masten were introduced to the Council as delegates from a meeting of ratepayers held at Nyah and requested that the Council would have two wells sunk for the use of travellers on the Inglewood & Oakleigh road one near Mr. Swan's land and the other near Mr. Lawrence's

Moved by Cr. Redwood

Sec. by Cr. Steel that two wells be sunk as requested and that the members for the South Riding and the engineer make the necessary arrangements and have the work done before next meeting.

Carried

9 J. Murphy giving up his contract for clearing on the Inglewood & Simpson's Creek road

Moved by Cr. Hall

Sec. by Cr. Redwood that Murphy's contract be cancelled & his deposit forfeited; and that he be disqualified from tendering in future

Carried.

8 Official assignee in the insolvent estate of Thos. Ryan applying for payment of £2 due him on contract

Ordered to be paid

9 Swan Hill Shire Council agreeing to pay half cost of clearing on boundary road.

10 Memorial from ratepayers in Salisbury West asking for the cleaning out of drains running into the nine mile dam in Salisbury West and other drains made.

Also objecting to the proposed filling in of dam made by Mr. J. C. Morrow on the road near his land and requesting that it may be left open.

The Council declined to comply with the latter request and ordered that the former order to fill in the dam be enforced, and that seven days notice to that effect be given to Mr. Morrow after expiry of which, if the bank be not removed that the engineer have it removed at once.

11 Thomas Pickett applying for five pounds extra on contract of Cowra Bridge. Refused.

12 Treasurer re sinking fund.

13 Mrs Cox applying for donation to Rutherglen Benevolent Society

14 Secy. Oakleigh for Inglewood Rec. Soc.

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Worcester that the appropriation

for charitable purposes for the year be £50 and the following be the amounts given to the Institutions named

Inglewood Hospital	20	—
Inglewood Benev. Society	2	10
Heyfesbury	2	10
East Charlton	2	10
Sandhurst	2	—
Deaf & Dumb Asylum	2	—
Blind Asylum	2	—
Eye & Ear Hospital	2	—
Children's Hospital	2	—
Infant Asylum	1	—
Orphan Asylum	1	—
	39	10

Carried

15 Edward Olson asking permission to erect swing gates on a road in Buckrabanyule.
Applicant had been previously informed that the road must be thrown open

16 A. Ennis asking permission to cut a drain from a road near his land to carry water into a tank.
Granted subject to engineer's supervision

17 James Bannon asking permission to sink a well upon Crown Lands at East Charlton.
No power to grant permission

18 & 19 Jabez Reach & John Irving applying for re-appointment as rate-collector and asking for an increase of salary

Moved by Cr. Paterson
Sec by Cr. Steel That John Reach be

appointed Collector of rates, statistics and dog registration fees for the Central Riding at a salary of forty pounds per annum and half fees

Carried

Moved by Cr. Quirk
Sec by Cr. Steel That John Irving be appointed Collector of rates, statistics and dog registration fees for the North Riding at a salary of forty pounds per annum and half fees.

Carried.

Bookkeeper & Inspector's reports received.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £2271-1-8 Expenditure £664-1-7. Bank Balance to credit £4495-11-1 —

Report received and approved.

Treasurer also submitted Report showing Receipts & Expenditure for past year for each Riding, balances for Ridings, rates due &c. Also estimates of Receipts and General Expenditure for coming year.

The Report was received and approved.

The Valuer submitted completed valuation of Shire and report thereon showing the net annual value of all rateable property to be £65.236. showing a decrease on last year of £2294 —

Moved by the President
Seconded by Cr. Coutts That the Valuer's report and return be received and approved and the valuation confirmed, signed, and the Shire seal attached thereto.

Carried.

The Treasurer submitted Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year commencing 1st October 1879 and ending 30th September 1880 shewing:-

Money required for:-

Balances on current contracts	370-7-0
Sundry accounts due	100.—
Interest on loan during 1879-80	210.—
Sinking fund for loan	450
	1130.7--
For General Expenditure exclusive of Public Works.	1640.
For Public Works during year as per schedules for Ridings	5797.17.
	£ 8568.4.

Money Available:

Balance in Bank of Victoria less deposits	613.4.4
Estimated Receipts:	
Licence Fees	645.—
Organs of Roads	250
Endowment	4200
	5708.4.4
Amount required	2859.19.8
	£ 8568 4

Valuation of taxable property £65.236-0-0
Rate required one shilling = £ 3261.15-0-0

Moved by the President
Sec. by Cr. Coutts That the above estimates as submitted by the Treasurer be approved and adopted.
Carried.

Moved by the President according to notice Sec. by Cr. Coutts. That, in order to raise the sum of £3860.- shown by the estimates now adopted to be required for the expenditure for the year ending 30th September 1880, a General Rate of one shilling on each pound of the Net Annual Value of all Rateable Property within the Shire be now made and levied in accordance with notice given by advertisement and placard during the back previous of the intention of the Council to make such rate. And that such Rate be made and levied for the period ending the 30th September 1880 and be due and payable on those after the twentieth day of October 1879.
Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Steel That Mr. John Reach be appointed Rate Collector and Collector of dog registration fees for the Central Riding at a salary of forty pounds per annum and half dog fees for twelve months. - Carried.

Moved by Cr. Quick
Sec. by Cr. Hall That Mr. John Loving be appointed rate-collector for the North Riding and collector of dog fees at a salary of forty pounds per annum and half dog fees for twelve months. — Carried.

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That Mr. George F. Grant the rate collector for the South Riding be authorised to collect the rate overmade for that Riding and that Messrs. Reach & Loving be authorised to collect the rate for the Central & North Riding respectively
Carried

The engineer reported on the condition of the various works in progress, and on various matters on which instructions were given at last meeting. He submitted estimates of cost of works for which tenders are called, and recommended that Young's contract for culvert on Conroy East be cancelled for non completion. Certain surveys ordered have been executed and survey made of species affected in different parts of the Shire. Excepting Young's contract and the footbridge at Cobbledick's the works generally are making fair progress.

The Report was received and adopted.

Cr. Quirk withdrew his motion for calling for tenders for keeping roads in repair in the Charlton district.

On the engineer's report it was:

Moved by Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. Hall That the road from Berlin towards Kerbridge by Bevis and Nelson be improved.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. Hall That tenders be called for constructing crossings near Mitchelman's.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Bouchier
Sec. by Cr. Quirk That the contract with Edward Young for construction of a culvert &c. in Conroy East No. be cancelled for non completion within the specified time and that the work be completed by the engineer at the cost of the contractor.

Carried

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee

1 For constructing bridge over Stony Creek on the Inglewood & Bealiba road Est. £370.

A. Guthrie	406 - 8 - 3	
S. M. Taylor	350. 14 - 6	
J. Hurst	359 - 10. —	
J. Kinsey	353. — —	
W. R. Jones	392. 6 - 4	
J. Longston	381 - 18. —	
Jas. Walker	348. 16. 7	
J. Crumble	419 - 13. 4	

The Committee referred these tenders to the Council with a recommendation that the tender of S. M. Taylor be accepted

2 Culvert on six mile plain Inglewood Est £55.

J. Parker	46. 10. —	
A. Guthrie	28 - 15 - —	
S. M. Taylor	32 - 2 - 6	
J. Polick	40 - 6. 8	
M. Hendry	61. 17 - 6	
Beer Bros.	98. —	
J. Kinsey	46. —	

Guthrie's tender recommended.

3 Culvert near Leckie's Mychetella.

J. Polick	42. 18 - 0	
S. M. Taylor	47 - 8 - 6	
W. H. Webb	63. —	
Beer Bros.	50. — —	
A. Guthrie	27 —	
J. Parker	42. 10.	
M. Rowley	47 —	

Guthrie's tender recommd.

4 Sunny Banks at Boyle Est. £20 –
Eight tenders
Andrew Keogh at £7 – recommended.

5 Work at Glenalbyn Est. £25
Seven tenders
Andrew Keogh at £12 recommended.

6 Clearing on Roadside & Buckenagh road to Lake Rest. Est. £30.
A. Quinlan per chain 1/4½
J. Kennedy – 1/–
F. Roe – 1/6.
M. Rowley 2/–
Kennedy recommended

7 Clearing in Boyle by Students Est. 18.7.8
A. Ross 13. 2. 0
J. Thompson 18. 7. 6
No deposit with Ross' tender
Thompson recommended.

8 Clearing on Roadside & Buckin. road to Machine. Est. 48.16.
A. Quinlan 32. 1. 8
F. Hughes 1/4 36. 13. 4
J. Byrne 1/4 36. 13. 4
J. Shaw 34. 7. 6
M. Rowley 50. 8 4
Quinlan recommended.

9 Clearing in Keyna near Keyshe
Petty 4 –
F. Roe 6. 13 4
Petty recommended.

10 From T. Neals to Boat Workshop Clearing 37. 10. 0
G. Irving £35 –
Recommended.

11 Clearing from Foxhunt Kinypanil Post Office Rest. Est £42
A. Ross 1/3 per chain 42. –
J. Kenny 1/8½ –
M. Mulvany 1/1 – 26. –
Mulvany recommended.

12 Clearing Roadside & Cover road from Winters to Reserve at Rathkis Est 41. 5. 0
J. Mulvany 1/3 per chain 34. 7. 6
F. Hughes 1/3 –
A. Ross 1/2 no deposit.
Hughes recommend.

13 Clearing Yemgroon & F. Quinlan road Est. £35 –
F. Hughes 39 –
J. Oblich 44 – 10. –
A. Cuthbert 36 – 10. –
F. Roe 34. 10. 5
C. Ross 40. –
J. Keefe No 30. –
M. Rowley 41 –
Keefe recommended.

14 Clearing on North boundary road from Wilson to Boat workshed Est. £24 –
J. Maclean 24 –
J. Mulvany 17. –
G. Ricketts 14. 10. –
G. Irving 24 –
Gannon 36. 9. 2
Mulvany recommend.

Cleaning from Sgt. Mann to their boundary
A. Markham £15.0
A. Wooding 10 —
Markham accepted.

Moved by the President
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the tender of
J. M. Taylor to erect bridge over Hope Creek
on Ryburn & Corbett road for £330. 14. 6 be
accepted.
Carried.

Moved by the President
Sec. by Cr. Quirk That the tenders of
A. Guthrie 2, A. Keogh 2, J. Kennedy, J. Thompson
A. Gunston, J. Petty, G. Young, A. Wooding 2
J. Hughes, J. Hope & H. Markham as
recommended by the committee be accepted
Carried.

Tenders were received to be called for the
following works in sections of which notice was
given at last gen. meeting.

By Cr. Bouchier
Cr. Boys For clearing by Mr. Jones
on East Charlton road
Carried
Cr. Paterson For forming &c on Weldon
Cr. Ross and East Charlton road.
near Bonghams
Carried
Cr. Paterson
Cr. Ross For crossings and drains
on Weldon & Barraba road
Carried.
Cr. Boys
Cr. Quirk For clearing by Mess. Pedersen
& Ryan Cr.

& Boys
Cr. Quirk For clearing by Hunt & Rossmore
Land in Reserve
Carried.
Cr. Boys
Cr. Quirk For approaches at bridge near Hurst
and Barkers, & construct. on Ryburn and
Bowtrees
Carried
Cr. Ross
Cr. Steel For culvert & approaches at Lemon
on Weldon & E. Charlton road
Carried.
Cr. Coutts
Cr. Robinson For drains from Salisbury bridge
South.
Carried.
Cr. Quirk
Cr. Paterson For forming at Bradleys on
East Charlton & Glenlee road
Carried.
Cr. Quirk
Cr. Paterson Forming near Kirks at East
Charlton.
Carried.
Cr. Quirk
Cr. Bouchier For four foot crossing near
Alexanders in Inverarangula
Carried
Cr. Quirk
Cr. Coutts That tenders be called for
excavating a tank at Wychetella of
2000 c. yards. Specif. to be sealed.
Tank not to be less than 12 ft. deep
Carried

Cr. Hall
Cr. Redwood Tenders for cutout between Buckhorn & Loghills Englis. & Hazen road.
Carried

Cr. Hall
Cr. Redwood Tenders for erecting bridge over Bulubul Creek at Page & Catchpoles
Carried.

Cr. Bopp
Cr. Bourchier For cutting 60 chns. drains between Birds & Kennedys Myrtle so as to convey water into Olga Plains tank
Carried.

Cr. Patterson
Cr. Ross That a discount of 2½ per cent be returned on all rates for 1889 & 90 paid before the 1st January 1890.
Carried.
Moved by Cr. Bourchier with leave
Sec by Cr. Steel That tenders be called for fencing in Olga Plains tank, erecting pump, tanks &c
Carried.
Moved by Cr. Bopp with leave
Sec. by Cr. Quirk That tenders be called for constructing crossing in Armstrong St. Charlton and cutting abt. 4 chns. drains.
Carried.
Moved by Cr. Hall with leave
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That tenders be called for crossing near Hannans bridge and four drains formation near Allens on Englis. & Hazen road.
Carried

Moved by Cr. Bourchier with leave
Sec. Cr. Patterson That tenders be called for clearing abt. 150 chns. between Smiths paddocks in Yossang
Carried.
Moved by Cr. Quirk with leave
Sec by Cr. Bourchier That tenders be called for clearing from R. Gillies to Tank Hill and from Susan O'Donnells to main road Buckenhumpie
Carried.
It was ordered that authority be given to Mr. R. S. Steel to take charge of the drains and tenders near Buckenhumpie recently enlarged by the Council.

Instructions.
Cr. Patterson Engineer to report on best route for road between O'Brien & Hanson from Englis. & Hazen road to reserve at Joseph Gibson on Hedden and Kempsanil road.

Cr. Ross Engineer to give notice to J. S. Rose to open road by his house par. of East Charlton.

Cr. Hall. Engineer to report on cost of formalizing on Myrtle road from Englis. North of Harrison's bridge, & South of tank near Spears, and at some of road where there are crabholes on it.
Also as to repairs required on Burke's Flat & Wokingham road East of Cockrams Creek & if small cost have them done. If too large, tenders to be called.

Cr. Quirk Secy to write St. Arnaud Council asking if they intend to have work made in Loddon this year.

Cr. Robinson Engineer to have stumps and trees cleared to full width between drains on Dyn. & Hecos road from Spring Creek to boundary of South Riding

Cr. Ross Stumps to be removed on bridge & Barnaby road near Dysmondo.

Notices of Motion

1 Cr. Ross That abt. 30 chns of road be cleared between Mr. Mathis & Brunners, parish of Boring

2 Cr. Paterson That a tank of abt. 1000 cyds be excavated in the reserve at Kilcoy Bridge Dyn. & Wadeville road; - to be fenced & pumps erected.

3 Cr. Paterson That all obstructions on roads within the Shire be removed before the 1st. Jany. 1880.

4 Cr. Ross That two crossings be made in the reserve near Gibsons at Kenipsmil.

5 Cr. Denik That 19 chains of stone channelling be done in High St. Charlton and footpaths in Armstrong St. by Miles' Factory be formed.

6 Cr. Denik That 20 chns. of formation with culvert be constructed in Box Swamp Charlton and Brook road.

7 Cr. Denik That two chns. of metalling be done at Mr. Williams, Red. & Charlton road

Cr. Hall That the engineer survey a road from Owen Street in high ground district to Rushes Flat

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Robinson That 1000 cyds. of tailings be purchased from Mr. Watson at the Raby Lead Influence and a deposit paid on them.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Paterson
Sec. by Cr. Ross That the following accts. be passed and paid.

Carried

1	Mr. Egan	Labour	7.	10 -
2	J. Doring	"	6 -	5. -
3	J. Reark	"	8.	15. -
4	G. F. Grant	"	18.	—
5	Arnall & Jackson		14.	19. 6
6	Cont. 559	O'Rourke	30.	-
7	" 559	"	30.	-
8	Interest on debentures		105.	-
9	Deposit Cont. 533.		5.	—
10	Cont. 550	Baker	21.	
11	J. Petty	Labour	4.	-
12	Cont. 565	J. Smith	1.	- -
13	" 571	A. Guthrie	14.	6. 9
14	" 497	"	12.	—
15	Engineer		29.	3. 4
16	Engineer	Surveys	22.	6. -
17	Secretary		25.	- -
18	J. Packer	Rolling	23.	-
19	E. Whitney	Labour	6.	8. -
20	A. Christian	"	9.	6. -
21	M. Rowler	"	6.	8.
22	W. A. Jones	"	5.	2 - -
23	Salvation		50.	-
		Forwd.	465	9. 7

		Forward	465.	9.	7
24	Cert. 528.	H. Butt	11.	—	—
25	" 530	J. Wilson	18.	14.	—
26	" 540	J. Walker	4	—	—
27	" 537	J. Hurst	35.	15.	—
28	R. P. Steel	Labour	14.	5.	9
29	J. Mann	"	2.	5.	—
30	Cert. 520.	J. Reynolds	3	8.	4
31	Advertising	E. Ch. Tribune	2.	2.	—
32	J. Kinsey	Labour	15.	5.	—
33	J. Moncrieff	Res. Alderman	4.	10.	—
34	Goods Exp.		3.	10.	—
35	J. Johnson	Labour	3.	10.	—
36	Sergt. Delaney	Inspector	2.	10.	—
37	Sundries		14.	2.	—
		£	602.	4.	8

The next meeting was ordered to be held on Tuesday the 18th November, being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting by the L. G. Act. and the meeting then closed.

Read and confirmed Geo E Bourchier
President

A special meeting of the Kowong Shire Council, called by the president, and Councillors Smith & Boys, was held at the Shire Office on the 27th October 1899

Present Cr Paterson, Steele Ross, Smith, Boys, & Hall.

In the absence of the president Cr Paterson was appointed Chairman of the meeting, the business of which was to receive and consider the report of the committee of the Council appointed to confer with a committee of the Swan Hill Shire Council on the subject of constructing a weir in the Loddon at its junction with the Kangaroo Creek.

The committee through the engineer reported that a conference between the two committees had taken place at the proposed site of the weir and that some levels & measurements had been taken by the engineer. He estimated that the cost of constructing a weir 12.6 high and cutting a connecting drain 3 ft. deep in the bottom with a one to one slope would be £950. Raising the weir 2 ft. higher would probably reduce the cost £200.

Cr Boys said that the engineer's estimate of the cost was considerably higher than was expected but he had nothing to add to the report. The channel would pass through Mr Summers' land, and that gentleman had stated that he would willingly allow the passage through his land.

Cr Steel proposed to contribute £50 to the cost as the work would only benefit a very few ratepayers in this Shire

Cr Hall opposed the scheme altogether and after some discussion Cr Boys stated that

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President

he was willing to pay a sum of £90 placed on the estimates for a tank in the North Division for the purpose of applying the money to this work and it was then

Moved by Cr. Boyes

Sec. by Cr. Paterson That this Council consent to the construction by the Swan Hill Shire Council of a weir across the Loddon at its junction with the Kunyanail Creek and to the deepening of that Creek by the Swan Hill Council within this Shire for the purpose of diverting a portion of the Loddon water, and that the Council contribute a sum equal to one eighth of the cost but not exceeding one hundred pounds (£100); providing that the Swan Hill Council carry out the work and assume all responsibility for any public or private damage that may be caused by the proposed works.

Carried.

It was also decided to recommend that the Council at the next ordinary meeting alter the estimates so as to transfer the above sum from a proposed tank at Ingoldsby to the work mentioned.

The engineer was instructed on the motion of Cr. Scott to select sites for tanks or dams at Kingower & Cheela & Burke's Flat and give estimate of cost.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Simmons thanking him for his permission to enter upon his land.

Letter to the East Loddon Council re weir in Loddon at Salisbury was read and approved.

Read and Confirmed

Geo E Bourchier President

Nov. 18th 1899