Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Woorooi Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Beechworth on Tuesday the 2nd December 1890

Present Cr. Steel (President) in the chair, and Crs. Coutts, Smith, Newton, Patterson, Ross and Beauchain.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence:-

1 Lands Office re reserve at Buckrabanyule

2 Lands Office re reserve at Canvan East

3 & 4 Coutts & Hill reporting appearance of measles at Rhedar

5 Mr. Thomas re proposed road near Young Gully which was referred in and recommended to Robt. Thomas.
Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Ross that application be made to the Minister of Lands for cession of the road reported to it being required for the accommodation of public traffic.
Carried.

7 Order to pay £3. 19.0 for making of road through Bowden's land at Buckrabanyule being instructed to pay ant.—

8 Order to pay £1. 19.6 for survey of reserve for water at Rhedar
being instd. to pay.—

9 Secretary for Water Supply re reply to application

for grant in aid of weir at Charlton and other works for water supply. stating that the application will be carefully considered in connection with the report of Messrs. Brown & Black when received.

10 Shire of Glenlyon recommending the imposition of a "progressive horse tax" in lieu of bots
Received. No action taken.

11 Lands Office re reserves.

12 Secy. Municipal Assn re endowment.

13 & others Applications from various institutions for donations &c.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Patterson that £10 pounds be given to the St. Amand Hospital and that the other charitable subscriptions be the same as last year
Carried.
An amendment was moved by Cr. Smith and seconded by Cr. Beauchain
That the St. Amand Hospital receive ten pounds
The amendment was lost & the original motion carried.

13 P. Anglim re fencing across Kangaroo
Reference to Cr. Coutts.

16 Shire of Echuca re endowment

17 Ratepayers Mr. Hayes re road to build subsidy for particular route.
Engineer reports against application.

18 A. Cameron re road at Avoca East

19 Land Office stating that application is made for 90 acres of Reserve reserve and asking if Council objects.
Moved by C. Quirk
Sec. by C. Ross That as the land applied for will not be required for water supply purposes no objection be made
Carried

20 Land Office that Mining department objects to the reservation of land at Kingston applied for for water supply on the ground that it is intersected by an auriferous gravel reef.
Referred to Cr Hall & engineer with instructions to select some other site

21 Land Office consenting to reserve three acres for dam at Rhodes.

22 J. Lloyd stating that he intends shortly to leave the colony and asking for a certificate from the Council
Moved by Cr Hall
Sec. by C. Branchini That a certificate under the seal of the Chair be given to Mr. Lloyd.
Carried

23 A. Guthrie denying the truth of the complaint made by Mr Beacon of the destruction of his fence by Guthrie. Council declines to interfere in the matter

24 Francesco Morosi applying for £25 as damages for the loss of a mare accidentally drowned in a dam said to have been constructed by the Council on the Charlton & Glenfish road.
The applicant was present and it was stated for him that he had driven the mare in a day

into the dam to water her and that, going in too far the mare got into deep water and was drowned
The engineer stated that the dam was fenced on three sides, the other side being left open for the convenience of watering stock, and the slope into the dam is very gentle so that with common care no accident need occur
Moved by Cr Patterson
Sec by Cr Hall That no action be taken in the matter

Cr Quirk stated that the applicant was a poor man and the loss was a very serious one to him, and on that ground but without acknowledging any responsibility on the part of the Council he would move an amendment
That a donation of ten pounds be given to Francesco Morosi conditionally that he sign a full release to the Council from all claim for damages on acct. of the loss of his horse
The amendment was seconded by Cr Martin and carried Morosi consenting to the condition

25 J. Reach applying for grant to Running Creek of half timbering licence from Page creek South.
Granted

26 R. Lamont applying on the part of Mr Clerson and party for permission to construct a drain or lay a pipe across the Belmont Middlebrook road about 300 yards to the N. of the Belmont Hotel.
Mr Bannerman appeared in support of the application.

Moved by C. Coutts
Sec. by C. Hall That the permission asked for by Mr Chas Tye be granted on deposit of five pounds as guarantee against injury to the road and payment of one pound per annum licence fee.

Carried

Engineer instructed to have notices posted at tanks re stating penalties for damage to such works

An ordinary meeting was here adjourned for the purpose of holding the adjourned annual meeting

C. Coutts reported that, as empowered by the Council the members for the South Riding had opened tenders for the following works of urgency.

1 For metalling approaches to Hope Creek bridge No. 2 on Ingle & Boot road
R. A. Jones accepted for £78—

2 For constructing crossing and clearing 8 chains road for Jas & Briggs Kusting
A. Nicholson accepted for £19-4-0

Moved by C. Steel
Sec. by C. Bouchier That the acceptance of tenders as above reported by C. Steel be confirmed.

Carried

The Treasurer reported receipts since last meeting including endowment £2053.19.4
Expenditure £480.14.11
Report received and approved

Engineer reported acceptance of tender from G. Duckett for fencing dam at Mr. Arthur's Lot. Rough plans of weir at Charlton have been sent to the St. Bernard Council who recommended the construction of timber weir. That in conjunction with engineer of East Rowan Shire a site has been chosen for bridge at Major's crossing & plans are in hand by the East Rowan engineer
That S. Hubbard has abandoned his contract for repairs to Buckle's Flat & Hedley's road.
Report suggested the purchase of a pile driver to be hired to contractors for bridges &c
Contracts in hand are generally making fair progress and final certificates have been issued where completed

Report received and approved.
Moved by C. Patterson
Sec. by C. Coutts That Hubbard's contract be cancelled and deposit forfeited.

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Moved by C. Patterson
Sec. by C. Steel That plans of bridge at Major's crossing be referred to engineer for report and alteration if necessary

Carried

The engineer stated that several pumps at Shire dams were out of repair.
Moved by C. Coutts
Sec. by C. Steel That no more pumps be erected at Shire dams

Carried

Moved by C. Martin
Sec. by C. Smith That pumps at present erected be put in repair

Carried

For 5— Agst. 3

The Secretary read a report on railways stating that as the Bill submitted to Parliament proposed to carry a railway from St. Lawrence via Cape Cove to Charlottetown, instead of from Inglewood as have always been supported by the Council, he had with the consent of the President assisted in organising a movement to substitute the Inglewood line for the other which have been successful. The engineer and Secretary had been summoned to give evidence before the Legislative Council & had attended. Considerable expense had been incurred which had been partly met by local subscriptions but there was still a considerable deficiency.

C. Lenk said that he considered that the action taken was for the benefit of the whole Shire and moved that the thanks of the Council be given to the Secretary & Engineer for their action in the matter.

Seconded by C. Bouchier & carried

A letter was read from the Secretary of the North Gladstone Railway League asking the Council to contribute to the payment of expenses incurred in obtaining the alteration in the Railway Bill.

After some discussion it was

Moved by C. Patterson

Seconded by C. Steel That as the Shire will be greatly benefitted by the alteration in the Railway routes which will carry a line through its centre and so save a large sum of money in excess making the Council vote one hundred pounds towards the payment of expenses incurred

C. Martin objected to the vote but would not move an amendment

C. Lenk considered the amt. too high but would give £50 – C. Coutts would support that sum as present and a similar amt. might be given when the work was carried out

C. Bouchier thought £25 was sufficient

C. Patterson then agreed to accept the suggestion of C. Lenk and substituted fifty for one hundred pounds in his motion which was then carried by a majority of six

For	Agst
C. Steel	C. Bouchier
Patterson	Martin
Lenk	
Ross	
Coutts	
Hall	

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee

1 For construction of stone or timber weir in the Hawea river at Charlton

Estimate Stone weir £502 – 15 – 0
Timber – 227 – 16 – 4

	Stone	Timber
M. Porter	565.10.0	340 – –
J. Kreft	448.16.–	296 – 10 – 0
Taylor & Whitney	511 – 5 – 6	310. 2. 6
Leck & Edwards	716. 12. 0	477 – 15. –

Referred to Council – –

J. Kreft's tender for timber weir recommended

2 For fencing at Glyde Plains Est. 36. 1. 8

Rose & Roberts	43 – 10 – –
Ben Ben.	36 – –
M. Porter	44 – 10 – –

Ben Ben recommended

3 Supplying gentle posts.
Cr Wilson for post 3/- Brooms painting painting 1/- per post. Lettering 1/2 per letter
Tender recommended

Moved by Cr. Quirk
Sec. by Cr. Martin That the tender of J. Roche for constructing a timber weir in the Moore river at Chatham for £296-10-6 be accepted -

Carried. -

Moved by Cr. Crabbe
Sec by Cr. Paterson. That the engineer be authorised to appoint an inspector of works at the weir

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Ross
Sec. by Cr. Crabbe That the tenders of Beer Bros and Cr. Wilson, as recommended by the Works Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Mr Secretary called attention to a notice in the Govt. Gazette that certain reserves within the Shire will be offered for sale at Chatham on the 11th January, including some upon which the Council has expended money in tanks fencing &c. and stated that he had written to the department protesting against the sale without the consent of the Council.
The action taken by the Secy. was approved and it was -
Moved by Cr. Quirk
Sec by Cr. Bourchier That, if necessary, the President & Secretary waid upon the Minister of Lands on the subject.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Quirk according to notice
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That tenders be called for 20 chains formation drains near Howard's & Butler's in Terraper, and 40 chains near Sparks & Mitchell's in Burekerbrooke.

Carried

Remainder of notices of motion were postponed and notice given by Cr Bourchier - That tenders be called for constructing a bridge over Mamal Creek between Shire reserve & O'Donnell's, Burekerbrooke.

Secretary was instructed to bring a list of road surveys paid for by Council during past eighteen months and by whom surveyed.

Cr. Bourchier complained of conduct of rate collector for North Riding in making derogatory remarks about Councillors and threatening to interfere in Shire elections. Secretary was instructed to write to the collector on the subject.

Cr Martin Engineer was instructed to have pump removed from Wychetella tank to Mazarthia tank and to have temporary approach at Blue Plains tank put in repair. -

Moved by Cr. Quirk
Sec. by Cr. Martin That the following accts. recommended by the Finance Committee for payment, be passed & paid.

Carried.

99	Cont. 661	A. Browning	£1-	15- 0
100	" 666	" "	22.	9- 7
101	" 635	Beer 1-		
	" 634	" 6-10-	7.	10. -
		Forward.	51.	14. 7

	Forward		57	14	7
102	Cont. 655	Hughes	17		
103	" 658	Oblich	36	15	—
104	Road Survey	O. Lloyd	9	2	10
105	Cont. 682	Reeder	11	—	—
106	Labour	R. Baker	14	2	—
107	Survey	J. S. Stan	12	—	
108	Labour	J. Moran	3	19	—
109	Cont. 664	J. Kinning	4	—	—
110	Advertg	Rolls Re	2	16	—
111	Cont. 615	J. Kinning	2	—	
112	" 619	"	13	—	
113	" 682	Reeder	3	14	2
114	" 655	Hughes	2	5	—
115	Labour	Christian	2	5	6
116	"	Brenton	6	—	
117	Cont. 691	C. Rae	17	—	
118	690	Rae & Weldrick	5	—	
119	693	R. A. Jones	25	—	
120	Labour	J. Watt	11	8	—
122	"	R. A. Jones	16	10	—
121	J. Nolan, Inspector, Salary		5	—	
123	Labour	R. L. Steel	8	5	—
124	F. Morris (Donation)		10	—	
125	Auditors fees R. & Bargrannoth		11	17	—
126	" " J. P. Gray		7	7	—
127	Valuation	S. Conlin	50	—	
128	Advertg	Cowtown Ro	3	6	2
129	J. A. Neill, Inspector, Salary		5	—	
130	Engineer	Salary	29	3	4
131	Inglewood Hospital		20	—	
132	Chantelle Ho		20	—	
134	St. Armand Hospital		5	—	
135	Sundries		6	15	4
	Forwd.		445	—	11

	Forward		445	—	11
136	Cont. 679	Guthrie	20	—	
137	" 654	Lacher	20	—	
			485	—	11

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

18 January 1881
Confirmed

R. L. Steel Reeve