Minutes of a special meeting of the Koring Shire Council held at the Shire Hall Beaufortown on the 29th March 1881, called by resolution at ordinary meeting on 15th March for the purpose of taking steps to enforce the Rabbit Suppression Act, 1880.

Present Cr. Steel President in the chair. Crs Bouchier Peterson, Martin, Ross, & Hall.

The President said the first business was for the Council to decide whether or not it would move in the matter

Moved by Cr Hall
Sec by Cr Bouchier That the Council take the necessary steps to act with the Government in enforcing the Act for the suppression of rabbits.
Carried

The Act was then read by the Secretary

Moved by Cr Bouchier
Sec by Cr Hall That an inspector under the Rabbit Suppression Act be appointed for each Riding
Carried

Moved by Cr Steel
Sec by Cr Hall That applications for the office of rabbit inspector be called for by advertisement such applications to be read and considered at next ordinary meeting of the Council.
Carried

Moved by Cr Bouchier
Sec. by Cr Martin That appointments be for three months at a salary of £3-0-0 per week

An amendment was moved by Cr Ross and sec. by Cr Hall that the salary be £2-10-0 per week for three months. The original motion was withdrawn and the amendment carried.

The meeting then closed.

Confirmed 19 April 1881

Robert Steel President

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koroing Shire Council held in the Shire Hall, Gladesburn, on the 19th April 1884.

Present Cr. Steel (president), in the chair, and Crs. Adel, Rutherford, Coates, Quirke, Martin, Patterson, Ross, and Bouchier

The minutes of last ordinary and special meeting were read and confirmed

Correspondence:-

1 Secretary for Lands that ten acres of land in Tchatten will be reserved for water supply purposes.

2 Treasury re percentage of licence fees.

3 Arnell & Jackson stating that a new map of the colony showing all municipal boundaries
moved by Cr. Bouchier sec. by Cr. Ross.
That one copy be obtained Carried.

4 Shire of East Loddon re bridge at Major's Crossing.

5 G. Brockitt for permission to plant ~~erect~~ fence on a road
Granted subject to usual conditions

6 Wm. Letts stating that he is unable to complete contract for cleaning out Batchelor's dam.

7 Manager Bank of Victoria with notice from Supreme Court to retain all moneys due to Mr. Kenny

8 Shire of East Loddon re bridge at Major's crossing

9 Asst. Postmaster General re mail arrangements to Beaufort

10 J. J. Foster applying for payment for materials supplied to contractor for bridge at Green East out of money due to contractor.
Referred to Secretary

11 Govt. Statist re returns.

12 Treasurer re sinking fund for debentures

13 Ratepayers at Green Hill applying for construction of crossing over Green River near Campbell's Creek
Referred to engineer

14 Cr. Dudley Crown Lands Bailiff re cattle poisoning

15 Secretary for Mines & Water Supply stating that a sum of £145 is granted towards constructing reservoirs at Kingston, Rheola, & Banks' Flat, at the rate of one pound for each pound expended by the Council.

16 East Charlton Rifle League applying for donation
No funds available

17 Ratepayers & others residents near Hope Creek asking for clearing of unused road to the Eglinton.
Referred to Engineer

18 John Polick stating that he had made a mistake in his tender for supplying horse and drag and asking to be released and his deposit returned
Contract ordered to be cancelled and point to (deposit forfeited) next Council tenders.

19 Mr. Letts explaining reasons for being unable to go on with his contract for cleaning out Mitchells Dam; and asking for return of deposit and some allowance for work done.

Cr. Bourchier said that there was great delay in commencing the work which should have been now completed.

Moved by Cr. Bourchier

Sec. by Cr. Patterson That Letts contract be cancelled, deposit forfeited, and no allowance made for work done.

Carried.

20 Secy. Literary Institute, Heidelberg, thanking the Council for book lettering in 1882. —

Said copy in hand ordered to be given to the Kingsbury Mechanics Institute

21 Chairman of East London forwarding tracing of proposed bridge over the Loddon at Francis crossing in Salisbury West and asking the assistance of this Council in constructing same.

Secy. instructed to reply that there is no money available at present but that the matter will be considered in forming next estimates.

Also to inform East London Council that this C. adheres to its opinion that the alterations proposed by the Public Works department in the plans for bridge at Rapier's crossing are unnecessary

22 G. Mirbell offering to take charge of tank and pump at Charlton for £5. per annum

Consideration postponed

23 Frank Brooks offering to clean out Mitchells

dam to a depth of 4 ft. 6 inch from present surface for £40.

Moved by Cr. Bourchier

Sec. by Cr. Patterson That this work be offered to the tenderer next above Letts, who has abandoned it, at the price tendered for same, if they refuse to take it, then Brooks' offer be accepted.

Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole for the purpose of opening applications for the office of Rabbit Inspector.

Mr. Dudley, Crown Lands Bailiff, was in attendance and in reply to questions stated that the only depot at present in the Shire for the sale of phosphorus and the purchase of skins is at Charlton, where the phosphorus can be obtained at 7½ per lb.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Minister of Lands informing him that the Council was now taking action under the Rabbit Suppression Act & asking for the appointment of other depots and for a supply of phosphorus. Mr. Dudley said that the Secretary's letter had been forwarded to him for report, and he had reported on and returned it.

After some discussion it was moved by the President and Sec. by Cr. Coates

That in the event of a depot being established at Heidelberg it be placed in charge of the Secretary and that the Surveyor attend at stated times to supply applicants and to purchase skins if necessary

Carried

Moved by the President

Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Dudley for his attendance

Carried

The applications for the office of inspector under the Rabbit Act were then considered
Several motions were submitted and withdrawn and it was then
Moved by Cr Patterson
Sec. by Cr Ross. That the rate collectors for the respective Ridings be appointed for one week at the salary named in the advertisement calling for applications, namely £2-10-0 with the option of continuing afterwards at 30/- per week

An amendment was moved by Cr Bourchier
Seconded by Cr Hall — That the applications be considered as a whole and a selection made by the Council, the appointments to be for one week at £2-10-0 with the option of continuing at 30/- per week.
The amendment was carried by a majority of one.

Moved by Cr Curtis
Sec. by Cr Hall That Mr E. F. Grant be appointed Inspector under the Rabbit suppression Act for the South Riding of the Shire
Carried

Moved by Cr Patterson
Sec. by Cr Ross That Mr J. Reach be appointed for the Central Riding
Carried

Moved by Cr Martin
Sec. by Cr Bourchier That Mr Sam Mackenzie be appointed for the North Riding.
Carried

The Council then resumed. The proceedings of the Committee were reported and the appointments of Messrs. Grant, Reach & Mackenzie confirmed

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last ordinary meeting £161-6-6 Expenditure £373-19-6
Report received and accepted
Report on financial position of Ridings submitted & received.
The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee

1 For 3 miles of side drains by Morrison & Gordon on Redbankburn & Moorang road — Est. £58—

H. Mosling	£60—
R. H. Steel	47—
A. Mathieson	72—
G. Rechetto	50—
J. Smith	45—
T. Velisicki	35—
R. Letts	48—
J. Smyth	48—
M. Rooney	47

S. Velisicki's tender recommended.

2 Constructing bridge West of Willis & Hogans in Kangaroo Gully — Est. 58-13-0

A. Guthrie	68-16-0
J. Somerville	57-10-—
J. Koning	69-—
J. Taylor	62-10-
Roberts	89-

J. Somerville recommended.

3 Excavating 2000 yard tank near Mooney in parish of Mapia Est. £88

H. Buchan	85 —
Jordan & Shaw	69 - 10 -
R. R. Roberts	97 - 1 - 6
J. Howard	127 - 10 - —
C. Lemon	125 - —
H. Bendry	93 - 16 - 4
G. Bur	84 —

Jordan & Shaw recommended. —

4 Cleaning between Burs Weeks in Mapia £6.

J. Potter	3 - 13 - 4
R. H. Bur	6 - —
J. Howard	20 —

J. Potter recommd.

8 Culvert & forming near Jensen & Hamilton Salisbury Rest. Est. 27 - 10 - 0

J. Howard	53. 10. —
J. M. Taylor	31. 17. —
Roberts	49. 5. 6

Taylor recommended.

6 Culverts &c by Geo. & W. Foster Salisbury Rest Est 32 - 10 -

Roberts	48 - 2 - 6
R. R. Jones	42. 13. 4
J. Howard	61 . —
J. Kennedy	62

No tender recommended - too high.

7 Metalling outfall drain &c near Lyons on Bridgewater & Newbridge road Est. 87. 13. -

R. E. Jones	106. 12. 0
W. Walker	86 . 10 .
J. Keniry	113 - —
A. Guthrie	100 . 11 . 6

Jones J. Hurst 90. —

W. Walker tender recommd.

8 For forming 100 chains near Kelly & Guilfoyle on Eaglemont & Beart road. Est. £120 - —

Tenders for this work not opened but ordered to be held over for next meeting.

9 Excavating & making dam at Rhodes Est. 155 - 12 0

J. Parker	140 - 16 - 6
M. Rowler	165 . —

Parker recommended.

10 Constructing dam at Barker's Flat Est. 96. 13. 0

H. Bendry	135 - —
Jas. Parker	70 - 6 - 4
J. Keniry	135. —
E. Whitney	74. —

Parker recommended.

11 Constructing embankment roadway by Sparks & Gruchsiks Swamp Inglis Est. £26 -

M. Rowler	24. 15 - 0

Recommended.

12 Footbridge & crossing near Ferguson school Est. £14. 0

T. Hughes	25. 10. 0
M. Rowler	22. —
J. M. Taylor	22 - 10. —

Not recommended - too high.

13 Delivering 200 yds gravel Rest. & Charlton road Est. £20

L. Rose £22. G. Ward 22. 10. - A. Crisp 17. 15. 0

D. Guthrie 20. 16. 8. J. Hurst 19. 15 - 0

A. Crisp recommd.

14 Delivering 300 yds gravel Bulalen & Sandy Creek £21.20
J. Crisp £20 — J. Forest £28.9. Guthrie 13.11.0
Guthrie recommend.

15 Delivering 300 yds gravel Bulalen & Sandy Creek £20
R. L. Steel 25 — Woodmin £20 Forest 16-17.8
C Rose 19.10.0 Letts 22.10.0 Crisp 17.10.0
Ward 14.19.0 Guthrie 20 —
R. Ward recommend.

16 Delivering 300 yds. Fall & Spring Creek £20.
Woodmin — C Rose 14.10 — Guthrie 20.5.0
Letts 16.13.4 Crisp 15 —
C Rose recommend.

Moved by Cr. Guthrie
Sec by Cr Ross That the tenders of
S. Wilcock J. Somerville, Jordan & Shaw,
J. Pettigrew, S. M. Taylor, F. Walker, J. Parker
M. Rowley, F. Crisp, D. Guthrie, G. Ward,
and C. Rose, as recommended by the
Committee be accepted
Carried.

The engineer reported that the committee appointed at last meeting had accepted tenders from Gregson & Henderson for sinking & walling up well near Buckenbourn at 1/6 per yd, and from D. Guthrie for cleaning out materials in Kerang Flat at 6/- & per c yd. The cleaning out tank near Mr Cullington's Buckenbourgh was let for £12 — Recommends that Alpha Creek bridge No. 1 and Allens bridge be re-decked. Crossing over Bulabul Creek near Ross & Sebbens can be made for £40. Recommends application for a grant from any fund for water supply to cut a drain from

Kyeipkuin to Molesworth Creek by which the Creek can be filled and road formed at a cost of £1.500. — Reports generally on condition of works in progress and that several contracts are completed.

Motions under notice. —
By Cr. Paterson
Sec. by Cr Ross That tenders be called for clearing about two miles of scrub from Lemnos store South to Molesworth.
Carried
Also for clearing from Newlands to Spring Hill South as provided in estimates. — Carried.
Also for clearing remaining portion of Buckenbourn & St. Arnaud road to be chosen. — Carried.

By Cr Ross
Sec by Cr. Paterson That tenders be called for constructing two culverts on Conroy and Green Forest road
Also for footbridge &c. at Yarrayne school
Carried

By Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr Ross That tenders be called for works on estimates at Fentons Creek
Carried
Also for forming and metalling at Green Bridge as on estimates.
Carried

By Cr. Ball (with leave)
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That tenders be called for constructing dam at Kangaroo
Carried
Engineer to expend not more than £7 — in cleaning out dam at Kangaroo

Moved by Cr. Paterson
Sec. by Cr. Brechin That it be part of the duty of the Shire engineer in future to make surveys of new roads within the Shire when required without extra charge except for expenses incurred by him in making such surveys.

Carried

Instructions to officers

Cr. Paterson. That Secretary apply to the Water Supply Department for the control of the reservoir at Wedderburn. Engineer to inspect and report if reply be favourable

Cr. Brechin said that work recently done near Secretaries in Kerrypamuel is not in the place intended and, with leave, moved that tenders be called for cutting drains on road running North and South by Scaddons. Also for forming two small pieces of road near Lennons and between Paterson & Sutton's land in Korong
Sec. by Cr. Quick & carried

Notices of Motion.

By Cr. Paterson That a culvert with four chains of filling be constructed about two miles from finger post near Charlton on three chain road running by Mesm Rankin's land.

Cr. Steel. That tenders be called for kerbing Neigh St. Wedderburn as provided on estimate

Cr. Ross. That tenders be called for clearing off 2½ miles of road running between Griffith & Thomson's, Kerrypamuel to Bent road

Cr. Martin That tenders be called for clearing on road between Hall & Hughes Korong as on estimate

Cr. Quick That tenders be called for making ten chains of chaumelling at Charlton as on estimate. Also clearing two miles by Sullivans and Mr. Adams Barnaka

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

Carried

232	Contract 695	J Keogh	90.	—	
233	" 638	Bowes	2	16.	—
234	Secretary		25.	—	
235	Post Collector	Railway Company	20.	—	
236	Gov. Contract on Licence fees		24	4	—
237	Interest on debentures		105.	—	
238	Cont. 707	Irving	49.	—	
239	" 663	"	1.	—	
240	Labour	Nicholls	1	5.	—
241	Group Expenses		1	10.	—
242	Cont. 709	Hughes	10.	—	
243	J Keogh	Salary	10.	—	
244	J Irving	Salary	10.	—	
245	Municipal Association		4.	4.	—
246	Inspector Delivery	1 qr. salary	2.	10.	—
247	"	Kellen 13 mos. salary	10.	—	
248	Cont. 715	Grayson	4	4.	4
249	" 716	Guthrie	5.	6.	2
250	Labour	W. J. Watson	2.	10.	—
251	Cont. 678	Crawford	27.	15.	6
252	" 715	Grayson	1.	13.	5
253	" 709	Hughes	9.	18.	—
254	J Irving	Dog registration	4.	2.	6
			421.	8.	8

		Forward	421	8	8
256		S. M. Taylor Clerk of Works Lease Rec	13	12	—
257		Contract 695 Keeping	15	—	
258		Books "Written in 1881"	9	9	—
259		Advertising S. Ch. Lib.	5	11	—
260	Cont. 695	Kelly	102	0	6
261	Labour	Kelly	1	15	2
262	"	Stuart	9	—	
263	"	J. C. Patterson	2	16	3
264	"	T. Walker	3	12	—
265	"	A. Christison	2	8	—
266	Cont. 705	A. Lemon	20	—	
267	" 708	"	9	17	5
268	Advertising	Mg. Advertiser	5	6	3
269		Inter. Lemin	2 / 2	8	9
270	Printing	Smiths	11	17	6
271	Engineer		19	3	4
272	Secretary		25	—	
273	Pres. Collec & Insurance		5	6	—
274	H. A. Jones		10	5	6
		£	707	15	4

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

Confirmed
17 May 1881

Robt Steel President