Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kaong Shire Council held at the Shire Hall, Fredericton on the 15th August 1883.

Present Cr. Steel, Ross, Clark, Quirk, Robinson, Coutts and Pourchier.

Councillors Quirk & Ross, made the necessary declarations and took their seats for the North and Central Ridings respectively.

In the absence of the president Cr. Steel was appointed Chairman.

Moved by Cr. Steel, Seconded by Cr. Coutts, that the Council deeply regrets that the late president Cr. Dale is prevented by an accident from attending this meeting, and trusts that he will speedily recover from the effects of it.

Carried.—

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Pourchier, That the president for the ensuing year receive an allowance for expenses not exceeding the sum of twenty pounds per annum of the Shire

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Pourchier, That Councillor Quirk be appointed President of the Council for the ensuing twelve months.

The motion was supported by several Councillors and carried unanimously.

Cr. Quirk then took the Chair and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence:—

1 Secy. re Water supply at Lawn.
2 Secy. Shire of Murray re Judge of Salisbury Court
3 Secy. re Crown Grant of Reserves & Memorials of Measurement of Lands in Shire

4 Same for work at Port Gary dam.

5 Inglewood Borough Council asking leave to construct drains outlets may carry Rly on embankment & widen, drain and cut on land from Inglewood to Swan Hills.

Moved by Cr. Stut

Sec. by Cr. Edwards That permission be granted subject to engineers inspection & approval

6 Letter re Railways

That approaches to Midland Station will be improved

7 Royal Commission on Police asking opinion of Council on proposal to allow municipalities to have a voice in regulating the distribution of police force in their districts and be charged with cost of constables applied for in excess of their allotment

Moved by Cr. Clark

Sec. by Cr. Stut That the proposal be approved provided that the cost of the existing force be still borne by the government

Carried

8 Letter for water supply commending costs for £113. 5. 6 part of half cost of working water-borer

9 Land Office, Sandhurst, requesting payment of £3. 16. 6 cost of survey of reserve at Kangaroo Gully

Noted to be paid

10 Letter re Lands forwarding approved regulations for Lands.

11 Same re Meredith Springs Reserve

12 Swan Hill Shire re rabbits.

13 Inspector re same subject

14 Shire Secretary re Swan Hill railway.

15 Letter Public Works re polling places.

Moved by Cr. Clark

Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the thanks of the Council be given to Messrs Grant & Campbell for their efforts to obtain the substitution in the Railway Bill of a line from Port to Swan Hill instead of from Nyrang

Carried

Moved by Cr. Clark

Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the Lands Office in the same matter be approached and the thanks of the Council given to him for it and that he be requested to take further steps with respect to the Port line if necessary

Carried

16 Letter re Water supply that it is proposed to specify in the Order in the Constitution of the Loddon Water Trust that two commissioners be appointed for each of the Councils of the Shires of Swan Hill, St. Arnaud & Marong

Moved by Cr. Watts

Sec. by Cr. Clark That Cs. Lovell & Bourchier be appointed Commissioners in this Council on the Loddon Water Trust

Carried

Cr. Stut requested that before the motion was put a deputation in attendance from the bottom part of the Central Riding on the subject of water supply be heard.

The deputation was introduced by Cr. Stut and consisted of Messrs Cossar, Gill, Gibney, Jones, Smith, & others. They presented a petition signed by a number of ratepayers (75) ~~[illegible]~~ protesting against the inclusion of that part of the Central Riding in a Water Trust district and requesting that a poll of the ratepayers may be taken on the question. The deputation stated their objections [illegible]

date on water supply but were favorable to the construction of tanks where required out of the general revenue of the Shire, and that they were willing to allow such work to take place of road making. They had no objection to the appointment of the proposed Waterworks

Cr. Coutts motion for the appointment of Commissioners was then put & carried

17 Land Officer asking if the Council objected to the application of the Inglewood Swing & Council for an addition of about 2000 acres to the Borough Common in the parish of Inglewood near the Inglewood mass. – No objection

18 Hon. J. Hammond asking for the co-operation of the Council in endeavouring to obtain the abolition of the duty on bags.

Moved by Cr. Clark

Sec. by Cr. Coutts That the Council co-operate and suggest that woolsacks be unlimited

Carried

19 Secy. for Lands – That regulations for dip reserves have been approved and made by the M. and of Lands & Works.

20 Letter Mode & Sennett & Burke's Hotel – roof asking for repairs.

Engineer stated that a new roof had been ordered and old one was not repairable and can only be repaired at great cost.

21 H. Swing near Wedderburn Mining claiming compensation for drain made through his land to convey water from Unemployed Creek to Woolshed Lake in which some 1000 sheep have been lost, and requesting that drain may be fenced.

Moved by Cr. Bonchier

Sec by Cr. Hart That Mr. Swing's letter

be referred to the Wedderburn Water Trust within whose district it is situated.

Carried

22 Land Officer Sandhurst. That Mr. E. Allbridge objects to reservation of fire area at Bates Springs Inglewood

23 E. Allbridge with sketch of land occupied by him and suggesting position of reserve.

24 Received & approved and ordered to be sent to Land Office

25 Secy. for Water supply that there is no objection to the Council undertaking the Upper Water Supply to farmers, providing that they, in a guarantee to return it in good order and that the Council will be responsible to the Department in the matter

26 G. Collins requesting that a road between his land and that of Moore, Tanner and Cummins may be opened.

Ordered that notice be given to the parties and also to persons in occupation of Charlton East, Barnadown & Kenyon who have stock roads requiring them to open them.

27 Richland & Sons of Swan's Spring, consenting to give up their right to the dam & reserve in Kennedy near Hart & Burns Lane conditionally that a block of large, adjoining the pre-emptive right on the Spring hill large be given for sale.

The consent is accorded to that person to be used for agricultural purposes.

Moved by Cr. Ross

Sec. by Cr. Hart That the Minister of Lands be requested to have the land put up for sale on the conditions stated

Carried

28 Thos. Cook, rate collector asking the Council to re-imburse him in expenses incurred in the prosecution of a case under the Dog Act in which the defendant was found at Brook Cr. N.Z.

Such expenses were ordered to be paid

29 Secretary for Railways that the Council approach the Council on approach to origin, upon the Records has not been purchased by the Department

Moved by Cr. Stuart

Sec. by Cr. Clark That the Council purchase the land from Mr Webster at a price not exceeding fifty pounds.

Carried.

30 Mary Borough Women's Branch forwarding copy of resolution adopted by the ~~Branch~~ Conference held at Ballarat on the 26th ult. relative to the management of State Forests and asking the Council to send a representative on a deputation intending to wait on the Minister for Agriculture at noon on the 22nd inst. on the subject.

Moved by Cr. Stuart

Sec. by Cr. Quick That the Council approve the resolution and request Mr. Langdon to represent them on the deputation

Carried

31 Loddon R. Water Trust asking for an acct. of expenditure connected therewith.

32 Secy. S.E. Commn. Ring asking for co-operation of Council in obtaining a line of railway from Charlton to Wycheproof in lieu of that from Marten to Sheppatills

Moved by Cr. Bonchier

Sec. by Cr. Quick. That this Council assist in endeavouring to obtain the alteration referred to.

Carried

33 Commnr. from rate payers at Inglewood asking for construction of a 400 gallon tank at South Inglewood near the State School.

To be considered in connection with Engineer's report on Localities at next meeting.

34 Secy. to Coran Water Trust re appointment of Commissioner.

35 Men employed in laying pipes to Heidelberg Reservoir asking for an increase of wages

Application referred present rates being considered sufficient.

36 Ratepayers at Kangaroo calling attention to the closing of a road by the Railway Department.

37 State Department requesting that gate may be put on road.

38 Ratepayers, Huddleston, asking for repairs to East end of Chapel St. Huddleston.

Engineer to have temporary repairs effected and report to next meeting re requirements.

39 Ratepayers in Wareen stating that a new Rock Sand was been selected and requesting the Council to oppose the application.

Moved by Cr. Ross

Sec. by Cr. Stuart That the selection of the reserve be opposed to

Carried

Cr. Bonchier asked the engineer if British Contract for clearing at Richmond Plains is completed as there are two fences across the road. Engineer stated that he had given notice to remove the fences which would be done very shortly.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £94. 14. 0 Expenditure £669. 8. 8.
Report received and adopted.

The engineer reported on road to Kerrigorle station recommending a culvert and additional 30 chains of paralling. Cr. Dam applied for at Burkes Flat a small sum of £5 or £6 would be sufficient to clean & enlarge it.
No steps have been taken with respect to the proposed bridge on the Loddon in Salisbury West owing to the height of the river. But there is no objection to the acceptance of the offer of Mr. John Brown to exchange a piece near his land for a deviation which will give a better approach to the bridge over Bell's creek.
These works generally are making fair progress and final vouchers have been given for several contracts.
Moved by Cr. Clark, seth Lunn
Sec. by Cr. Stud That tenders be called for work required at Kerrigorle as recommended to be placed on next year's estimates.
Carried
Cr. Redwood moved that the dam at Burkes Flat be cleaned out but the motion not being seconded, lapsed.
Moved by Cr. Clark
Sec. by Cr. Stud That Mr. J. Brown's offer to exchange roads be accepted provided that the cost of transfers and other expenses be paid by him.
Carried
Letter from Mr. Patterson, Inspector of Works resigning his office on the ground

that he believed that a majority of the Council wished to abolish the office.
Cr. Barkhuis objected to the resignation being received as the services of an Inspector were absolutely necessary and would be the means of enabling the Council to see the works carried out more efficiently and with greater economy. Several other councillors spoke to the same effect and it was
Moved by Cr. Barkhuis.
Sec. by Cr. Ross That the resignation of Mr. Patterson be not received and that he be requested to withdraw it. Carried
Cr. Clark was of opinion that the office was not necessary as the Council had no longer anything to do with water supply which now belonged to the Trust and he moved as an Amendment
"That Mr. Patterson's resignation be accepted."
Sec. by Cr. Richardson
The amendment was lost the mover and seconder only voting for it and the original motion was carried. Mr. Patterson then withdrew his resignation and agreed to continue to the end of his present engagement.
The deputation re Water Trust again came forward and asked that a poll be taken in the Central Division on the question.
Cr. Stud moved that a poll be taken
Sec. by Cr. Ross but afterwards withdrawn
Cr. Elvin moved that the motion be adjourned the Central Division in a small room be assembled this was objected to as out of order & withdrawn.
The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the Rabbit Inspector of the Swan Hill Shire stating that a number of selections in the Northern boundary of this Shire are swarming with rabbits and suggesting

that joint action should be taken at once. He have therefore, with the consent of the members for the North Riding, requested Mr. Rochow to resume duty as inspector until this meeting. Approved.
Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Smith that Mr. Rochow be requested to resume duty as rabbit inspector for the North Riding and continue during pleasure
The motion was carried Cr. Clarke & Ross voting against it.
The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee
1 For clearing about two miles by Douglas road O'Rourkes, Marmal & Buckenbaye road £12.—
G. Noble — 5 —
W. Crisp 15. 10. —
Noble recommended.
2 Cutting branches off standing trees on about three miles of Smiths & Bow swamps on Charlton and Inglewilles road. Est. £20 —
J. Kelly £15 —
A. Holmes 5 —
Holmes recommended.
3 Clearing remainder of Noble & Acres Forest road about 4½ miles Est. £35. 0.
E. Whitney 21. 5. 0
E. S. Reid 22. 13. 4
Wilcox 24. 2. —
W. Crisp 19. 7. 0 19. 7. —
Crisp recommended.
4 Forming, draining & fencing one Est. 57
W. Crisp 75 —
W. Fry 52. 10. —
W. C. Jones 46. 14
A. Christian 49 —
A. Kemp 59
Jones recommended.

5 Clearing abt. one mile by Stringers & Knights in Emporia Est. £6 —
R. Petty 5 —
Wilcox 6
J. Gabriel 8
Petty recommended.
6 Forming abt. nine chains by Jensen & Petersen Bryers Bridge road. Est. 34. 9. 7
Jas. Lewis 22. 19. 6
J. Nicholl 19. 13. 9
Nicholl recommended
7 Clearing abt. three miles by Kelly, Pollett 23. 5. 0
W. Simpson 5 —
R. Gaynor ½ per chain
Simpson recommended.
8 Supplying 100 cords posts on road to Hollenbeen railway station Est. 125
D. Guthrie 128. — 16. 8
W. Crisp 72 — 8. 4
J. Powell 112. —
J. Williams 95 — 6. 8
C. Rose 64. 11. 8
C. Rose recommended
9 Clearing by Patterson Municipal 2 miles 12. 3. 3
Gaynor ½ per chain
Marmal 20. 3. 0
D. Petty 12. —
Petty recommended
10 Grubbing 10 chains by Kenny & Cadman station Est. 44. 2. 6
J. Gibson 42. 10. 0
C. Rose 45. —
Gibson recommended
Moved by Cr. Ross That the tenders of G. Noble be accepted C. Holmes, W. Crisp, W. Jones, D. Petty, J. Nicholl, C. Simpson, C. Rose

and J. Gibson as recommended by the Committee, be accepted.

Carried.

Notices under notice:-
For clearing as follows, tenders to be in at next meeting:-

Cr. Bourchier } Between Graham's and McPherson's in
Cr. Quirk } Bunny road to Rychetta station
to be cleared of timber and all obstructions

Cr. Bourchier } Abt. 1½ miles from
Cr. Quirk } Gibson's corner East to boundary road
in Rychetta Carried.

Cr. Ross
Cr. Scott } From N.E. corner of J. Roberts land to
N. Lindsell's in Wooang. Carried

Cr. Quirk
Cr. Bourchier } 2½ miles between Lansing & Dow,
Rich & Plunkett
One mile between A. Gibson's & Wm Kellers
1¾ miles between A. Robertson & A. McNeil and
one mile West to J. N. Rooney's.
2½ miles between Dunckley & Wells, Stands and
Anderson's, & Black & Sudlow & Black & Williams

Carried

Cr. Coutts
Cr. Redwood That tenders be called for cutting
about 40 chns. of side drains on Marsh
road. Pendell

Carried

Also for the repairs of side drains and
a crossing on Keating road a little
north of Inglewood reservoir

Carried

Cr. Redwood } For forming and draining
Cr. Ross } abt. ten chains at Bridgewater

Carried

Cr. Redwood } For side drains on road by Litchfield
Cr. Coutts } & Evans to Calcutta road, parish
of Inglewood, and clearing by Mrs Downes,
Kalimnian Flat. Also culvert there.

Carried

Also for repairing on Salisbury road near
Mr Lindsell, and metalling between Gibson
& Hamilton on same road

Carried

Cr. Quirk } That main road from Bucknbugle
Cr. Bourchier } township westerly to 1 mile
post Charlton & Wedderburn road be cleared
of stumps and dead timber

Carried

Cr. Quirk withdrew his motion for
altering day of meeting.

Instructions.

Cr. Bourchier. Engineer to have drain continued at
tank from Mary's school. Earth to be thrown
on low side.

Cr. Quirk. Engineer to have dead timber on
Wedderburn & Birchesbangale road cleared
off new township reserve & sand hills

Cr. Clark. Engineer to inquire about trees cut
down near heavy rate station & left on road.

Cr. Ross. Engineer to have all obstructions
cleared from roads named to be cleared.

Cr. Coutts. Road from Thompsons Gully to
Inglewood to be repaired

Cr. Bourchier. Engineer to ascertain who are ploughing
roads near Mitchells tank and if necessary
to prosecute.

Moved by Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. Coutts That engineer complete
survey from Smythes to Inglewood
Wedderburn & Sandy road.

Carried

Cr. Ross. Engineer to have posts & rails placed to protect approach to Creek near Mr Sullivan's on Rd of St Lawrence road and also two posts & rails at each end of embankment opposite C. House.

Moved by Cr. Clark
Sec. by Cr Steel That application be made for a waiting room for passengers at Kenny Dale and Beddeborough Stations

Carried

Moved by Cr Clark, with leave.
Sec. by Cr Coutts That tenders be called for clearing road between Young & Kelly East thereof to 30 ft wide and pole width of stumps & fallen timber

Carried

Moved by Cr. Coutts, with leave.
Sec. by Cr. Redwood. That tenders be called for clearing between Robt. Kelly & Hogan at Parbolt 1/4 chn. wide & all stumps & fallen timber

Carried

Moved by Cr. Steel, with leave.
Sec. by Cr Ross That tenders be called for clearing between A. & Geo. Young & Mary White south to the intersection of Redan & Conroy roads. Also for the work between Robins & McGovern's going North.

Carried

Notices of Motion

1 By Cr. Clark That the resolution to form the north & central ridings of the Shire into a water trust destroyed or rescinded, and, in the event of this motion not being carried that a poll be taken on the question in each Riding.

2 Cr. Redwood. That tenders be called for cutting down of stumps on the Richmond and Boort road.

3 Cr. Bourchier That tenders be called for clearing abt. three miles of the Inglewood & Wedderburn road commencing at the Inglewood end, all stumps & trees to be removed
Also for clearing abt. two miles of road by Mehers & Bendles (Buckenbungale)

4 Cr. Irish That tenders be called for clearing abt. one mile of road from McAdams store to Barraka railway station

Committees

Moved by Cr. Bourchier
Sec. by Cr. Coutts That the President and Cr. Hall & Steel be empowered to sign cheques on the Council's banking account.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the finance committee for the ensuing year consist of the whole Council three to form a quorum

Carried

Moved by Cr. Ross
Sec. by Cr. Steel That Cr. Bourchier Coutts & Steel form the works books committee for the ensuing year

Carried

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Clark That the following accts. be passed and paid

Carried

585	Cont. 830	R. Crisp	10. —	—
586	" Cash Commt. on dog registns.		4.	13. 9
587	Cont. 423	[illegible]	40. —	
588	Return of Reserve		3.	16. 6
589	Cash, 946	R. Sitts	10. —	
		Forward	68.	10. 3

	Forward	68	10	3
590	Tonkin freight on pipes	29	8	5
591	Edward Hill day work	1	10	–
592	Sundries	7	5	9
593	Tree planting Meadowburn	5	5	0
594	Con 830 Crisp	5		
595	Crisp Labour	7	4	0
596	Rowler grubbing etc	9	12	6
597	Robt Allen cutting drains	3	2	6
598	McClure cutting drains	11	4	0
599	Con 813 Kinery	20	14	9
600	Secretary Salary	25	0	0
601	Gunner do	29	3	4
602	S Rinder Deputation Expenses	9	17	0
603	James Allen Cutting drains near Bromfield	1	5	0
604	Martha Moorcroft President Allow	5	7	6
605	Sundries	3	16	6
606	Henningsen & Blunden printing etc	25	4	6
607	Arnall & Jackson Stationery acct	25	12	0
608	Con 827 Lucas	20	0	0
609	McLure Labor Hydrants	11	12	6
610	R. Steel Junior, Expense of pipes	8	0	0
611	Con 796 Letts	5	18	8
612	Wardell & Son Air guards	2	0	–
613	A. Keefe day Labour	7	–	–
614	James Allen Day Labor	3	12	0
615	Whitney labor at Emu bridge	12	2	0
616	W S Steel Day labour	9	7	6
617	W. a Jones repairs South Rdg	11	3	–
618	Jones & Dray Work Bobsien	7	15	–
619	Chisholm Labour Various Jobs	9	15	
620	Office & Sundry Expenses	5	4	–
621	Reservoir Wages of pipelayers	23	6	–
622	G Gordon Blacksmith work	14	0	7
623	Jas Petersons assistant, wages	2	12	6
624	Arnall & Jackson Surveying instruments	15	9	2
	Forward	£463	0	11

	Forward	£463	0	11
625	Avoca Trust T. E. Bourchier	2	5	6
626	South Riding Elections	34	2	0
627	North Riding do	15	6	6
628	Central Riding do	3	3	0
629	Rent of Hall to 1st June	40	0	0
630	Election expenses (general)	3	3	1
631	James Paterson Salary (1 mo)	16	13	4
632	Reservoir wages of pipelayers	17	6	0
633	Stan expenses surveying road B.F. to Walhalla	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		£602	15	4

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

Confirmed 19/9/82
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The rateable for the Shire under the declaration requisite by the Local Government Act on the 13th October 1882 before Mr. H. F. Leach J.P.
Tom Fender
Shire