Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koroit Shire Council held in the Shire Hall, Heddesheim, on Tuesday the 21st March 1882.

Present. Cr. Hall, President in the chair, and Crs. Stubs, Redwood, Scott, Bourchier, Patterson, Ross, Martin, and Clark.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence &c. —

Cr. Steel asked leave to introduce a deputation from Moaney and Barrabee consisting of Messrs. Jennie, Kennemuth & others, who requested that the water-auger hitherto working in the North Riding should be tried in Moaney —

Cr. Martin stated that the auger had only just been removed to its present position in Mepunia and as good water had been struck in the first bore he thought that a second should be tried when the machine is now there.

Cr. Patterson wished the auger to be tried to the West and South where there is no water and no trial has been made whereas its present site is only 4 miles from the Lookout

Cr. Bourchier seconded Cr. Martin, and after some discussion it was —

Moved by Mr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Ross that within five days after this meeting the auger be removed to Moaney as requested by the deputation

An amendment was moved by Cr. Bourchier Sec. by Cr. Martin, that after present bore is completed the auger be handed over to Cr. Patterson for use in the West part of the North Riding.

The amendment was carried.

15 for

It was then pointed out that the box in which the auger last worked is completed and that no new box has been started and it was
Moved by Cr. Clark
Sec. by Cr. Patterson that the auger be at once handed over to Cr. Patterson
For 6 Opt. 3 — Carried
An amendment by Cr. Martin Sec. by Cr. Bourchier "That the proposed one mile scalloping in Kangaroo be first completed", was lost.
Moved by Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Reid That in future the auger be kept under the control of the Council
Carried
Moved by Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the next box be put down on the reserve near Mackenzies on the Charlton & Boort road, and that afterwards box be put down near the Richmond Plains school and the Park that following a line into Bonang South and Barnaka. Also that the engineer take charge of the auger
Carried
The Secretary was instructed to endeavour to obtain the loan of another auger.

Correspondence.

1 Secy. for Lands re Cemetery at Bridgewater
2 G. Cottrell report on Rochester Channel
3 Secy. for Lands re easement at Lemnos
4 Secy. for Railways re water Rights
5 Secy. for Water Supply re auger
6 R. Laidlaw asking for an extension of Rly time for completion of contract for well
Referred to engineer

7 Land Officer Sandhurst re Roberts application for sale of reserve
8 Rabbit Inspector, Green Hill
9 G. R. Roberts — Shaft at Buckenderoyle
10 C. E. B. Dudley re rabbit scalps.
11 T. Ross & G. Briggs objecting to Mr Roberts application
12 G. Cottrell — report.
13 J. L. Gordon asking for a donation to the funds of the Bendigo Railway League.
Moved by Cr. Clark
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That a donation of five guineas be given.
Amendment by Cr. Reid Sec. by Cr. Ross That the question be left for the members for the both Ridings to deal with.
The motion and amendment were both lost.
14 Secy. for Lands re reserve at Kennewillock
15 " " — " : Reddebor or Hendrydan
16 " — Railways re access pipe at Kangaroo
17 Postmaster General re Altering at Bendigo
18 Crown Land — Conference on Land Laws
19 J. W. Carrick complaining of rabbits at Crown East
20 J. Fitzpatrick rabbits at Crown East
21 R. McCullough asking to be relieved of his office as Bridge-keeper at Charlton as the fees are too small
Moved by Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That Mr. McCullough be relieved and the bridge closed, on the present
Carried
22 Secy. for Lands asking the opinion of the Council on an application for the sale of a road at Crown East by W. R. Williams. The opinion stated that the road might be closed if a good one made along the selection of Thomas Smith, for a grazing reserve, and in contribution of a road

already cleared which connects with the Redfern work, and which was formerly applied for by the Council but refused.
Moved by C. Ross
Sec. by C. Bourchier That the Council do not object to the scale of the work referred to, – providing that another pump be arranged as suggested by the engineer

Carried.

23 Secy for Lands re reserve at Kurweera
24 C. Clancy report on Rockhole channel.
25 Govt Statist re statistics
26 E. McCullogh re weighbridge
27 Asst. Postmaster General – mails –
28 Under Secretary re rolls to be completed for the legislative Council under the Reform Act
29 Report on premises at Timoyparinna
30 D. Pearson re water supply
31 Secy for Lands Show grounds at Bordertown
32 C. Klug
33 Secy for Lands re selection in Yeningerson
34 Swan Hill Shire stating that that Council will not pay any part of the expenditure incurred in pumping water at Tarnihurst after the 21st Oct. The letter enclosed cheque for £35 – 1 – 2 share of cost as per agreement. and stated that the Council would not entertain the proposal to give a bonus of £50 to the contractor for cutting Channel.
C. Bourchier stated that it was absolutely necessary that the pumping should be continued and moved that the Secretary, proceed to Melbourne for the purpose of endeavouring to obtain the assistance of the Govt. to pay the cost.
Sec. by C. Paterson and carried.

Moved by C. Stut
Sec. by C. Ross That the question of the bonus to the contractor be referred to the finance Committee

Carried.

35 Thomas Sandersson offering to sell to the Council his right and interest in the Lucerne Gully dam.
C. Stut stated that it had become a custom for one person or party to take up a number of abandoned dams and restore them at a cost of £5 each and that he understood this to be a case of that sort. He therefore:-
Moved That the application be referred to the Health entertainment.

Carried.

36 Secretary for Lands on Rabbit Registration
37 Secy. W. Clements Shire intimated that that Council will send delegates to a Conference on Water Supplies to be held at Charlton
Moved by C. Patterson
Sec. by C. Preston That a conference of delegates from St. Arnaud, Swan Hill and this shire be held at Charlton on the 5th April and that resolutions for the North and Central Riding attend.

Carried

38 A. Pearson, claiming £24 for loss of time of three men detained at Berkeratanyeh to cart windmill in consequence of delay in completing work – other days.
The Secretary referred to the minutes showing that the claimant, Mr Stuart, had given the time of commencement extension of nine days.
Moved by C. Patterson
Sec. by C. Bourchier That Mr Pearson

Claim be referred to the engineer for engineering with authority to pay what appears to be due

Claim

39 G. R. Spence re selection of reserve at Pawnee

40 Land Office on same subject

41 A. J. Jamieson asking for a shaft 7 feet deep to be sunk and walled at his spring near Rhoda and Kelso roads.

Referred to engineer with instructions to have work done if necessary

42 Secy. for Lands re reservation of 156 acres in parish of Grove East

43 Railway Department that the request to have trial lines for water put down at intervals along the line of the Kingvale & Chertsey railway cannot be complied with

44 Secy for Water Supply asking for further particulars with respect to works under Trust

45 C. L. B. Cordley re rabbits

46 Secy. for Lands reserve in parish of Kenny

47 do - - Kingston

48 Sec. of Swan Hill enquiring if this Council intends to form a water trust as if so the Council of that Shire will be glad to be represented on any scheme affecting water flowing into their district.

Sec. instructed to ask the Swan Hill Council to send delegates to conference at Chandos

49 Secretary for Lands return of licences issued and payment of fees relating to lus

50 Secy for Lands re purchase of rabbit skins

51 Ratepayers in North Wonthaggi asking for a water-tank to be placed at Mrs. Falls.

Moved by Cr. Hird

Sec. by Cr. Ross That the tank now at

Inverloch be removed to Mrs. Falls

Carried

52 Ratepayers at Chertsey stating that James O'Connor has succeeded in obtaining a good supply of fresh water by sinking a well near the township from 100 feet perhaps and asking the Council to recompense him to the extent of three pounds.

Moved by Cr. Patterson

Sec. by Cr. Scrutchin That £3 be given to James O'Connor.

Carried

53 Report on pumps at Kangaroo Ground

54 Ratepayers at Fernhurst asking the Council to make a cutting from the Kangaroo Creek to a blind creek a little north of the bridge near J. Morrison

Referred to the Goulburn Water Trust

55 Ratepayers in Bayles complaining of one James Harris trespassing on a reserve and annoying the residents by allowing his cattle to trespass on their lands

Mr. Osborne attended to support the complaint

Referred to the Crown Lands Bailiff with a request that Harris may be at once removed

56 Ratepayers Bayles, asking that the high pressure dam may be improved & repaired

Reply that it will be attended to when funds are available.

56 Ratepayers Bayles asking for use of water auger

57 Cr. Webster stating that the water auger has struck a fairly good water in Bayles at a depth of 50 feet.

58 Mr. Little applying for extension of time for his contract at Kangaroo Ground.

Referred to engineer

59 R. Madden asking for a credit of loss said to have been incurred by him on his contract for Polished Channel. Read with

60 Mrs Baker with Mr £86/6.6 - for cost of fencing along a road said to have been cut off his land by the Govt.

Referred to the Lands Department

61 R. Laidlaw asking for additional payment on contract for sinking well near Hamilton on the ground of difficulty in bottoming on account of water &c.

Referred to engineer with instructions to report

62 R. Vesey report on Polished channel

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Clark That the best thanks of the Council be given to the Minister of Agriculture & Water Supply for the prompt and energetic action taken by him in providing water by train, supplying pumps, and otherwise assisting to alleviate the distress caused by the water famine.

Carried

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £638. 4. 6 Expenditure £454. 3. 8. Bank Balance to credit £462. 15. 11

Report received and adopted.

Reports from the Rabbit Inspectors were read and received and the Secretary was instructed to obtain a small supply of arsenic for distribution

Reports from Weighbridge Keepers read and received

The engineer reported on works in progress and submitted plans & estimates for dam at Kanaka and repairing storm channel at Inglewood. Advised the sinking of a new well near Campbells on the Inglewood & Bort road, and that the Broken dam at Kilmore should be repaired at cost of about £15 - That the fencing at Common East by J. Howard is not completed. Notice had been given to Howard according to instructions that the fine for non completion within contract time would be enforced. and a few days afterwards he removed his men and appeared to have abandoned the contract. The sinking of channel from Tunnyannal Creek to Alga Plains is being pushed on as rapidly as possible and five miles of it will be ready for tender in a week. The draft at Buckrabanyule is down 1.03 feet and is now in the water. The draft at Games in Tunnyannal is also down to water.

The report was considered as follows:

Cr Clark stated that the supply in Games well was insufficient and—

Moved that the engineer inspect it and if satisfied he finds the supply insufficient that a tube be put down in the bottom.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Ross with leave.

Sec. by Cr. Patterson That tenders be called for repairing Broken dam and for cleaning out Rogerson's dam to be in on Tuesday next & opened by any Councillor present with the Secretary and engineer.

Carried

The engineer's report was then received & adopted.

Joseph Howard, being present, requested to be heard in connection with that part of the report that dealt with his contract at Omeo. He stated that he tendered without seeing the specification. That he has finished the fencing all but four chains which cannot complete owing to the hardness of the ground. That he had on team of bullocks and three teams of horses at work and now asked to be paid for the work done and to be relieved from the contract.

Moved by Cr. Hunt

Sec. by Cr Ross that the matter be referred to the President, Engineer and Secretary to decide &c.

Cr. Martin stated that as a pump cannot be got to lift water from the line in which it has been struck at Bingine it will be necessary to sink a shaft.

Messrs. Anderson & Ritchie were introduced by Cr. Martin and stated that they were deputed by a meeting of ratepayers at Bingine to ask the Council to have a shaft sunk, and suggested that as the matter was urgent day labour should be employed working day & night. They stated that there was 24 feet of water in the line.

The Council was of opinion that the work should be better done by tender and it was:-

Moved by Cr Patterson

Sec. by Cr Bourchier That tenders be called to be in on Tuesday next for sinking a shaft 4 ft. x 2'. 6" and properly timbering same.

Carried

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee:-

1 For excavating a tank of 1000 c. yards in South Beddenbow. Est. £50. 6. 8

Craig & Rose 56. 6. 3

Recommended

2 For constructing bridge over Nicholas Creek Est. £200

F. Hughes — 214 —

A. Guthrie 254. 18. 0

Not recommended.

3 For forming footpaths and work in High St. Beddenbow as per specification Est. £135

Craig & Rose 70 —

F. Hughes 93 —

J. Parker 102. 5. —

J. Kinsey 115. —

Craig & Rose recommended.

4 For 4 chains metalling near Preston and forming new Culverts both on Bylands and Surphurtine roads Est. £113 - 5. 0

J. Forest 102. 8. 0

J. Kinsey 114. —

Kinsey recommended.

5 For Crossing over Bulabul Creek near Mr. Gibbons Est. £33 —

A. Thompson 37 - 16. 6

J. Forest 47. —

W. A. Jones 31 - 10. —

Jones recommended.

6 For excavating 2000 c. yds Beddenbow reservoir fetching bank and cutting about two miles of drains as per specification Est. £250.

Craig & Rose 204. 8. 4

A. Guthrie 264. 3. 4

J. Kinsey 227. —

J. Parker 231 - 6. 8

W. Mackay 300. —

Craig & Rose recommended.

Moved by Cr. Ross
Sec. by Cr. Robinson That the tenders of Crisp & Hose & J. Kinsey, and W. A. Jones, be recommended by the committee be accepted

Carried

A circular was submitted from the Secretary of the Municipal Association containing the business proposed to be considered at the Group meetings among which were the report of the Inspector of Charitable Institutions and the draft of a Bill by him in which it is recommended that the Infirmary Hospital among others, be closed, and that this Shire be included in an Hospital District of which Sandhurst should be the centre, and that all municipalities should be asked for the support of Charitable institutions.
The President was requested to oppose this proposal at the Group meeting

Motions under notice.

Cr. Brookin, with leave, postponed the motion standing in his name
Moved by Cr. Ross
Sec. by Cr. Clark That tenders be called for enlarging the tank near Holmes' at Barraba by excavating 1000 c. yards

Carried

Moved by Cr. Richmond
Sec. by Cr. Cutts That tenders be called for metalling six chains of Bylewood & Boot road near Beslanders

Carried

A letter was received from Mr. P. Smith with reference to the Shepparton dam as a source of water supply for Chartton.
Referred to the Conference on Water Issues to be held at Charlton.

Instructions.

Moved by Cr. Stut
Sec. by Cr. Patterson That engineer inspect well near old machine site Specimen Hill, have windlass and rope put on it and notes fitted up to make it safe.

Carried

Cr. Robinson. Engineer to have well at Burke's Flat sunk and bricked up. Also to have road pitched from Kingston cemetery to main road; and creek there made passable. Also, to inspect road from end of bridge to Beckers in Kingston road to Old Inglewood. Inquiries to be made as to inclusion of roads in Inglewood Common. - Drain at Reilys on Inglewood & Wedderburn road to be cleaned out and well sunk (recommended to members for Central Riding)

Cr. Clark Secretary to apply for reserves for water supply purposes of four acres from Dingham on Kingston & Newbridge road.
2 At Springs in township of Wareek
3 At Dishwash near Calindary.
4 Near Kingston & Bealiba road at Bates

Cr. Clark suggested that as the Inglewood & Newstead line would shortly be completed some demonstration should be made immediately by Municipality interested
Moved by Cr. Clark
Sec. by Cr. Patterson That the president & Cr. Stut, Councillor the mover and the Secretary be a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Carried

Cr. Ross inquired from the engineer why the dam behind the Camp's reserve Beddenburn has not been cleaned out.

The engineer said that the work was commenced but he found that it would be so expensive that he was of opinion to make a new one altogether.

Moved by Cr. Ross with leave
Sec. by Cr. Hart That tenders be called for cleaning out the dam to the South of Lot 2 Section

Moved by Cr. Robinson, with leave
Sec. by Cr. Coates That the engineer have a new well sunk at Lampitts in Pinkett, and bricked. Tenders to be sent to Mr Ryan's Hotel Bylawarra by Tuesday next
Carried

The Secretary asked for some assistance in the office owing to the additional work caused by the Water Works. The Chairman left to
Moved by Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Clark That the Secretary be authorised to engage an assistant for three months with a view to permanent appointment at the end of that time
Carried

Notice of motion
Cr. Ross. That a clerk of works be appointed

Moved by Cr. Ross
Sec. by Cr. Robinson That the following accts. as recommended by the Finance Committee be passed and paid
Carried.

Forward

260	Water Supply	G Roberts	2	—	—
261	" Buckrabanyule	L Dunn	6	14	—
262	" "	G Braun	7	4	—
263	Neighbridge	J Moorcroft	2	6	3
264	Donation for giving up Contract	Maclure	5	—	—
265	Con 800	H. Laidlaw	20	—	—
266	" 793	McLuno	3		
267	McClure Salary as Pound-Keeper		9	"	"
268	Sinking well	J. Kinsey	2	"	"
269	Contract 785	C. Porch	20		
270	Neighbridge	D. McCullagh	2	2	6
271	Contract	761	20	8	3
272	"	789	10	—	0
273	"	797	3	10	—
274	"	798	18	—	—
275	"	800	4	10	—
276	Water Supply Labour	H. Bateman	2	13	—
277	" "	H. S Chambers	15	—	—
278	Excavation at Beddenburn		5	8	—
279	Carriage on Boring Machine		8	18	5
	Timber for well at Buckrabanyule	Conkin	8	6	4
280	Contract 796	McCth	8	—	—
281	" 799 Water Supply	J. Rose	16	10	—
282	Windmill for Buckrabanyule	Pearson	16	4	—
283	Timber for Buck well	Lyons	27	15	6
284	Marking Water to Beddenburn	G Ross	7	17	6
285	" " Golden Gully	C. Rose	7		
286	Trees at Boree	W. H. Wright	12	8	—
287	Contract 801	J. Kinsey	4	12	—
288	Commo on Neighbridge	Charlton	1	3	1
"	" "	Weaver		8	9
"	" "	Bridgewater	1	—	9
289	Sundry Accts for Labour &c		10	5	10
"	a/c Health Statute		2	19	10
290	Sundries		6	13	6
			389	2	6

	Forward	389	2	6
291	Water Supply Miss McLeod & Craig	9	" 3	"
	Rabbit act Oats "	1	" 13	
292	Erecting Weighbridge McLean Bros & Rigg	20	" 19	" 6
293	Inspector Nuisances Salary to 31st Dec 1881	10	" —	" —
294	Cont 803 W. Supply Parker	8	" 3	" —
295	" 722 " — —	5	" —	" —
296	" 802 " — —	2	" 10	" —
	" 724 " —	1	" —	" —
297	Well at Bolsover J. Parker	29	" 3	" —
298	Water Supply Crozier	5	" 10	" —
299	" " A. Howard	3	" 16	" 10
300	" " D. Arnold	9	" 13	" 6
301	Sundries labour &c	11	" —	" 9
302	Water Supply material R. Hall Jun	3	" 11	" 2
303	Contract 804 Crisp	20	" —	" —
304	Water Supply A. Watson for Augers, repairs &c	11	" 7	" 1
305	" " J. G. Starr Travelling Exps	16	" 5	" —
306	" " M. Kenny tank at Buc. Mew	14	" 11	" 8
307	" " J. Battery Cleaning out Spring Lane	21	" 6	" —
308	Labour A. Chisholm	5	" 2	" —
309	" H. Robson	6	" 6	" 6
310	" W. S. Steel	7	" 13	" —
311	Contract 794 J. Kinery	10	" —	"
312	W. Sup Earthenware pipes D. Guthrie	5	" —	"
313	Secretary Salary	25		
314	Engineer do	29	" 3	" 4
315	Labour G. Whitney	4		
316	Advertising Hennigson	3	" 9	" —
317	Carting timber Buck Mill J. Brown	11	" 17	" —
318	Labour W. A. Jones	2	" 8	
319	Painting Weighbridge A. Ryder	5	" 15	" 9
320	Rebate McCallum & Hampson Water Meter	26	" 10	" —
321	Percentage on License Fees to Treasury	26	" 6	" 1
322	Sinking Well at Charlton J. Barnow	4	" —	" —
323	Fees allow to C. Mandeville	5	" 5	" —
324	Water Supply J. Howard	3	" 16	
		773	9	2

	Forward	773	" 9 " 2
325	Water Supply Contract 800 Laidlaw	34	" 6 " —
326	" " Carting to Middleburn J. Ross	9	" 19 " —
3		800	13 2

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

Confirmed
Jan 5 April 18th 1882 } Wm Hall, President