Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held at the Shire Hall Wedderburn on the 20th March 1883.

Present Cr Quirk President in the Chair Crs Steel, Ross, Redwood Coutts, Hall, Bourchier & Martin & Clark (in the afternoon). The minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence.

1 Secretary for Railways acknowledging receipt of letter requesting that a Crossing be made over the line in Borung. Engineer reports that Department will give Crossings near Andersons road & one near Mr McGovern and Mr Kinnons.

2 Mr Lean Bros & Rigg forwarding Cr Note for £5 overcharged on Weighbridge for Korong Vale.

3 Secretary for Lands stating that the reserve for Watering purposes in the township of Kingower has been placed under the control of the Council

4 Central Board of Health inviting the attention of the Local Board to the presence of Ophthalmia at Rheola.

5 Inspector Nolan enclosing acct for 10/- burying bullock near Charlton. Ordered to be paid.

6 Secty for Bendigo Easter Fair soliciting donation.

7. Received.

Mr Ferry asking that someone be appointed in his place as Weighbridge Keeper Bridgewater

Moved by Cr Quirk
Sec by Cr Coutts } That Mr Gerrand be appointed Caretaker of the Weighbridge Bridgewater

Carried.

8 Mr Dudley re rabbits Tarrong district.

9. Secty for Lands stating that steps were being taken to temporarily reserve for Water Supply purposes allot 59. parish of Buckrabanyule.

10 Secty for Lands that steps are being taken to temporarily reserve land comprised in Allotment 21 parish of Terrapee

11 Secty Avoca United Trust asking for copy of Council bye-laws relating to tanks dams etc.

Ordered to be supplied

12. Public Works Department that amount on Estimates £750. for Storm Water channels at Inglewood & Charlton will be available as soon as same receives sanction of Parliament;

13. Secty for Mines & Water Supply stating in reply to application for additional loan of £500 in connexion with Heathcote Water Supply that as the works proposed under the original loan had been carried out & the loan exhausted, the Minister was not at present in a position to entertain the application

Moved by Cr Coutts, Sec by Cr Quirk { That the Secretary be instructed to renew the application.

Carried

14 Under Treasurer forwarding forms in duplicate for detailed acct of moneys received for licenses etc

Ordered to be sent

15 The Secty Loddon Trust requesting Vouchers in support of Claim preferred by Council,

Forwarded.

16 Secty St Arnaud Shire. forwarding 10 Copies of minutes of Conference on Mallee question. received

17 Secty for Lands intimating that 50 acres of land in the parish Hanewillock is already reserved as a site for Water supply purpose, received

18 Secretary for Lands stating that Complaints had been made to the effect that the Jawong Springs run is swarming with rabbits & requesting that the Councils Inspector be instructed to enquire into the matter & strictly enforce the provisions of the Rabbit Suppression Act.—
The Secretary stated that the owner of the run was doing everything in his power to destroy the pest.

The letter was received.

19. Govt Statist forwarding form for return of horses, cattle etc within the Shire & asking whether numbers had increased or decreased since the Census. Ordered to be sent.

20 Mallee Settlement League Swanhill forwarding statement of their views on the Mallee question.

21 received

Thomas Hare applying for permission to sink for gold within the Reservoir fence.

Moved by Cr Steel, Sec by Cr Bourchier { That no mining be allowed within the Reservoir reserve

Carried

22 Secty Municipal Association forwarding 10 Copies each of March business paper & Copies of last report &c and requesting that a delegate might be appointed to attend the Group meeting —

Moved by Cr Bourchier, Secd by Cr Ross { That the President be appointed a delegate to Group meeting at Sandhurst

Carried

23. M. B. Lush applying for permission to occupy a portion of the footpath during certain alterations to their premises also for leave to erect a Verandah over the footpath.

permission given subject to usual Conditions

Standing Orders were suspended for the purpose of Considering a petition for erecting an engine at the Buckrabanyule Shaft. the petition was brought in by Mr J Howard. signed by a number of ratepayers, and presented by Cr Rees.

Mr Howard said that the Shaft is in same Condition now as it was 12 months ago, & that a bucket Could not be filled owing to their being less than three feet of water in the Shaft.

The President stated that the Cost of the shaft had already been about £695 & he is opposed to the placing of an Engine on the shaft, as the expense is not warranted under the present Circumstances & financial Condition of the North Riding.

Cr Bourchier asked the opinion of the Engineer on the question, who replied that so long as the sand was kept below the water could not be kept down but so soon as the sand became set the water got low, he also expressed his willingness to accompany the Engineer next day. The Engineer stated that he had bailed the shaft on last Saturday & had bailed 666 gallons in one hour a little sand came in, He thinks that if the shaft is cleaned out occasionally 700. gallons per hour could be obtained.

Moved by Cr Bourchier } That the matter be left in the
Sec by Cr Martin } hands of the North Riding Members who will personally inspect the shaft in Company with the Engineer and report to next meeting. –

Carried

Moved by the President } That the action of Councils
Sec by Cr Coutts. } delegates to Conference on Mallee question at St Arnaud be approved. Carried

Relative to the Group Meeting to be held at Sandhurst ~~in~~ Connexion with the Municipal Association

Moved by Cr Bourchier } The President intimate
Seconded by Cr Martin } that this Council will withdraw from the Group unless the delegates be allowed to move, and discuss amendments

Carried

The Secretary was instructed to order additional Copies of the Suggestions of the Central Committee for amending the Local Govt Bill. to be sent to Members who are requested to bring up a report at next meeting.

On letter No 23. it was moved by Cr Bourchier seconded by Cr Quirk that Mrs Luttis application for permission to erect Verandah, be granted Subject to usual Conditions,

Carried

The Treasurer reported receipts since last Meeting £292.7.6 Expenditure £245.14.10½
Bank Overdraft less Cash in hand £645-13-0

John Forrest Contractor applied for extra payment on Box which was declined on the motion of Cr Steel seconded by Cr Richwood & carried

Moved by Cr Steel } That the Engineer run a line
Sec by Cr Bourchier } from Spring Hill towards Swanpool Springs to prevent Selection along it.

Carried

Cr Clark here took his seat

The Engineer reported with respect to works asked for by Mr Lokhart & others, that with the exception of drainage on St Arnaud road & Melbourne road & repairs to Crossing by Gunnings they have all been provided for on the Estimates.

Notices cautioning persons against walking horses or Cattle anywhere but near the bridge at Bridgewater ~~were~~ be posted up in a few days.

With respect to Forrest's application for extra payment on his Contract the Engineer ~~opposed the~~ could not recommend it & wished to point out applications of the sort are becoming very frequent—

It would not be advisable to incur much expense in making approaches to Railway Station by McAdams as the station site is inaccessible during the Winter months & the Station not likely to used except during the wheat season, He suggests the South West Corner of W. Cross' Selection if the grade is suitable as being a position likely to serve the district as well as well as the stations by Magnus & McAdams— there is a difficulty in ascertaining what land is selected & what is not in the neighborhood of Spring Hill & unless you order to the contrary I will run a line through that County ~~to prevent~~ and further selection ~~taking~~ place.

Have surveyed roads from Frolmans to Kherla Glenalby Railway station to Brenanah road Top Ahmo From Inglewood Serpentine road by Gibbons & from McKinnons to the Broot road.

Moved by Cr Quirk } That the Engineers report
Sec by Cr Coutts } be accepted.

Rabbit-Inspectors reports for South & Central Ridgs were received.

Moved by Cr Clark } That Inspector McLaren
Seconded by Cr Steel } report be refined back to him for Amendment in accordance with instructions previously given. Carried

The Secty was instructed to call Mr Dudley C.L.B attention to necessity of sending a man to the South Riding to destroy rabbits on Crown Reserves.

Reservoir Keepers reports were read & received

Moved by Cr Steel } That by a Special order of the
Sec by Cr Ross } Council the necessary notices having been given the Bye-law numbered four for making a rate for water Supply purposes, under the provisions of "The Local Governing Bodies Loan Act 1872, passed and adopted at a meeting of this Council held on the 20th February last be now Confirmed and published as directed by the Local Govt Act—

Carried

Moved by Cr Steel
Sec by Cr Boucher } That certain alterations in the Rate book be approved, ~~and initialed by President~~

Carried

Tenders for

The following works were brought up by the Public Works Committee.

1 Sinking Well near Douglas Terrace Est £375.
Messrs Roberts & Thomas 3/11 per foot £384. 15. 1
Referred to Council

2. Culvert on Red Hill Est 98. 11. 4
Guthrie 69. 10. 0
W. Cripps 112. 17. 6
D. Guthrie 93. 10. 0
Recommended Guthrie

3 Tank Myrtle Est 95. 0. 0
J. Lacey £79. 3. 4
Beer 94. 19. 9
E. Weaver 126. 14. 8
W. McLure 108. 6. 8
Parker 96. 9. 8
Lacey recommended or if he refuse then Beer, as it is believed that Lacey has made an error in tender

4 Culvert & Crossing Corner East Est. £1-0-0

J. Hughes	£70 - 7 - 6
W. Crisp	69 - 17 - 6
D. Guthrie	79 - 10 - 0

Referred to Council

5 1000 C Yards of gravel Weadenburn ~~Station~~ Road Est. 66 - 13 - 4

J. Kinry	£75 - 0 - 0
D. Guthrie	58 - 6 - 8
R. Donaldson	79 - 3 - 4
R. Dillon	54 - 3 - 4
W. Crisp	64 - 18 - 6
H. Robson	75 - 0 - 0
C. Rose	79 - 3 - 4

Recommended Dillons tender

6 Cleaning from Weddenburn to Korong Vale.

R. Solly	£90 - 0 - 0	Est £33 - 6 - 8
R. Baker	32 - 15 - 0	
F. Rose	33 - 12 - 8	
W. Crisp	34 - 6 - 6	
D. Guthrie	35 - 8 - 4	

Recommend Baker

7 Inlet to Tank South Weadenburn

Guthrie	£5 - 7 - 6	Est £5 - 0 - 0
Crisp	11 - 10 - 6	

Guthrie recommended

Moved by Cr Quirk
Sec by Cr Bourchier } That tenders received for Well at Douglas are too high & that fresh tenders be called for by advertisement in the Bendigo Advertiser, Ballarat & local papers.

Carried

Moved by Cr Steel
Sec by Cr Ross } That fresh tenders for No 4 culvert in Corner be called.

Carried

Moved by Cr Ross
Sec by Cr Redwood } That tenders as recommended by Committee be accepted.

Moved by Cr Quirk
Sec by Cr Bourchier } That the regulations for the management of the Kingower & Marnoo Reserves under the Control of the Council, as submitted by the Secretary be approved and forwarded to the Board of Land and Works for adoption.

Carried

Motions Under Notice

By Cr Redwood
Cr Hall } That tenders be called for drains on Weadenburn & Wheolaroo rd.

Carried

By Cr Redwood
Cr Hall } That tenders be called for repairing Storm Channel at Inglewood.

Carried

By Cr Clark
Cr Steel } That tenders be called for crossing by Hannahs & Davis Kurraca.

Carried

By Cr Bourchier
Sec by Cr Quirk that tenders be called for forming & gravelling between McArthurs & Noonans.

Carried

By Cr Ross
Sec by Cr Steel that tenders be called for Forming between Morphets & Boyles & between McGuirks and McGorrans, & for gravelling Avoca Forrest Road by Sullivans.

Carried

By Cr Bourchier
Sec by Cr Quirk that resolution fixing Condition to donation to Creswick relief Fund be rescinded and that the grant be given without any Condition.

Carried

By Cr Coutts

Sec by Cr Redwood that tenders be called for forming & metalling 6 chains Ing & Boort road by Maxwells reef and that Engineer have roads then surveyed from Borough Boundary.

Carried

By Cr Martin

Sec by Cr Bourchier That tenders be called for tank of 2000 Yards on the boundaries of the North and Central Ridings at the joint expence of both. subject to a site being obtained from J. Walsh

Ruled out of order. no money being upon the estimates, Objected to by members for Central Riding

By Cr Quirk

1 Sec by Cr Bourchier that tenders be called for two chains forming by Mr Lellands Heddesburn road.

2 For 7 Chains forming by Kirks Coach factory Charlton

3 For 1 Chains footpath from Deans to Howards Store

4 For 2 Chains forming by Miles factory Armstrong street Charlton. Carried

Instructions to Officers

Cr Redwood — Engineer to have portion of Bellevue & Nineveh road in Calidonian Ward repaired by day labour

Cr Ross — Road between Moyhu & Bowles in Bamicha to be inspected by Ranger & engineer.

Cr Martin — Engineer to prevent the carting of railway ballast from the roads

Cr Redwood — Engineer to report on road from Allens to Neuman road as to crossing the creek on it.

Cr Ross — Engineer to report on proposed dam in Creek near Gallaways on Beechworth & Wahgunyah road.

Cr Ross states that Mr Mannas only put in temporary dam during wet weather

Cr Martin — that Carting work upon the Public Roads department. the necessity of opening the road through Mr Mannas land in Yarrum so as to shorten the distance to Kerrig creek station

Also to ask the Railway Department to place a pump and trough on the tank at Wychetella station

Cr Coutts — Engineer to have trough at well near Mr Bowman

Cr Redwood — on Beechworth & Wahgunyah road removed to well near Mr Lambs Carrs

Cr Coutts — Engineer to report if a practicable road can be obtained from Mr Mannas land in Yarrum west through to Whitehouses and thence to main road to Bindi creek.

Also to inspect road at Thompsons Valley by Mr Coutts.

Cr Coutts brought up the question of rabbit destruction and stated that he thought the present system of distributing arsenic without any charge or care will result in some serious accident sooner or later, that the rabbit inspectors were aware of the intention that their services will be dispensed with. Seconded by Cr Clark and carried

Moved by Cr Coutts

Sec by Cr Clark That the rate collectors be authorised to purchase dead rabbit skins at the rate of two per dozen.

Carried.

An amendment moved by Cr Steel and seconded by Cr Ross — That rabbit scalps be purchased at 4d per dozen tails lost.

A commission of two pence per day lost

orders to be paid to the collectors on all
rabbit skins purchased by them
In reply to questions the Country stated that
300 dozen ears and scalps had been brought in to the
Central Depôt during monthly. [illegible] the subsidy
of ten shillings each had been paid on 22
rabbit dog skins to the Board [illegible]

Moved by Cr. Smith, with leave
Sec. by Cr. Burchell That tenders be called for
cutting stormwater drains as shewn to the amount
of the government grant of £50 in that position.

Carried.

Accounts for payment as follows were submitted
by the Finance Committee on recommendation being
made to the Hon. Treasurer for insertion in the
Shallin Gazette advertisement of bye-laws
rate in Wedderburn Water Supply District within
municipality.

Moved by Cr. Donnelly
Sec. by Cr. Martin. That the Report be passed on
the same date in the advertisement as the Ordinance.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Slack That the Cy be handed to the
Water Supply Committee to be dealt with by them

Carried

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Smith. That the following accts.
as recommended by the Finance Committee
be passed and paid

Carried.

258	Labour Cy's Lucas	2	8	0
259	" " Hunt	2	18	—
260	Bond Wild Dog Impression Coy.	11	10	.
	Total	16	16	0

	Accts. continued. Forward	16	16	0
271	Bendigo Pottery Coy. - pipes	16	4	—
272	Contract No 2 C. Rose	6	9	2
273	Charitable Cy L. B. Sup. Rations	5	—	—
274	Heathcote Cy. - Mr Dean Bor. Hire	22	—	—
275	Heathcote Commission J. Moncrieff	3	9	3
276	do do R. Hamilton	8	14	7½
277	do do J. O'Keefe	10	6	6
278	Labour J. O'Donnell	5	—	
279	Bricks Sarnett & Ingram	4	—	—
280	Labour Bet Bet Sinc	6	8	7
281	Wedder. Water Supply J. Connolly	45	17	11
282	Residents Collection Mr Moncrieff	4	—	—
283	Rabbit scalps J. Rank	5	11	—
284	Sundry Expenses	2	9	6
285	Country salary	25	—	
286	Compensation Exp. & Mailes	2	—	—
287	Contract 2/77 Kinsey	115	15	—
288	Inspector Salary	29	3	4
289	Labour J. Farrow	1	16	—
290	Contract 2/79 Farrow	13	15	—
291	Inspector of Works & Rotten. Salary	16	15	4
292	Assistant Engr. Salary	6	—	—
293	Arnall & Jackson printing Pay	11	4	9
294	Advertising Gazette	4	10	—
295	Reg. Register Errors J. Rank	7	—	—
296	Contract 2/80 T. Hughes	55	—	
297	Labour Rotten	5	6	6
298	Cont. 2/76 G. Barkett	12	15	—
299	Labour Nicholls	7	12	—
300	Cont. 2/82 Nicholls	1	—	
301	Labour A. Christian	6	12	—
302	Labour A. Robertson	2	17	8
303	" Nicholls	1	10	—
304	Road Survey Prop.	12	10	—
	Total	£522	7	1½

	Forward.	£ 522	7	[illegible]
305	Water Supply. Cook & Craig	3.	3.	5.
306	Labour Commission	6.	6.	3
307	Advertising & Printing Dept. Accts.	9.	14.	9
308	Conference on Malleee question	4	[illegible]	0
		£ 545	11	6 1/2

Notices of motion.

1 By Cr Martin That tenders be called for forming about four chains in swamp near Welch and Cairns' land Kingsmill

2 Also for constructing a bridge over Kingsmill Creek on road to Boyd's Line Bridge.

3 Also for 15 chains of gravelling on approach to Mychetlea station.

4 By Cr Bouchier, That tenders be called for widening clearing from four mile tank to Ogle Plains

5 Also that windmill be removed from Cockerstonyvale shaft to the Charlton walk at Boyd's on the opposite side

6 By Cr Lynch, That tenders be called for forming and draining by Sparks' & Watts on Charlton Mychetlea road & [illegible]

7 Also that two lamps be procured and erected in Charlton. Engineer to ascertain cost of iron posts.

8 Cr Steel. That tenders be called for the necessary works indicated in the engineers report on the recreation & down forest-road.

9 Also for side cutting and cutting down hill on the recreation & Nerang road

10 Cr Nedwich. The deviation road in good nav. Creek at Last Hill & Dixon Bridge road.

10 Cr Nedwich, That tenders be called for forming and metalling in continuance of that already done near Nolletts and in forming & metalling from Edwards towards Tabulam Creek, with an additional [illegible] to the extent allowed by amount in estimates.

11 Also for clearing stumps and dead timber from Crawford's corner to Kerry road

12 Cr Ross That tenders be called for five chains of metalling on the opposite & lower road near O'Neill's bridge. —

13 Also For improving road over Sand hill near the Woods either by removing sand or spreading a coat of material as the engineer may think best.

14 Also in clearing from Gallangra along the Gunnedah road to Hayes's sawmill.

15 Also, in supplying 100 posts and [illegible] Minchin and Patterson on the [illegible] & [illegible]

16 Cr Watts, That tenders be called for forming about fifty chains of the east & west road in Jones & Nisbett on the Kelvin

17 Also for filling cabholes on a north and south line by Mr Manning, Kingsmill.

The sheep meeting was adjourned to be held on the usual day and the meeting then [illegible]

A. Nicholson President
17/8/[illegible]