Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 19th November 1891.

Present Cr Corritto President (in the Chair) Crs Redwood Catto, Gray Ross McGregor Laidlaw and Chalmers.

In the absence of the Secretary the assistant Secretary Mr Gray was authorised to read the minutes and take the notes.

Correspondence

1. Medical certificate from Dr Macrae to the effect that Mr Dillon the Shire Engineer was unable to attend the meeting through illness. received

2. Ratepayers Harrewillock &c repayment of Interest due to Avoca Waterworks. This letter was ordered to be again postponed for 1 month.

3 Water Supply Department enquiring whether any injury to Water supply interests would follow the letting of 94a land Terrapee applied for by Mr H. James. Council had no objection to of 94.

4 Shire of Dandenong asking Council to forward a petition under seal to the Legislative Council objecting to the "One man one vote" Bill now before Parliament. The President reported that he had complied with the request & his action was approved.

5 Shire of Gordon Secretary suggesting that at a Conference to be held in Melbourne on the subject of providing a sinking fund for the Avoca Water Trust the proposal to build a bridge over the Avoca be discussed) & an application

be made to the Public Works Department for a grant in aid.

Cr Chalmers had attended the Conference & a deputation to the Minister who promised to give the matter consideration if the application is renewed in March next.

6 Secretary Gordon Shire asking Council to join in the Cost of forming near Nutts & Farrers on Shire boundary.

Cr Chalmers
Cr Laidlaw { That this Council agrees to defray half cost of the work proposed.
Carried.

7 Inspector of Licensing Districts Echuca for return showing valuations of the various Hotels in the Shire.
Secretary had supplied same.

8. Public Health Department with copies of Dr Cresswell's report on the Borough of Clunes containing advice as to drainage, removal of refuse, water supply & other subjects of general interest to Councils.
Received

9 S. Gibson complaining of Bridgewater Weighbridge not being in order & stating that the mills declined to accept the ticket from it.
Referred to Cr Redwood to have made right.

10 Department of Public Health notifying that the representative of the Western Shires Group on the Board of Health will go out of office on the 31st December & that November had been fixed for nomination of Candidates.
Received Council had not nominated any person

11 H. Anderson of Dean asking Council's support to his Candidature for election to the Board of Public Health

12 Henry Churchill also applying for Council's support.

13 Secretary Shire of Kowree also applying on behalf of Mr Edward Hearne for Council's support.

After some discussion it was decided to support the Candidature of Mr Anderson.

14 Achilles Gray applying for a licence to slaughter cattle at Lake Wallaboro.
Granted subject to approval of Inspector.

15 Acknowledgements of Cheques were received from the Charlton, Boort & N.W. Societies.

16 Department of Agriculture stating that the Council of Agricultural Education have no objection to Council taking the Portion of the Reserve near Stones for road purposes provided Council defray any expense the tenant Mr Robertson may be put to.

The Secretary was directed to have the Road surveyed and excised from the Reserve and the survey noted in the Lands Office. The same instruction was given with respect to the Road at Barraroo Hill where Cramer is applying for the sale of certain land.

17 Department of Agriculture stating that a lease under the provisions of the Agricult Colleges Act had been issued to Mr Jackyes for a reserve in the parish of Tarnagulla

Carolina Church bringing under notice of the Council particulars re American Road making machine.

19 Gordonshire Council re forming a sinking fund for liquidation of the loans granted by the Avoca United Water Trust.
Mr Chalmers had attended, the Conference called by the Gordonshire parties (Mr Hughes not with the authority of the Council) and reported the reply given by the Minister.

20 The same forwarding Cheque for £45 being half cost of bridge at Narrowlock and accepting Councils explanation, as satisfactory.

21 H. Lamont Solicitor Charlton acknowledging receipt of instructions to prepare transfer from Johnson to Charlton.

22 Edward Dohamoey offering to do extra work on Bells Bal Creek at scheduled price. Council declines

23 Country Fire Brigade Board re purchase of plant &c from local brigade, &c
Received Council has no plant

24 H. A. Horner Teacher Wychitella Complaining that a Shire contractor was removing earth from the approaches to the School. The Complaint had been referred to the Engineer Council took no further action.

25 Inspector Satchwell reporting on Laity Case
Inspector Morris do
H. F. Lech stating that proceedings in the case has been stayed pending decision of the Council
Inspector Satchwell attended as did also Mr Laity and from the statements & the Inspectors reports it appeared that Mr Laity had not been convicted twice for the same offence as he alleged and Council decided to allow the law to take its course

26 Mrs O'Brien Kingower reporting on water supply Kingower,

27 J. Lamplough Charlton for information re Neighbouring Secretary had replied,

28 David Guthrie Contractor renewing claim for £16.19.9 alleged to be due to him on account extra work on Contract at Terrinallum Council had fully discussed the matter at previous meeting & declined to entertain the claim,

29 John Johnson Terrinallum applying on behalf of W Bach for permission to use a portion of Reserve near Moro for a place
Mr Chalmers was in favor of Council granting the consent but it was pointed out that they had no jurisdiction in the matter.

30 H. Lamont stating that owing to the illness of Mr Baragwanath the case against the Shire could not be going on in time for this meeting but would be sent in plenty of time for the next.

31 John G. Kaity Boroney & other Ratepayers applying for assistance of Council in hawking Timber Reserves made so available for firewood &c by holders of Selectors licenses, miners rights &c

Cr Chalmers moved that the Secretary write to the Lands Dept asking that an officer be sent up to report upon the Timber Reserve Boroney with a view to the present restrictions being withdrawn

32 John Reach Rate Collector applying for an increase of salary.

Council declined to make any increase

33 Mr Letto Jun. applying for an extension of time on his contract on the grounds of illness — One month extension granted.

Health Correspondence

1 Dr Adam recommending the Closing of school at Kurting this had been done.

2 Mrs Bound teacher Kurting asking that the Ferribyhook school be closed on account of the prevalence of Influenza.
Inspector Delaney reported on this school unfavorable to the proposal

3 Inspector Steel reported the desirability of having arrangements made for flushing down the Street Channels Charlton 3 times a week.

Where necessary action had been taken by the Secretary or Health Officers.

Crs Letto Gray and Rees were empowered to sign Cheques against the Council's Bank account and to sign Contracts

Council resumed

Annual meeting

The adjourned annual meeting of the Koroing Shire Council was held in the Shire Hall Hazelbrook on Thursday the 19th November 1891.

Present Mr Booth President in the Chair, Crs Letto Rees Redwood, Gray, McCurr, Laidlaw & Chalmers.

The Secretary produced the annual Statement of Receipts & Expenditure of the Shire for the year ended September 30th 1891. and read the auditors report in connection therewith which testified to the correctness of the Balance Sheet and to the generally efficient manner in which the office work has been conducted

Cr Gray
Cr Letto } That the accounts submitted be passed and allowed. Carried

The following Committees were then appointed.

Finance The Whole Council
Public Works Do

This ended the business of the Annual meeting and the Ordinary meeting was resumed.

Treasurer reported, receipts during month £ 77.6.9
Expenditure do £ 490.9.10
Bank overdraft £ 172.10.4

Reports received & approved.

Cr Gray
Cr Redwood } That in consequence of the Work of the Specifications not being ready no Tenders be accepted & that the Secretary return them and instruct the engineer to call for fresh

fresh Tenders and the Specifications revised if necessary. The tender No. 13 Kurrhamagella road to be omitted from next advertisement.

Cr Chalmers
Cr Laidlaw } Motion under Notice.

Tenders be called for 50 Chains of loaming & filling near Bells Boring.

Cr Redwood
Cr Bells } " for Clearing drains Salisbury road.
Carried

Cr Chalmers
Cr Laidlaw } " for forming & loaming west of Moyston line Bridge). Fernihurst.
Carried

Cr Laidlaw
Cr Chalmers } " for repairing Jumpers Lands and keeping in repair for 12 months.
Cd

also for lease of all weighbridges in Shire & for keeping same in repair also for
Cd
15 feet sheep troughing at Mitchells tank and 15 feet at Port Fairy tank.
Cd

Cr Laidlaw was authorised to have a trough at ~~Port Fairy~~ Hallam removed to Port Fairy tank.

Cr McClurk
Cr Ross } Making 10 chains forming grovelling & Clearing between Duells & Stephensons 1100 C yards gravel on formation Brocous tank.
Cd

Cr Gray referred to case of Barstake v. Shire of Caulfield and thought Council should abstain from letting Contracts for draining till the decision of the Privy Council has been given.

Instructions

By Cr Ross Secretary to write to the Department re road at Homes Grove a reply for him in a fortnight. He also desired Council to adhere to its previous decision re the road at Cramers, Barra Creek.

Cr McClurk referred to the property of extending drains near Sarah Olive Jennyroon at a cost of £3 or £4 Cr Ross objected Central Rdg members inspect the place and report.

Cr Laidlaw was authorised to have 6 Chains of drain made between Watsons & Halliday's & Charlton.

Cr Gray reiterated the opinion that Council should not make drains till the consent of land holders be given.

General Business

1 A letter was read from Mr Rinder tendering his resignation of the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer which he had held for upwards of 20 years. He thanked the Council for its uniform courtesy and kindness shown to him at all times & will be glad to be of service at any time but for some months he is advised to refrain from all office work. In the meantime he recommends appointment of Mr Gray as acting Secretary & Treasurer.

Cr Watts exceedingly regretted the circumstances which necessitated Mr Reiders retirement and he moved that the resignation be not accepted but that 6 months leave of absence be given. Cr Watts also expressed sorrow at the illness of Mr Reide, & was favorable to an extended leave of absence with a view to Mr Reider accepting some minor office of the Council at the end of the term if not disposed to resume the duties of Secretary & Treasurer

Cr Redwood supported the motion & seconded it Crs Ross, Laidlaw & Gray all supported the motion which was put and carried unanimously

Cr Watts moved that Mr J. R. Gray Junr be appointed
Cr Redwood } Acting Secretary & Treasurer during absence of the Secretary on leave at a salary at the Rate of £200 per annum

Carried

Rate Collectors

Cr Ross
Cr Redwood } That Messrs Cook Reach & Grant be appointed Rate Collectors for the North Central & South Ridings respectively for the ensuing year.

Cr Gray called attention to desirability of making some provision for carrying on the shire works and considered it absolutely necessary that Council should appoint an engineer temporarily to do the work. and after some further discussion he moved that Mr Blundell the Engineer for this shire be suspended and that a special meeting of the Council be called for the third Thursday in December for the purpose of

accepting his resignation if it be received and if not received for the purpose of considering his removal from office and the appointment of a successor in the capacity of Shire Engineer
Cr Redwood seconded the motion which was carried.

The Secretary was directed to ask Mr Dillon to send in his resignation

Cr Redwood
Cr Gray } That Mr F. G. Hawkins of Inglewood be appointed to do the work of engineering during the month at an allowance of £20 p.m.

Amendment —

Cr Chalmers
Cr Ross } That Mr Chas Boyle a former pupil of Mr Harris and who had had a varied experience of Public work be appointed.

Lost

The motion was then put & carried

The Secretary was thereupon instructed to write to Mr Hawkins to prepare specifications for work ordered today and those of previous meeting

The Secretary was also ordered to advertise for applications for the Office of Engineer at a salary of £300 per annum.

Mr Reagan applied to the Council (in person) to have water laid on to his premises in Regent St. Heathcote; and after some discussion Cr McCurk moved that the Engineer be instructed to report to next meeting as to levels & cost of laying water on to Mr George Moreno & Mr Reagan's.

Agreed to.

Cr Ross enquired who had given the instructions for 6 lamps at Headborough & Gray replied that the Council had some time ago authorised the erection of 3 lamps at Headborough & 3 at Koroop Hill & it was agreed that the selection of the sites be left to the members for the Riding.

Notices of Motion

Cr Redwood

Lindenbe Cattle for 400 £ 9d broken metal by Cr Bolles & Mr Lindenbe land.

The following accounts amounting to £281 " 8 " 3. excluding of Acs for 5/6 repairing window of Billing Bott Jennington objected to by Cr Ross £1/6 extra work by Wm Kett objected to by Cr Ross & £10 by Hogan objected to by Cr Blackmers, were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Redwood & Gray.

55	Con 1563 Goodwin	13		
56	Hogan Clerk of works	5		
57	Kerr Postal auditor	24	7	6
58	Williams do	18	18	
59	Booth agricult Society	7	10	
60	Charlton do	15		
61	Koroop agricult Society	15		
62	W W Society	15		
63	Con 1590 W. Crisp	7		
64	Con 1575 Fiedler	5		
65	Fire Brigade Board	3	12	7
66	Inspector Morris reward	6		
67	Yodda Council share	6	9	6
68	Con 1599 Baker	20		
69	Con 1565 Purcell	2	16	0
70	Lamprell 3 boxes skins	2	5	
71	Steel Bros Guarantee premium	3		
	Forward £	169	18	7

	Brought forward £	169	18	7
71	Sundry Acs	6	11	3
72	Con 1567 McNicol	15		
73	Dixon 1 month salary	29	3	4
74	Gray first salary	5		
75	Hogan Clerk of works	5		
76	Con 1590 Crisp	5		
77	Rinder Shire Secretary	25		
78	Moorcroft Pres allowance	4	19	0
79	Henry Watson lamps	3	15	0
80	Scott lamplighting	2	2	6
81	Barnson lamplighting & scavenging	12	18	4
82	John Coutts Deputation expenses	3	3	0
83	Cr Blackmers Deputation expenses	4	4	
84	Mooney labour Boroop	3		
85	Goode advertising	2	3	9
86	Tayson Bros do	5	12	0
87	Independent do	1	12	6
88	Tribune Office do	2	5	0
89	Sundry Acs per voucher	6	16	3
90	Office expenses do	4	17	1
91	Mould Nw lamp posts	1	12	6
92	Jas Kruse Sol analyst	4	10	0
93	Chisholm Clerk of works	10		
94	Con 1599 H. Baker	25		
95	Con 1587 Jas Ulich	2	10	0
96	Ambrose & Co labour	1	10	0
97	Inspector Satchwell	2	"	"
		£ 372	14	1

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

Confirmed 17/12/91.
John Crotty President