Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 11th day of February 1897.

Present Cr Mc Kelmie President in the Chair
Crs Gray Stewart Catto Kennedy Boyle Redwood Chalmers & Procter, later on

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence:—

1 Richard Mitchell of Barraba applying for payment of 5/ per week for services as caretaker of Mitchells tank under an agreement alleged to have been made 9 or 10 years ago. Received

2 Lozton Shire Secretary stating that the letter from this Council regarding the Woolshed Lake land had been postponed for the attendance of a full meeting

3 Department of Water Supply concerning an application for a mining lease by Mr and Mrs Smith Wedderburn and asking for Councils views upon the letter from Smith in reply to Councils request that one chain strips along the drain be Reserved.

Cr Gray
Cr Stewart } That Council adhere to its previous decision in this matter. Carried

5 Lands Department asking for a statement of the circumstances under which the Council had disposed of the timber within the Public Gardens Wedderburn
Received no timber having been disposed of by the Council

Correspondence Continued.

6 Water Supply Department for a cheque for £5 " 17 " 4 for interest on Avoca Trust Loans
Ordered to be paid

7 Railway Department with statement showing how the expenses of the Wedderburn Junction line are arrived at. Received

8 J. H. Donnelly Shepparton advocating the candidature of Mr Jno West for the Federal Convention.
Received Council being of opinion that the Electors should be kept to themselves in the matter.

9 Registrar of the Pharmacy Board Melbourne with certificate as a dealer in poisons for the Shire Secretary.

10 A H Tonetty Alnola monthly report on Water Supply there.

11 Department of Water Supply for payment of interest due on local Water Loans. Received the money having been paid when due at the end of December last.

13 Patrick Coady offering to take the sum of £7 " 10 " 0 for his right to a puddlers dam on the north side of the Inglewood road 1/2 mile east of Kingower township.

Cr Catto
Cr Redwood } That the Secretary pay Coady £7 " 10 " 0 for the right to the dam and apply for the Reservation of the dam site for water supply
Carried

14 Secretary Inglewood Hospital for a Public Bank holiday on the 17th March for the benefit of the St Patrick Day Sports Inglewood.

Secretary was instructed to make the necessary application.

15 Mrs Horden with cheque for 30/ being the amount of rent agreed to be paid for the Boring Weighbridge for 1897. Recd.

16 E. Lampret for payment of 10/ for removing trees near Powlett.

Referred to Cr Kennedy for inquiry and payment.

17 Jas Kay monthly report on his maintenance contract Korong Vale

18 Lydia Western Korong Vale proprietor of the Lance newspaper applying for a share of the printing & advertising of the Council.

Council declined to increase the cost of advertising.

19 Mayor of Melbourne inviting Council to join in the movement for relief of the sufferers by the recent famine. The Shire Secretary was instructed to distribute the subscription lists amongst the Schools, Stores & Post Offices throughout the Shire

22 Matthew Mitchell monthly report on his contract for maintenance of gardens &c Wedderburn.

Secretary reported that Complaint had been made of the stoppage of the Water at South Wedderburn which Mr Purdy attributed to accumulation of silt in the pipes and which he proposed to remove by means of a high pressure of steam if Council sanctioned the trial of the experiment.

Council decided that Secty should first write to the pipe cleaning Co. and that no action be taken in the matter pending a reply.

The Secretary brought under Notice the visit to the Wooloshed Dam of an Officer from the Water Supply Department a discussion followed upon the absence of drains

23 Water Supply Department re proposal to make a new dam in the vicinity of Magpie Jolly at Government expense.

24 Secty Loddon Water Trust for payment of £5-5-1 this Councils share of the Working expenses due by Loddon Water Trust

Cr Chalmers
Cr Catto } That no payment for Trust working expenses be made till the Secretary obtains from the Water Supply Department some explanation as to how it can be paid legally. Carried

26 Dr Reider Health Officer annual Report on the Vital Statistics of the Shire for 1896.

27 Chief Inspector Vermin Destruction Act for an expression of Councils opinion as to the utility of the fox or otherwise,

Cr Stewart } That in the opinion of this Council
Cr Catto } the fox is not a benefit to the country.
Carried

Cr Chalmers } That the Council is not in
Cr Kennedy } favour of paying bounties for destruction of foxes.
Carried the voting being
For the motion Crs Chalmers, Kennedy
McKechnie Gray Boyle
against Crs Stewart
Procter, Redwood & Catto.

Cr. Procter here took his seat

Treasurers Statement
Receipts for the month £ 67. 9. 6
Expenditure £ 317. 10. 10
Bank Overdraft £385. 1. 3

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the loan of £464 granted under the Municipal advances act and now on fixed deposit into the General fund

Engineers Report was dealt with as follows:—
Clause 2
Cr Chalmers } Tenders be called for forming
Cr Boyle } 22 Chains at the Scarborough
Weaderburn Boort road at an
estimated cost of £14. 0. 0
Carried

Clause 3 Secretary was instructed to inquire if the Gordon Council will join in the expense of a direct road from Inglewood to Boort along the Railway line.

Clause 4
Engineer was instructed to again inspect the road between Wychitella and Beckrabanyule

Engineers Report Contd
Clause 5
Engineer to apply to Railway Department for permission to block culvert at Borung temporarily when necessary so as to turn the water into the tank
Clause 6 the recommendation of the Engineer to reconstruct Sutherlands low-water bridge at a cost of about £100 was postponed for further consideration.
Clause 7
Engineer will see that Martin Kelly of Jowar will open the road through his paddock as arranged for some time ago
Clause 8
Cr Kennedy } That tenders be called for 200 Chains of
Cr Redwood } clearing on the road running East from the Kingsford Creamery. Carried
Clause 9 recommending various works as applied for by Mrs Johns Brennan at a total estimated cost of £16 was held over for future consideration.
The Engineers report was received and adopted.

The Public Works Committee brought up the following Tenders

No. 1 Open stone crossing west of Scotts Woolshed Inglewood Estimate £6.15.0
Osborne £7. 10. 0
Kierce 6. 0. 0
Jenkins 6. 0. 0
Recommend Kierce

2 Forming 28 Chains & open crossing South Wychitella Estimate £32.13.6

over

No. 2 Wm. O'Meara 43. 0. 0 Estimate 32. 13. 6
D. Flasheen 33. 9. 6
J. Kierce 24. 11. 6
Geo Ross 29. 15. 0
Geo Jenkins 19. 0. 0 ×
Recommend Jenkins

3 Stone stops near Wood & Inglewood & Ringower Road. Estimate £24. 0. 0
William Crisp £23. 18. 0
Recommended

4 Outlet drain & Culvert by M Jernous
Estimate £12. 11. 0
H. Crisp 22. 9. 4
Ross & Westmacott 21. 4. 0
Tenders too high not let

5 Turnstile and footpath Boroung
Estimate £9. 6. 0
H. Beer £13. 14. 6
Too high not let

6 Draining &c near Inglewood Boroung Boundary
Estimate £25. 15.
W. A. Jones 29. 10. 0 ×
W. Crisp 29. 8. 0
Recommend Jones

7 Drains & filling scours near Orwille & hill stripes. Estimate £19. 7. 0
C. J. Brown £31. 7. 6 Considered too high

8 Culvert over bridge drain near Snyers puddling machine wooloed Flat
Estimate £12. 0. 0
Jenkins £12. 4. 0
Crisp Bros 12. 4. 0
Ross & Co 11. 1. 2 ×
Recommend Ross

9 Clearing road from R.C. Church & Cemetery Koroung Vale &c Estimate £19. 10. 0
J. Jenkins & Sons £18. 10. 9
Recommended

Cr Redwood } That the tenders of messrs Kierce, Crisp
Cr Gray } Jenkins & Sons & Jones and Ross do recommended by the Works Committee be accepted. Carried

Motions under Notice

Cr. Chalmers
Cr. Redwood } That the resolution carried at previous meeting with regard to gritting in bond be rescinded. Voted the voting being 4 for the motion and 5 against it.

Cr. Boyle
Cr. Chalmers } That engineer have loaning down by alleys & the irrigation channels on the north & south road by the dairy lands.
Carried

Cr. Boyle
Cr. Proctor } That tenders be called for filling all scours & crab holes near Quicks land also two large crossings & removal of stumps & timbers. Carried

Cr. McKechnie
Cr. Stewart } for gravelling formation between Hendrys & Davies & Burrowes Wheatwood.
Carried

Cr. Boyle
Cr. Gray } That a previous resolution of the Council appointing the second Thursday in the month as the day of meeting be rescinded & that the day of meeting be the first Thursday in the month. Carried unanimously.

Cr. Gray
Cr. Redwood } That the next meeting of the Council be held on the first Thursday in April
Carried

Instructions

By Cr Chalmers Engineer to have the Shire Plan lithographed at once. Engineer promised that it will be done by next meeting.

By Cr Gray Engineer to include work required by Jenkins with the contract for work by Mr Kernous.

With leave Cr Stewart moved that tenders be returned within a month for clearing and slope in the drain scours at Richmond Plains, agreed to

By Cr Gray Engineer to have drains leading to the Wenderborn Reservoir levelled

Cr Gray reminded Council of the resolution adopted at last meeting calling upon certain contractors to start their contracts within one month or have them forfeited. The contractors for decking the bridge near Morgans on the Koroing Gale road had not commenced work and he moved that their contract be cancelled & the deposit forfeited, and if the contractors have the timber on the ground that Council buy it at cost price and have it removed to Wedderburn seconded by Cr Stewart and Carried.

By Cr Kennedy Engineer to report on road N & S between Laithys & Lyons paddocks parish of Korong.

also to make necessary repairs to road between Lamprells & Glenalbyn

Cr Chalmers regard to his proposal to convert the Woolshed Swampland into irrigable allotments and thought Council should press the Government to consider it. Cr Boyle was of the same opinion & thought a flourishing irrigation settlement could be made there capable of paying a large part of the interest now paid by the shires. Cr Gray had no objection if the proposal did not involve the Council in expense. Cr Chalmers pointed out that the land being outside the Shire prevented this Council expending money on it & he only desired that it should be made available for irrigation and settlement. The matter then dropped pending a definite reply from the Shire of Gordon.

Cr Gray
Cr McRichmond } That the Secretary have power to remit up to one fourth of Water Rates in Wenderborn in cases where a sufficient supply of water has not been available and providing the Rates are paid to within 3 months. Carried

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Chief Inspector under the Vermin Destruction Act wrote for an expression of opinion from the Council as to the necessity for continuation of the bonus for fox destruction.

Cr Catto thought Secretary should let him know what was done at last meeting in the matter

Cr Stewart
Cr Catto } That in the opinion of this Council the fox is not a benefit to this country. Carried

Cr Chalmers
Kennedy } That this Council is not in favour of paying bonuses on the destruction of foxes. Carried

The Voting for the motion was as follows

Boyle	
Chalmers	
Kennedy	against it
McKechnie	Crs Stewart, Proctor
Gray	Redwood, Catto

The Engineer brought up a list of Contracts not commenced

Cr Redwood
Cr Gray } That the following Contracts be cancelled and the deposit forfeited

85 Jas Chambers, Glenalbyn
89 Jas Chambers Wychitella
2084 Phillips & Robertson, Bonn

The motion was carried

Cr Gray objected to the item in Mr Goodis a/c for printing Engineers report & moved that future copies be lithographed

agreed to

Cr Chalmers
Cr Boyle } That applications be invited from persons willing to undertake the duties of Thistle Inspectors for the North Riding for two months. applications to be sent to Mr Boyle's store and to state remuneration required for serving Notices on landholders to cut burrs on roads & Reserves, Carried

Notices of Motion

Cr Catto for drains Wedderburn & Nhill road and for 30 chains formation Kingower Nhill road

Cr Kennedy for clearing road east from Kaniva Creamery

Notices of Motion Contin^d

By Cr Kennedy for forming between Serisbury Bridge and the finger post on West Loddon road

By Cr Catto for repairs & painting certain bridges and Culverts South Riding.

Cr Redwood
Cr Catto } That the following accs presented by the Finance Committee be passed for payment Carried

227	Bon 2061 N Chambers	✓	3.15.4
228	Bon 87 Jno Lyon	✓	3.0.0
229	Bon 27 Hy Crisp	✓	2.7.4
230	Bon 72 Kierce	✓	10.0.0
231	Bon 55 Conroy	✓	10.0.0
232	Bon 31 Cly Jun	✓	9.0.0
233	Bon 2094 Henderson	✓	4.7.0
234	Bon 2100 Hoy	✓	11.16.0
235	Timber a/c McLennon		1.3.9
236	Deposit on road Blair	✓	5.0.0
237	Labour Thistles	✓	2.2.0
238	Wages Nhill town	✓	6.5.0
239	Henderson & Co labour	✓	4.5.0
240	Health Officer Rinder	✓	9.12.4
241	Avoca Water Trust	✓	5.17.9
242	Bon 83 Phillips & Co	✓	8.0.0
243	Bon 79 O'Neard	✓	25.0.0
244	Bon 77 Henderson	✓	6.0.0
245	Bon 72 Kierce	✓	2.5.0
246	Bon 59 & 91 Jenkins & Co	✓	22.3.2
247	Bon 33 Morse	✓	10.0.0
248	Bon 69 O'Mannosey	✓	6.0.0
249	Sundry accs per Voucher	✓	6.0.0
250	Rinder salary as Secretary		14.3.4

251	Hawkins Engines	✓	24. 15. 10
252	Gray & salaries &c	✓	12. 7 11
253	Griffiths Lamplighting	✓	3. 4. 0
254	Lilings Lamplighting	✓	— 17. 4
255	Deposits returned	✓	1. 13 0
256	Labour & deposit fund	✓	6. 3. 6
257	Bon 73 Lovell	✓	6. 0. 0
258	Bon 68 Barber	✓	5. 19. 4
259	Bon 55 Boundy	✓	14. 4. 1
260	Goode printing & stationery	✓	6 0. 5
261	Jackson printing &c	✓	2. 15. 0
262	Sunder printing	✓	2. 2. 6
263	Labour McKenzie	✓	2. 0. 0
264	Dawks water supply material		1. 0. 9
265	Labour Mitchell	✓	1. 4. 0
266	" Jones	✓	4. 0. 0
267	" Oliver	✓	4. 0. 0
268	President's allowance	✓	3. 1. 6
269	Jno Reach a/c of Valiotis	✓	6. 0. 0
270	Deposit Phillipson returned	✓	— 15 —
269	Sundry a/c	✓	6 — 10
270 271	Pat Bour Compensation & dam		7. 10 —
273	Bon 29 Hurley	✓	1. 6. 9
274	Bon 49 Briggs	✓	1. 10. 0
275	Bon 7 Mitchell	✓	3. 10. 0
		£	316 . 12 . 10

The next meeting was ordered to be held on the first Thursday in April and the business ended

Confirmed
John McKechnie