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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KORONG HELD IN the Shire Hall, Wedderburn, on TUESDAY THE 14th. Jan. 1919, for the purpose of examing and settling a/cs

The Statement of Accounts as presented was examined and finally settled on the motion of Crs. White and O'Brien.

The Auditors Report was read - received and adopted on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Gray.

MINUTES of ORDINARY MEETING - held same day and place.

PRESENT :- CRS. Andrews (President) Thomas, Chalmers, White, Gray, Kiniry Kelly, Howe & O'Brien.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed onthe motion of CRS. Thomas & Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1—From Prime Minister's department acknowledging receipt of resolution from this council re captured islands in the Pacific—

2—From Dr Deravin reporting a case of diptheria at Kurting—

3—From Lands department intimating that six acres near J J Herand in the parish of Moliagul has been gazetted a gravel reserve—

4—From same asking if council has any objection to an area of two acres in the township of Wedderburn, on the north side of the water reserve in Wilson street, being sold to W J Pratt—

5—From Defence department offering for sale 12 kerosene oil engines, power 28 b.h.p., price £280 each.

6—From Country Roads Board acknowledging receipt of particulars re preposed Developmental Roads, and expressing appreciation of the Shire Engineer's informative statement—

7—From Country Roads Board approving of specifications for the following works :— 1p and 2p, 1918-9; Borung-Hurstwood road. Tenders for these works to be accepted subject to satisfactory arrangement with Closer Settlement Board re acquisition of land. 3p, 1918-9; Serpentine road, near Gook's. 1m, 1918-9; Borung-Hurstwood road, near Borung railway station. 2m, 1918-9; Bendigo-Charlton road, near Redwood's—

8—From Bright Shire bringing under notice the fact that agents are stepping in and receiving commissions on lands acquired by the Closer Settlement Board for returned soldiers, thus adding to the cost of the land to the soldier—

9—From Maffra Shire suggesting that councils should not in future buy or use German goods, and that ratepayers be urged to take a similar stand—

10—From Orbost Shire asking that this council's support be given to the proposal to increase salaries of the Country Roads Board members by £200 per annum—

11—From Melton Shire, expressing the opinion that the resolutions re Width of Tyres Act were passed at the recent session of the Municipal Association without due consideration for country interests, and urging this council to oppose same through its Parliamentary representive—

12—From H. Crowther submitting statement re plans recently compiled—

13—From I J Weaver, M.L.A., intimating that the Chief Vermin Inspector will arrange to send an expert to the district to give a demonstration, free of cost, in the latest methods of rabbit destruction, should same be desired by the council—

15—From Paterson and Co., submitting samples of Memorial Certificates for presentation to relatives of fallen soldiers—

16—From Oliver Poole, requesting that attention be given before the wet weather sets in to works at Poole's corner which were before the council in July last—

17—From S McNicol applying to have water laid on to her property in Greig street, Korong Vale—

1. Received.

2. "

3. "

4. Crs. Gray and White moved that no objection be offered.

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5. Received.

6. "

7. " . The Board to be requested to give due noticeof the intended visit.

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8. Referred to the Repatriation Committee. (Gray and White.)

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9. Resolved on the motion of Crs Gray and Chalmers "That the Maffra Shire be informed that this Counil is in sympathy with the movement, but considers that to be effective, action must be taken by the Govt.

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10. Received.

11. Resolved on the motion of Crs. White and O'Brien to adopt the sugestion of the Melton Shire, and reuest our Parliamentary Representative to oppose the Bill when samw comes before the House.

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12. Received. Crs. Gray and White, with the Engineer an Secretary to make final inspection beforepayt.

13. On the motion of CrsThomas and Kelly it was resolved to arrange for the demonstration.

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14. From Mr ANDERSON complaining of in-accuracy in the Korong Vale Weighbridge.

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14. Engineer to inspect and report.

15. On the motion of Crs Gray and Chalmers it was resolved to co-operate with the Korong Shire Patriotic Committee in providing an Honor Roll, and in regard to soldiers certificates the Secretary was instructed to ascertain prices for frames. Crs. agreed to furnish lists of names of enlistments from their respective districts.

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16. Central Riding Crs. to meet on the ground with the Engineer as formerly agreed

17. Granted.

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18—From M A and G E Porter expressing appreciation of works carried out near their properties in the Pewlett district—

19—From W A Hargreaves and 37 other residents of Rheola, protesting against the proposed sale of 100 acres of land, township of Rheola, on the grounds that same includes the catchment area of the Rheola reservoir, and asking council's assistance—

20—From J E Murphy, submitting report on analysis of food samples—

18. Received.

19. Resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien & Kelly to communicate with the lands Department protesting against the proposed alienation. Also to request that the area be permanently reserved for water supply purposes.

20. Received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT. (A.J. Gourlay)

1—S Crisp has completed his contract for 30 chains of forming and loaming, etc, on the Mysia-Fernihurst road near Pattison's; also sundry repairs.

2—On the same road the bridge over Kinypaniel Creek requires redecking. The timber in the existing deck has rotted away on the top as it is too light, and altogether unsuitable for decking. A new red gum deck 4in. thick would cost £170.

3—Wychitella Water Supply—Complaint was made by Mr T. Hindson that he was getting no water at all, and he applied to connect direct to the 2in. main going from the railway tank to the water trough. On investigation I found that only two of the six houses, all connected to a 1in. pipe, get any water at all, and that is very little. I recommend that permission be asked of the Railway department to connect a 2 inch pipe to the existing one at the horse trough, and extend it down the street west 5½ chains, nearly to Walker's corner. All the householders would be prepared to connect on to this at their own expense. It would give each an adequate supply. I expect to find enough unused 2-inch piping in Wedderburn for this, so the cost would only be that of labor, cartage and a few fixtures; approximately £10.

4—The engineer of the Shire of Gordon has written asking me to do the boundary work between Chalmers and Maloney at schedule rates when Ferster is in the vicinity.

Central Riding.

5—250 square yards of new tar paving has recently been laid in Wedderburn opposite Morecroft's Hotel, Smith's Hotel, the Shire Hall and also in patching. The cost amounts to 1s 9d per square yard.

6—8 valves in the Wedderburn reticulation which had become leaky and difficult to operate, have been recaulked and put in good working order.

7—Road between Heenan and Steel, south of Wedderburn Junction railway station—A stone crossing half a chain long is required opposite Heenan's house. Other crossings further south also require repairing, and 16 chains of draining is required to be done in detached portions. Total cost £9.

8—R. Steed notified me that we could have all the stone in his paddock, so I have had 30 loads carted out and stacked on the Richmond Plains road. There is approximately another 60 yards available.

9—H E Holt's application to lease the creek frontage abutting allot. 15, Kooreh—From enquiries made there would be no objection.

10—Purchase of south-west corner allot. 19 from R K Ross—This matter is in the hands of the solicitor. A reply is being awaited from Ross.

11—The reservoir now contains 12 feet of water, which is a drop of 5 feet in two months. Provided that the water is not wasted, the supply will be adequate till the autumn rains; but I would recommend that restrictions be placed on watering of gardens.

South Riding.

12—Good progress is being made with the Serpentine road contract at Coutts'. Nearly all the gravelling is completed and the formation is ready to take the metal.

13—Repairs have been effected to Hope Creek bridge and the person responsible for the damage charged with the cost.

14—Arrangements have been made with Harding for the necessary repairs to the Sandy Creek bridge on the Bridgewater road to be commenced.

15—W Taig has completed the contract for draining, etc., on Arnold's Bridge road, between Souter's and Fallon's; also his contract for draining, crossings, etc, on roads north of Rheola. He has taken over O'Shannessy's contract at M'Cumber's and has it about half completed.

1. Received.

2. Temporary repairs to be effected.

3. Crs.Thomas and Chalmers moved that the Engineer interview the residents concerned and ascertain if they are prepared to bear the cost of the proposed reticulation . The work tobe undertaken,only on condition that they agree to bear such expense.

4. Left in the hands of the Engineer.

5. Received.

6. Received.

7. On themotion of Crs Gray and Kiniry it was resolved to call tenders for the work.

8. Received.
The Engineer was authorised to have the balance of the stone collected.

9. Crs White and Kiniry moved that no objection be offered provived there is accessto the water.

10. Received.

11. " . The Engineer was empowered to cut off the supply where there is evidence of waste.

12_13, 14, 15. South Riding.

The report concerning South Riding works was received. The Engineer was requested to give special attention to the Serpentine road works.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1—Receipts since the beginning of the financial year to 31st December, 1918.—

Rates Current ...	£347	3	6
,, Arrears ...	97	17	2
,, Interest ...	10	8	0
Pan fees, Wedderburn	12	16	0
,, ,, Korong Vale	15	7	6
Rent Borung Weighbridge	12	0	0
,, Mysia ,,	9	10	0
Contract deposits ...	18	3	0
Weighbridges ...	40	0	0
Weighbridge Receipt Books	0	16	0
Rent Linehan's Land	10	0	0
Joint works Bet Bet Shire Half Cost ...	16	0	0
Interest War Loan Invest.	18	0	0
Water Ac. part 1919 instal. on advances ...	72	0	0
Water Account, interest do.	25	19	3
Refund President's allowance (Cr J. B. Howe)	30	10	0
Slaughtering Licences	2	0	0
Tar Barrel sold ...	0	5	0
Tar supplied ...	0	3	9
Roll sold	0	0	6
Moiety of Fines ...	0	1	3
Total receipts ...	£717	10	0

Financial position of ridings at 31st December, 1918:—

North, debit	113	8	7
Central, debit	1852	13	6
South, debit	301	19	11
Trust A/c, credit	199	8	4
Bank Overdraft	£2065	5	10

2—Water Accounts—

Rates, current, Wedderburn	4	0	0
,, arrears, ,,	4	16	0
,, ,, ,,	2	0	0
Water sold per meter, K.V.	10	4	0
Instalments on meters	2	15	2
Water sold at Stand pipe, Wburn	1	2	0
	£24	17	2

3.—Wire Netting Account.

Instalments	£47	18	8
Interest	7	12	9
	£55	11	5

Since last meeting instalments and interest amounting to £85 17s 9d have been paid to the Government, and will require to be passed at this meeting.

Received and adopted on the motion of Crs O'Brien & Thomas.

With regard to the financial position of the Shire it was decided on the motion of Crs Obrien and Gray to appoint a Finance Committee to inquire into the Finances.

CrsO'Brien, White and Chalmers were appointed. with he Secretary.

TENDERS.

No 60—(Re-advertised). 5 chains Formation, 3 small Stone Crossings, Clearing Drains, etc., on north and south road between Stephenson and Finch; also Drainage and Check Banks and Repairs to Footbridge on Wehla Road by Kellett's, parish of Wehla.

No 64 — 17 chains of Clearing Drains and Filling Scours on east and west road between Good and Gross, Buckrabanyule; also 20 chains Filling Scours, Clearing Drains and Forming, etc., on east and west road between Paterson and M'Gurk, Woosang.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD CONTRACTS

1P 18-19—130 chains Forming and Drainage, also six Stone Crossings on Borung-Hurstwood Road, Oaklands Estate, between allotments 30, 43, and 42, 44.

2P 18.19—125 chains Forming and Drainage, also Six Stone Crossings on Borung-Hurstwood Road, Oaklands Estate, between allotments 42-44, 41-45, and 40-46.

3P 18-19—39½ chains Gravelling, etc., and one Stone Crossing on Serpentine Road, between Gook and Redwood.

1M 18 19—53 chains of Forming and Loaming on Borung Hurstwood Road between Verley and Wills.

2M 18 19—43 chains of Clearing Out, Enlarging and Re-Grading of Drain on Bendigo Charlton Road by Redwood's.

60. The tender of Geo.Taylor at £37:2:6 was accepted on the motion of Crs O'Brien and White.

64. The tender of Geo.Taylor at £16:16:3 was accepted on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly.

C.R.B. CONTRACTS.

The recommendation of the Tender Committee were as under:-

1P.18/19. The tender of D.&.F.BUTTERICK at £514:16:- to be accepted.

2P.18/19. The tender of D. & F. BUTTERICK at £371:16:- to be accepted.

3P.18/19. The tender of A. & E. TAIG at £188:6:8 to be accepted.

1M.18/19. The tender of S.F.CRISP at £87:7:- to be accepted.

2M. 18/19. The tender of A. & E. TAIG at £49:10@8 to be accepted.

On themotion of Crs O'brien and Kelly the above recommendations were adopted & it was decided to forward tenders to the C.R.B. for approval.

Tenders for Contracts 1P. 7 2P. were acepted subject to a satisfactory arrangement with the Closer Settlement Bd. for the necessary land for widening the road.

FINANCE.

On the motion of Crs.O'brien and Howe the undermentioned accounts were passed for payment.

December a/c as passed by the Finance Committee.

£422/12/- on the General A/c of the Shire
£250/-/- " the C.R.B. a/c "
85/17/9 " " Wire Netting " " " "
97/19/3 on the Water Account

January Accounts.

£659/8/4 on the General Account of the Shire.
200/-/- on the C.R.B. " " " "
57/13/10 on the Water Account.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORTS

Inspector Bertrand reported the sanitary condition of Korong Vale to be satisfactory.

Inspector McKinnon reported the sanitary condition of the Township of Wedderburn to be satisfactory to be satisfactory.

The reports were received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

C.R.B. CONTRACTS PERMANENT WORKS CONTRACTOR'S PLANS . On the motion of Crs Gray & Thomas the Engineer was authorised to charge ½ % on the Contract price for working plans supplied to contractors.

POUND at WEDDERBURN . Crs. White and Gray moved that steps be taken to have the site known as McHughs allot. 13 Sec. 12 Parish Wedderburn gazetted a Pound and that applications beinvited for the position of Poundkeeper. CARRIED.

CR CHALMERS was authorised to have works carried out near his house Theoffer to do the work at his own expense was gratefully accepted.

On CR. A.D. WHITE J.P. On the motion of Crs Andrews and Gray it was resolved to request the Crown Law Dept. to permanently appoint Cr. White a Justice of the Peace.

VALUATION. (D.F. Gibson) It was resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kiniry to ~~it was re~~ instruct the Shire Solicitor to communicate with the valuer intimating that the Council intended to enforce the penal clauses in connexion with the contract, reserving the right, if thought necessary to cancel the contract.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENGINEER.

CR. O'BRIEN Inspect report and give estimate of filling ruts and necessary stops on the Wedderburn Kingower Rd. starting at Davis and thence to Trotmans.

CR. HOWE Inspect ~~and repair~~ the Bridgewater bridge over Loddon and have made safe for traffic.

CR. GRAY Havethree more seats placed in the reservoir gardens. Also haveseating accomodation provided in the Band Rotunda for Bandsmen.

The Secretary was instructed by Cr Gray to ascertain the Councils position with regard to the Nardoo Dam (East of Mrs Axfords holding)

On the motion of Crs Chalmers and Andrews it was resolved to call tenders for 10 chains forming and loaming etc. on the old Inglewood road South of Huggins.

Resolved on the motion of Crs Kiniry and Kelly to re-advertise Contract No. 62. Supply of maintenance metal at Korong Vale.

Confirmed.
Robert Andrews

11 FEB 1919