JUNE 15th. 1920.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KORONG held at the Shire Hall, Wedderburn, on TUESDAY the 15th. June, 1920 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT:- Crs. Kiniry (President) White, Hendry, Kelly, O'Brien, Howe, Andrews, Chalmers and Thomas.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs. Howe and Andrews.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1 Blind Institute, thanking Council for the courteous reception of Mr Sutherland and also for the generous vote of £100.

2 Aviation Limited, Intimating that it is the intention of the Company to establish aerial services between the principal cities of the Commonwealth and requesting Council to support in the way of providing suitable landing grounds.

3 Ballarat Progress Association, requesting Councils support in a scheme adopted for the purpose of endeavoring to bring about an improvement in our Railway service.

4 Greater Geelong Movement, intimating that it is intended to visit Wedderburn in connexion with a campaign which has been lodged having for its object the developement of Australian Provincial industries. The form of the initial visit will be an Exhibition of the manufactures of Geelong a moving picture display and a lecture. Functions will be free to the public. The co-operation of this Council is invited.

5 War Service Homes Commission, Requesting the Shire Engineer to make the necessary valuations and surveys of properties submitted by applicants from the district and requesting Councils approval to same.

6 Taxpayers Association, suggesting that Council should carry a resolution protecting against Federal members increasing their salaries from £600 to £1000 per annum.

7 Municipal Association stating in reply to Council's letter that the Secretary for Lands has assured the Association that notification of all leases, licenses etc, will be sent to the Council's once in each quarter.

8 Alliance Insurance Coy, again pointing out that the workman who caught cold and was subsequently attacked with rheumatism has no claim against the Shire, and that the Company cannot agree to make any payment.

9 G. S. Hamilton making application for a slaughtering license. Also Constable Mackay's report on same.

10 Dr Walker of Charlton, reporting two cases of diptheria at Wychitella.

11 Dr Deravin, intimating that owing to an outbreak of measles he has recommended that the Rheola State School be closed for thee weeks from 25-5-20.

12 Dr Deravin intimating that on account of an outbreak of whooping cough, he has recommended the closing of the Kinypaniel State School.

13 John Rumgay, complaining that a bank put across the road has diverted water into his property which is doing damage, and requesting that the matter be given attention. He suggests that if the drain at the side of the road were cleaned out the trouble would be overcome.

14 E. E. Paynter, requesting permission to cut some of the saplings that are on the line of a new fence he is erecting on the land that he recently bought from John Isaac.

15 Borung Farmer's Union, drawing Councils' attention to the fact that the inlet drain to the White Elephant dam is blocked and requesting that the matter be given attention.

1. Received. The Secretary was instructed to inquire of the Council were appointed entitled to appoint a life governor.

2. The Secretary was instructed to intimate to the company that the Wedderburn Racecourse would provide a suitable landing ground.

3. Support to be given. (motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien

4. The Secretary was instructed to intimate that the Council is in sympathy with the movement.

5. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly permission was granted to the Engineer to carry out the work.

6. Cr. White moved that the letter be received. Cr. Hendry seconded. Cr. Chalmers moved as an amendment that the Council protest against the action of the Federal members & Cr Andrews seconded. Crs Thomas and Kelly supported. the amendment was carried.

7. Received.

8. Received.

9. On the motion of Crs. Kiniry and Hendry the application was granted.

10. Received.

11. Received.

12. Received.

13. The Engineer was instructed to inspect and was authorised to have the matter attended to if necessary.

14. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly permission was granted.

15. The matter was left in the hands of the Engineer and Cr Andrews.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

16 J. M. Castleman, re contract for works between Laidlaw and Speer, Borung, asking Council to re consider its decision to withhold payment of, the balance due on the contract, also the deposit lodged.

17 Country Roads Board, stating that owing to the depletion of loan funds, the Board cannot at present approve of the acceptance of W. J. Taigs tender for works on Serpentine Rd. A later letter states that the Board will approve of the acceptance of the tender if the cost of the works is charged to maintenance.

18 Board of Health, forwarding a copy of the letter sent to the Mrs M. A. Pratt, re the registration of her premises as a private hospital.

19 Board of Health, requesting council to forward weekly returns of all infection cases reported by medical officers.

20 Board of Health, Re recent appointment of medical officers, requesting information as to (1) Credentials of medical officers, (2) Sanitary experience, (3) area in which officer is operating, (4) Population of same.

21 Oxley Shire, requesting this council's support in a movement to urge the Government to either take up the Kiewa River Hydro-Electric scheme or allow private enterprise to proceed with same.

22 East Loddon Shire, requesting the co-operation of this council in a movement to obtain a more uniform and better administration of the Thistle Act, and asking council to appoint a delegate to attend a conference to be held at the Town Hall, Bendigo, on July 15th at 2 p.m.

23 Chiltern Shire, stating that that council had decided to enter an emphatic protest against the new Forest Regulations and requesting this council to co-operate.

24 Barrarbool Shire, requesting this council to express its opinion regarding the resolution passed at last Municipal Conference limiting the weight which may be carried on C.R. Board roads from 9 cwt per inch of tyre to 6 cwt per inch.

25 Gordon Shire, asking if this council will share the cost (estimated at £50 total) of re-decking bridge over Kinypaniel Creek, on Inglewood-Boort road.

26 Bet Bet Shire, asking if this council will bear half cost of clearing the boundary road running north from Grisold's and Allens.

27 Mr and Mrs Bird and family, expsessing their sincere thanks for the memorial presented by the council of their son and brother, the late Pte C. J. Bird.

16. On the motion of Crs.Chalmers and Andrews , the Engineer was instructed to inspect and report.

17. It was resolved on the motion of Crs Kelly and Howe to inform the board that the Council is not prepard to carry out the work as maintenance.

18. Received.

19. On the motion of Crs Kiniry and O'Brien it was resolved to inform the Board of Health that the Council it would be sufficient if notification were sent whenever cases occur.

20. Left in the hands of the Secretary to supply the information.

21. Resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Chalmers that support be given.

22. On the motion of Crs Andrews and Chalmers , Cr.O'Brien was appointed to represent the Shire.

23. The matter was held over and the Secretary was instructed to endeavor to obtain copies of the new regulations.

24. It was resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Hendry to inform the Barrarbool Shire is of the opinion that the resolution passed at the last conference should be rescinded and the question re-opened for discussion.

25. On the motion of Crs Thomas and Chalmers it was agreed to pay half cost.

26. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Howe it was resolved to agree to the work being done.

27. Received.

28 A. J. E. Gourlay, acknowledging receipt of testimonial and thanking Council for same.

29 A. J. E. Gourlay, submitting copy of report sent to the Water Commission in connection with the Wedderburn Reservoir works.

30 Lands Department, acknowledging receipt of councils application for extension of Market Square, Wedderburn, and stating that the necessary reports are being obtained.

31 Wedderburn Football Club, requesting permission to make a charge for admission to football matches at the Market Square, Wedderburn, on six afternoons during the 1920 football season.

32 John McHugh, requesting permission to remove a dead tree opposite his house in Wilson St., Wedderburn

28. Received

29. Referred to the members for the Central Riding.

30. Received.

31. On the motion of Crs Hendry and White it was resolved to grant permission , as requested, ----------10% of the takings at the gate and 5% of members tickets to be paid to the Council.

32. Permission granted on the motion of Crs Hendry and White.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

NORTH RIDING.

1 Contract No 90.—Forming on the Majors Line Rd. Contractor S. Crisp commenced work on the above road but owing to the recent rains work is at a stand still awaiting more favorable weather.

2 Enlarging Dam at Mysia Railway Station. Specifications prepared and tenders called for enlarging the present dam (1000 cubic yards).

3 Bridge on E W road from Wyschitella to Buckrabanyule near Innes. I have inspected this bridge and estimate that it will cost £ (approx.) to effect the necessary repairs.

CENTRAL RIDING.

4 Re Recreation Reserve known as Market Square, I have prepared a plan of the extra ground required and forwarded it on to the Lands Department for approval.

5 Road north from Thompson Bros and W. Chambers, Korong Vale-Borung Road. This piece of road is badly scoured, water flowing down the centre of the road. It would be necessary to cut side drains and place check banks to take the water. But owing to the centre of the road being cut away it would be advisable to utilise the spoil from the side drains to build an earth formation, therefore I recommend that 90 chains of earth formation laid down.

6 Re F. Brawn's application to erect gates on road leading through his property. Road is not required and I recommend that application be granted.

7 Plans and specifications prepared for forming and gravelling 10 chains of road near Gunnies Crossing, St Arnaud road. Tenders called for; S. Crisp successful tenderer. Work has commenced.

8 Plans and specification prepared for 14 chains of forming and 1 chain metalling on Nine Mile road, near the White Bros. Tenders called for, T. Waters successful tenderer.

9 Re Appleby's request to put a pipe through bank of Reservoir catchment drain. I have inspected site at which Mr Appleby desires to place pipe and find that dam in question has a capacity of about 30000 gals. In normal winters the dam will fill without tapping catchment drain. Until the Reservoir is full I consider it inadvisable to curtail catchment area.

10 I have inspected Iron Stone Hill to the west of Hard Hill, Wedderburn, with a view to having it reserved for Road making material and consider that the outcrop of iron stone will make excellent metal, therefore I recommend that a survey be made and the necessary ground reserved.

11 Bridge near Nesbits, Parish of Woosang, requires repairs to decking.

SOUTH RIDING

12 Re work authorised by C.R.B. Plans and specifications prepared for Contract 7P, 8P, 9P, and 10P, 19 & 20 Bendigo Charlton Rd. Plans and specifications are yet to be prepared for work at Cosh's corner, and at Gregsons, Bendigo-Charlton Rd., and for work on the Borung-Hurstwood Road.

13 On the Kurting Powlett Rd., between Wilson's and Lamprells, the road has been badly scoured owing to adjacent land owners diverting the water from its natural course and consecrating it on the road. It will be necessary for the council to take a firm stand in dealing with the offenders otherwise serious damage will be done to the road. I have instructed Contractor Taig to cut side drains along each side of the road for about 20 chains and build a check bank.

14 I have inspected road leading south from Glenalbyn Rly Station, and find that a few chains of side drains are necessary and a bad scour to be repaired.

15 Re hole in the road near Mrs Bailes residence at Emu a few loads of spalls are necessary.

16 Bridge known as Coglan's on the Logan-Emu road requires repairs to decking.

17 The new gravel roads laid down between J. Chivers and Olsen near Emu requires repairs.

18 I inspected drains complained of by H. R. Gillespie, Inglewood, and would recommend that about 30 chns of side drains be cleaned out on Road near his residence.

I inspected road leading to D. Cornishs residence and find that 15 chains of side drains are necessary.

1. Received.

2. Received.

3. Left in the hands of the Engineer to have repairs carried out.

4. Received.

5. Left to CrKiniry and the Engineer to make a further inspection, to detemine what best to be done.

6. On the motion of Crs Hendry and O'Brien it was resolved to offer no objection to the road being closed providing the applicant erects swing gates, but to advise the applicant that he mst make application to the Public Works Department.

7. Received.

8. Received.

9. On the motion of Crs White and Hendry the recommendation of the Engineer was adopted.

10. On the motion of Crs Hendry and Kiniry it was resolved to make application to have the area reserved.

11. The Engineer was authorised to have the work done.

12. Received.

13. On the motion of Crs Kelly and OBRien the Engineer was instructed to take the necessary action to deal with the situation.

14. On the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brienthe Engineer was authorised to have the work done.

15. Engineer to attend to same --(CrsO'Brien andKelly)

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary (Mr Hargreaves) reported:—

Receipts for month ending 31st May, 1920:—Rates, current, £801/1/; do., arrears, £7/4/3; do., interest, 4/3; pan charges, Wedderburn, £24/12/; do., Korong Vale, £8/7/6; contract deposits, £18/5/; slaughtering licence, £1; Government endowment, £321; worker's compensation from insurance company, £1/15/; rate certificate, 1/; total, £1183/9/1.

Financial Positions of Ridings.—North, credit, £508/19/3. Central, debit, £633/14/5. South, credit, £826/18/7. Trust account, credit, £11/5/4. After making provision for cheques issued and unpresented cheques, the bank account showed a credit balance of £743/8/9. Since the end of the month £2073/14/6 has been paid to the bank, which will increase the credit balance to £2817/3/3. To-day's pay sheet amounts to £402/9/9.

Rates, collected and outstanding.—Total current rate, £6353/17/6; arrears uncollected, £20/9/19, £187/16/; total, £6541/13/6. Collected to 10th June, £1920, £5145/1/7; outstanding rates at 10th June, 1920, £1396/11/1.

The Secretary report was read and received.

FINANCE.

On the motion of Crs Howe and Thomas accounts amounting to :-

£402-9-9 on the General Account of the Shire &

£274-7-10 on the water account , were passed for payment.

TENDERS.

For the work of enlarging the Mysia Dam (Contract 92) only one tender that of J.R.FAHEY at £100--- was received . This was considered too high , and it was resolved on the motion of Crs Chalmers and Andrews to take no further enlargement- action at present with regard to the enlargement of the dam.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

WIDTH OF TYRES ACT. On the motion of Crs Chalmers and Thomas the Engineer was instructed to enforce the Width of Tyres Act , under the old regulation which allowed 4cwt.to the half inch on two-wheeled vehicles and 4½ cwt.to the ; inch on 4 wheeled vehicles.

✓ WAR TROPHIES :- Advise having been received that a Machine Gun had been allotted to Wedderburn and another to Korong Vale it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the President to call public meetings at Korong Vale and Wedderburn for the purpose of appointing trustees of the trophies and also to decide where same should be kept.

✓ COUNTRY TOWNSPEOPLES LEAGUE :- CR Kiniry reported having attended the Conference held at Clunes and as to the business transacted there . The Secretary reported having received a telegram intimating that the deputation to the premier would be held at the rooms of the Municipal Assn on Wednesday the 16th. June . It was resolved to take no action in the way of sending a delegate to the conference.

✓ INGLEWOOD HOSPITAL INFLUENZA ACCOUNTS. CrOBRIEN reported having attended a conference at Inglewood and also outlined the basis of settlement agreed to . On the motion of the President , seconded by CrThomas he was thanked for having giving his time to the matter on behalf of the Council.

CrKelly mentioned that at the time of the influenza epidemic , volunteers were asked for to assist at the hospital and that two young ladies (Missses V.Leitch and M.Wiggins) had responded to the call . They had refused payment for their services and he moved that a letter of thanks , under seal of the Council , be frowarded to them .
Cr.Howe seconded , and the motion was carried unanimously .

✓ MARKET SQUARE - AGREEMENT WITH FOOTBALL CLUB . On the motion of Crs Hendry and White it was resolved to sign the agreement.

✓ STREET TREES :- On the motion of Crs Hendry and Thomas it was agreed to make application to the State Nursuries for 50 street trees.

✓ METERS AT KORONG VALE :- Left in the hands of Cr Kiniry and the Engineer to make an inspection of meters.

TRAIN SERVICE WEDDERBURN On the motion of Crs Hendry and Chalmers the President(Cr Kiniry) was requested to interview the State Member (mR Weaver) and to bring under his notice the unsatisfactory train service to Wedderburn.

ROAD WORKS.

RICHMOND PLAINS RD. -- On the motion of Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to call tenders for 15 chains of metalling on the Richmond Plains Rd.

KORONG VALE -KINYPANIEL RD. ON the motion of Crs Kiniry and Hendry it was resolved to call tenders for 15 chains of metalling on the Korong vale to Kinypaniel Rd.

WEHLA RD AT GOODMANS. On the motion of Crs Hendry and White the Engineer was instructed to haverepairs carried out to the metal formation near Goodmans on the Wehla Road.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENGINEER.

CRKELLY. Inspect the Kinypaniel Rd. by W.CORNISH, EELES & BELL , and have any obstructions to water courses removed.

Inspect the road known as Kelly's lane , running south from he main Inglewood Wedderburn road near Glenalbyn Rly.Stn. towards Shearer's Eucalyptus Factory.
Also road running west from Harrisons Bridge Kurting to Adams entrance gate.

CR HENDRY Report on the road from Camp Hill to Greens , and from the Pound Dam to Galloways (Wedderburn StArnaud Rd)
Inspect Snake Hill and report.

CR WHITE Make an inspection andreport to next meeting on he road between Lang and Rogerson Richmond Plains.

CR KINRY Report on the road running south from Wedderburn Junct.to Steele's.

CR CHALMERS. Inspect Council dam between Ritchie and C.Boyle on the Fernihurst Charlton Rd. with a view to diverting which is now running to waste into the above mentinned dam.

CR THOMASER- Have all ruts on the North and South Rd. from the corner of Walkers store running north to the end of the metal , filled in with gravel or matal . Carry out the necessary filling in of ruts on he E.&.W. from the Presbyterian church to Dobsons Rd. and along Dobson's rd. up to the South corner of Wilsons and Mc Phersons , Parishes of Borung and Buckrabanyule.

CR HENDRY make a survey of the catchment area of the Wedderburn Reservoir.

SHIRE VALUATION -- On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kiniry the Secretary was authorised to pay the a/c submitted by the Valuer (D.F.Gibson) subject to his entering into an agreement to make valuations for the Shire in accordance with his letter to the Council of the 11th.March 1919.

GRAVEL PIT - WYCHITELLA . The Secretary was instructed to enquire fron he Lands Department if the Dept. is prepared to sell to the Shire the land in question and if a favorable reply is received to make the necessary payment for survey.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Cr Andrews gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that 50 chains be formed on the East and West rd. between Speer and Leach - Borung.

Cr.Kiniry gave notice that he would mowe at the next meeting that the Committee appointedfor the purpose - with the officers draw up a scheme to present to the Council with a view to a re- adjustment of the Ridinga boundaries of the Shire .

Cr Hendry gave notice that he would move at the next meeting on the practic ability and approximate cost of removing the Shire Hall to the new site recently purchased by the Council.

CONFIRMED @-
13/7/20 Peter H Kiniry Shire President