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MINUTES OF THEORDINARY MEETINGOF THE COUNCIL OF THESHIRE OF KORONG HELD AT THESHIRE HALL WEDDERBURN ON TUESDAY THE 9th.MARCH ,1920 at 11 a.m.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

1 Dandenong Shire, submitting copy of motion passed by that council to provide for the amendment of the Thistle Act and requesting this council's support.

2 Kowree Shire, condemning the practice of the Closer Settlement Bd. loading land acquired for Soldiers' Settlement with 2½ per cent of its capital value for the purposes of providing roads and bridges and such works, and of defraying the cost of surveys.

3 Country Roads Bd., approving of specifications subject to amendments of works on Serpentine Rd., also intimating that plans and specifications may be charged for according to the Board's scale

4 Director of Soldiers Settlement, submitting list of names of approved local values.

5 Health Department, drawing attention to Departments letter of January last re Private Hospital, Wedderburn, and requesting to know what is being done in the matter

6 D. L. McNamara M L.C., recommending Council to adopt rating on unimproved values.

7 A. J. E. Gourlay, requesting a testimonial from Council.

8 Peter Manbin and 13 other ratepayers at Korong Vale requesting that a Pound be provided at Korong Vale.

9 John Bell, stating that he has completed the fencing on Kinypanial Rd according to engineers structions and requesting that, under the circumstances, he be allowed portion of cost of same.

10 From K. Cameron, secretary of Returned Soldiers League, asking the president to address a gathering in the Market Square on Anzac Day, April 26th.

11 From Wedderburn Race Club making application for use of Racecourse on April 14th.

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1. ~~Rxxxxxx~~ Received.

2. On the motionof Crs White and Kelly it was resolved to support the movement , and the Secretary was instructed to enquire as to what extent the loading applied and in what way the fund ~~xxxxxxxx~~ thus created was utilized.

3. Received .

4. Received. On the motionof Crs White and Andrews it was resolved to submit the name of A.Gray of Wedderburn to be added to the list.

5. On the motion of Crs White and O'Brien it was resolved to refer the matter to the applicant Mrs.Pratt,and to enquire what steps are being taken .

6. Received.

7. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Hendry it was resolved to grant a Testimonial.

8. It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of Cr.Kiniry to confer with the petitioners.

9. On the motionof Crs Kelly and Hendry it was agreed to allow ~~the~~ Mr.Bell half the cost of thelabor of the additional four chains of fencing erected .

10. The President (Cr.Kiniry) agreed to comply with the request.

11. On the motion of Crs.White and Hendry the application was granted subject to the usual conditions.

Secretary 's Report.

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The secretary (Mr. E. Hargreaves) reported receipts for month ending 29th February, 1920:—Rates, current, £74/4/3; do., arrears, £3/6/; do., interest, 4/6; pan charges (Wedderburn £1/2/, Korong Vale £1/10/), £2/12/; moiety of fines, 2/6; slaughtering licence, £1; shire plan sold, £1; half cost works between Hendry and Greig's, Powlett, paid by George Porter as agreed, £8/6/; military blankets ordered, £27/1/; deposit forfeited for breaking footpath, F. B. Handley, 4/; rate certificate, 1/; half cost influenza patient treated at St. Arnaud Hospital, refunded by Health Department, £7; total, £125/1/3.

Bank overdrait after providing for outstanding cheques £2412/9/1; and after the addition of to-day's pay-sheet, £176/1/, will be £2589/0/1.

Financial position of ridings:—North, debit, £402/11/; Central, debit £1710/8/3; South, debit £330/16/2; trust account, credit £31/6/4; balance, £2412/9/1.

Water Accounts.

Receipts for the month—Rates, current, Wedderburn, £2; do., Korong Vale, £1; rates, arrears, Korong Vale, £1; rates, interest, Korong Vale, 1/3; instalments on meter payments, £1/4/3; interest on meter payments, 1/6; water charges per meter, £1; water sold at standpipe, 4/; total, £6/11/. Credit balance at bank, £25/2/8.

Wire Netting Account.

Receipts: Instalments, £48/11/6; interest, £5/4/10; total, £53/16/4. During the month Inspector Gilbert, of the Public Works Department, visited the office and found the books etc. in order.

The Secretary report was received.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Central Riding

(1) Plans and specifications will be completed shortly for all the works on the Bendigo-Charlton Rd.

(3) On 24 h inst. Crs White and Hendry, the secretary and myself, waited on the State Rivers and Water Supply Commissions as a deputation, at Bout, with the object of arranging a loan of £1000, and to obtain permission to commence operations at the reservior immediately. The loan was arranged to be placed on the next Loan Bill about September, and in the meantime arrangements have been made with the bank by the secretary. Mr Cattanach, the chairman, stipulated that before any work could be done plans would have to be approved by their engineer (Mr Neylow). Consequently I prepared the plan and submitted it to Mr Neylow on 28th Feb. The plan was approved and operations were begun on Wednesday 3rd inst with 6 horses and drays and 11 men. I expect to be able to augment this number considerably during the next few days. The proposed works and the raising of the by-wash 2ft will increase the holding capacity of the reservoir nearly 5,000,000 gallons. A new concreate by-wash and apron will be required. I have levelled and pegged 3 miles 55½ chains of the N E catchment drain and have located the extension for 24 chains to to the boundary of the State forest which will increase the catchment by 50 acres. The levels taken along the N-E. drain indicate clearly the places where the drain is most likely to overflow, and it would be advisable to have it attended at these places.

(3) Mr T. Fawcett has repaired a bridge on the E. and West. road opposite R. Sutton's, Fenton's Creek, which was in a dangerous condition.

(4) The fencing recently put up by E. Brockwell round the new drains in Wedderburn, has been painted by John Taylor at a small cost.

South Riding

(5) I have given Mr W. Cornish final notice re removing the bank along his South fence, under penalty of the Shire removing it at his expense.

(6) Plans and specifications for works on Serpentine Rd. at Coutts' swamp and at Redwoods near Bridgewater have been approved by the Country Roads Board with stipulations which have been complied with. The approval came too late to call tenders for this meeting.

(7) Mr Thos Maguire has written re the bridge near the Bulabul Station stating that he has a man engaged to do the work as soon as the timber arrives. I phoned Mr Jennings of Inglewood some days ago to hasten its delivery.

1. Received

2. The action of the Councillors and Engineer was approved on the motion of Crs White and Kiniry, and the thanks of the Council expressed for their efforts on behalf of the scheme. Cr.White intimated that a meeting of water ratepayers had approved of the scheme (unanimously and desired the Council to push on with the works.

It was resolved on the motionof Crs White and Kiniry to make formal application through the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission for a Loan of £1000----------and to requwst their approval to the scheme.
It was also resolved on th motion of Crs White and Kiniry to request the authority of the Water Commission to obtain the necessary overdraft from the Bank to carry out the work until such time as the Loan Money is forthcoming.

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3. Received.

4. Approved.

5. Cr.Kelly reported that Mr.Cornish had interviewed him and promised to remove the obstruction.

6. Received.

7. Received.

8. Works near Gowar Bridge . The Engineer reported that Cr.Ross of the Kara Kara Shire had requested that a few chains of gravelling be done on the Korong Shire Sidee- of the Gowar Bridge over th Avoca River, and that the Kara Kara Shire Council would carry out the work as an addition to works already being carried out on the StArnaud Side of the River.

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It was resolved on the motion of Crs White and Kiniry to agree to the work being done, and also to the work being carried out by the KaraKara Shire Council.

ReComplaint of Gravel being taken from roadsides.

It was resolved to intimate to the Kara Kara Shire Council that this Council does not approve of the practice.

9. Scour at Woodhatch's corner . Left in the hands of the Engineer.

10. Water Supply regulations drawn up . Held over.

11. Fahey's Contract - Kinypaniel Rd. Crs.Kelly and Andrews agreed to inspect the work and the Council agreed to leave the matter in their hands along with the President.

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INSPECTORS REPORT.

Constable Ford reported the drains , Slaughter Houses etc. at Korong Vale to be in a satisfactory state.

RUBBISH TIP. The Inspector (Const.Ford) brought under thenotice of the Council the necessity for a recognised tip at Korong Vale.

It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of Cr.Kinrry to confer with the Inspector re the matter.

F I N A N C E.

On themotion of Crs Andrews and Hendry accounts amounting to :-

£176:11:- on the General Account of the Shire,

£6:11: 9 " Country Roads Board " "

£65:1:8 on the Water Account , were passed for payment.

T E N D E R S.

It was resolved on the motionof Crs Andrews and Chalmers to invite fresh tenders for the work on Malor's Line Road.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

BRIDGES NEAR FERNIHURST:- Cr Hendry mentioned that Mr Pattison of Fernihurst had pointed out the necessity of having timber XXXXXXX in the vicinity with which to repair the bridges as required .

It was resolved to hold the matter over until the new Engineer takes charge.

NOXIOUS WEEDS . Cr.Hendry mentioned that StJohn's Wort or a plant stated to be /had made its appearance in the Township of Wedderburn .

It was resolved to forward a specimen to the Department of Agriculture for identification.

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER.

There were aleven applicants for the position of Enginner to the Shire . After discussion it was resolved on the motion of Crs.Andrews and Chalmers to invite Mr.Varcoe, one of the applicants and a returned soldier with a a record of 1000 days service , to attend the next meeting of the Council for the purpose of a personal interview, and that the other applicants be advised of the action being taken by the Council .

The meeting then closed.

CONFIRMED.

Peter Kinrry
President
13/4/20