

## CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held in the Boardroom, 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka, on Thursday 13 December 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Present:           S Bannister                               B Growcott  
                  A Brooks                                M Hall  
                  D de Joux (Chairman)               D Isbister  
                  C Fulton                                 L Koevoet  
                  S Gerard                                 C McKenzie  
  J Henry (Ngai Tahu)

In Attendance:

*Staff:* J Graybill (Chief Executive), B Dolan (Office Administrator), A Christensen (Resource Officer), R Adams (Fish and Game Officer), M Webb (Fish and Game Officer), H Stevens (Fish and Game Officer), and J Couper (Fish and Game Officer).

### **18-065 APOLOGIES:**

A Simpson, P Centofanti.

Resolved (Isbister/McKenzie)

18-051

**THAT THE APOLOGIES OF A SIMPSON AND P CENTOFANTI BE ACCEPTED.**

### **18-066 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:**

Chairman queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register. No additions were notified.

### **18-067 HEALTH & SAFETY:**

Chief Executive pointed out exit points of the building and assembly points for evacuation of the premises.

### **18-068 NOTIFIED GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 68.1 Correction and clarification related to email to Councillors received from S Gerard on 12 Dec 2018 (DI)
- 68.2 Access on Rangitata River (MH)

### **18-069 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 14 November 2018.**

Resolved (Koevoet/Hall)

18-052

**THAT THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 NOVEMBER 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.**

## **18-070 BUDGET AND FINANCE:**

### 070.1 Financial Reports & Expense Listing

Resolved (Koevoet/Isbister)

18-053

**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND RATIFIES THE EXPENSE LISTING FOR NOVEMBER 2018 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNT OF \$401,622.46.**

## **18-071 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:**

### 071.1 2017/18 Performance Report (9.1)

Chief Executive referred Councillors to the pre-circulated draft 2018/19 Performance Report and responded to general questions related to this report.

Resolved (McKenzie/Koevoet)

18-054

**THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR.**

### 071.2 Governance Presentation (9.2)

Chief Executive advised that in consultation with the Chairman it had been decided to engage an independent presenter to brief Council on the principles of Governance. This would be planned for the February 2019 meeting. M Hall suggested that Graeme Nahkies be approached to be the independent person as he originally wrote the Governance document that the Fish and Game organization adopted. It was **AGREED** that the Chief Executive would undertake to make the approach.

### 071.3 Forward Planning (9.3)

Chief Executive explained that in order to meet the required time line for submitting a draft Operational Work Plan (OWP) to the NZ Council in April, it is planned to have a forward planning session as part of the agenda for the February meeting. This would include review of the objectives in the 2018/19 OWP, that is, the current year's OWP. This would then be followed by a Strategy Session to decide the basic principles that Council would want to address in the September 2019 to August 2020 financial year. From this the CSI staff, will prepare a Draft OWP for the 2019/20 financial year. This draft OWP would then be presented for discussion and approval at the following CSI Council meeting. He further noted another exercise to be undertaken at the February 2019 meeting will be to set an Annual Meeting Agenda and Schedule for the CSI Council.

### 071.4 Top Up Funding for RDR Consents (9.4)

Chief Executive explained that CSI had been tracking at \$10,000 underspent on its RDR Consents budget until there were appeals made by other parties. Due to these appeals CSI then found it necessary to join as a S274 party to protect its position and values. This means that CSI Council has now incurred a further \$28,000 of expenditure and would require an additional funding amount of \$11,000 to cover ongoing mediation costs.

S Gerard commented that it appeared to him that this is operational and that there seemed to be confusion about accountability.

Chief Executive responded that there was no confusion. OWP is delegated to him to obtain the best advocacy possible for this Council. Ongoing costs and reports are provided at each Council meeting (refer to financial reports and A Christensen activity reports) that highlights the progress of the RDR consents process.

S Gerard stated he was uncomfortable with expenditure for this and Bowyers.

M Hall stated that the matter before Council is RDR and not Bowyers. Council has not had the opportunity to research S Gerard's questions and to do that it would require time to research. He reminded Council that every item in the OWP has a cost against it and that if the Chief Executive operates within the budget then it's approved. He believed there has been transparency on all costs put before this Council. He added that the amount requested is not large considering this Council must see this process to the end of mediation and felt that \$29,000 would be money well spent.

D Isbister cautioned Council that it needed to be careful when discussing the issue of RDR Consents as several members around this Council table are appellants and therefore have a conflict of interest.

In response to a query A Christensen confirmed that CSI Council are opposing the relief sought by anglers (appellants) on their appeal to the fish screen and that these matters are before mediation that is confidential.

**Resolved (Hall/Isbister)**

**18-055**

**THAT COUNCIL APPROVES APPLICATION/NOTIFICATION TO THE NZ COUNCIL FOR TOP-UP FUNDING FROM CSI RESERVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29K TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS TO DATE AND TO SEE THROUGH THE RDR ENVIRONMENT COURT MEDIATION.**

071.5 Top Up Funding for Bowyers Stream Case (9.4)

Chairman noted that a resolution at the October 2018 Council meeting was to support the Chief Executive in continuing with the Bowyers Stream case. L Koevoet reminded Council that the Chief Executive is responsible for actioning prosecutions. Under Governance it's not appropriate for Councillors to be having influence or input into prosecution cases. Chief Executive clarified the case is before the Court and Councillors have been provided a copy of the court's decisions to date.

**Resolved (Gerard/Bannister) At 5:12 pm**

**18-056**

**THAT COUNCIL MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION TO MAINTAIN LEGAL PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE.**

Meeting resumed in open forum at 5:32 pm.

S Gerard returned to Council boardroom at 5:32 pm.

## **18-072 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:**

### 072.1 Activity Reports & Operations Reports (10.1)

Staff responded to general queries from Councillors related to topics in their activities reports that were provided for information.

## **18-073 NZFGC MATTERS:**

073.1 D Isbister provided a verbal update on NZC matters from the November 2018 meeting of the NZ Council. Topics included:

- RMA funding
- Bequests Policy
- Looking for ways to increase LEQ's
- New licence categories have decreased revenue for F&G
- Audit of regions
- Falconry (harriers) – Northland interested in introducing along similar lines to Hawkes Bay, Auckland/Waikato and Eastern FGC's.
- Legality of some game preserves.

## **18-074 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

### 74.1 Kiwi Anglers Letter

Chairman advised that all Fish and Game Councils have received a letter from “Kiwi Anglers” who are proposing there be a new set up for angling licencing with regard to overseas anglers visiting NZ.

Chairman advised that emails received from S Bannister and S Gerard would be discussed at a future Council meeting in 2019 as the matters were not considered urgent at this time.

## **18-075 NOTIFIED GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### 075.1 Correction and clarification related to email to Councillors received from S Gerard on 12 Dec 2018 (D Isbister)

D Isbister, referring to S Gerard email of 12 December, clarified that CSI are not under a financial audit by the Auditor General as stated in S Gerard's email and his statement is factually incorrect. He noted other errors in the email but due to limited time would address those at a later time.

### 075.2 Access to Rangitata River (M Hall)

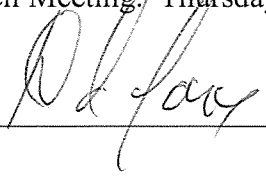
M Hall noted that it's unclear what side of the fence there is angler access at Brodies Road. M Webb responded that access is available on both sides and would get a sign erected to indicate access.

### 075.3 Councillor Emails

M Hall expressed concern that the Chief Executive was not being included in Councillors emails and it was **AGREED** that that Chief Executive is to be included in future Council related emails.

Meeting closed: 6:05 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 21 February 2019.

Signed 

Date 14/02/2019

