

MINUTES

Farm and Aerodrome Committee

F19/13/06 – D22/9103

Date: Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 12noon
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

Councillor G W Boyde (the Chairman), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors P S Dalziel (*via audio visual link*), V R Jones (*via audio visual link*), and Committee Members: the Director Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich (*via audio visual link*), and the Property Officer – Mrs S Flight.

In attendance

The Deputy Mayor – A L Jamieson (*via audio visual link*)

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, and the media.

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 5

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 6

The Chairman reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor W J Sandford and the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland.

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

VOLZKE/DALZIEL
Carried
F&A/22/1

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

The Chairman requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

The attendance schedule for Farm & Aerodrome Committee meetings was attached.

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6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Farm and Aerodrome Committee Meeting – 7 December 2021 D21/44405 (PE) D21/44582 (Open) Page 8

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7 December 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/JONES
Carried
F&A/22/2

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was noted that the decision to use \$96,000 from the Farm Reserve towards rate mitigation had been made by Council due to the timing of the draft Annual Plan being released for consultation.
- It was requested that the public excluded item be discussed further. The committee would move into public excluded at the end of the meeting.

7. Matters Outstanding D20/11504 Page 17

Recommendation

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

DALZIEL/VOLZKE
Carried
F&A/22/3

The Director – Corporate Services noted that the report on the overhead expenses for the Farm would be brought to the next Committee Meeting as Officers were waiting on the sharemilking agreement to be completed to ensure an accurate analysis.

8. Programme of Works D20/28552 Page 18

Recommendation

THAT the Programme of Works be received.

BOYDE/VOLZKE
Carried
F&A/22/4

The Deputy Mayor joined the meeting at 12.10pm.



9. Information Report – Risk Review

D22/5868 Page 19

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/JONES
Carried
F&A/22/5

Recommended Reason

To update the Farm and Aerodrome Committee of changes to both the Farm and Aerodrome Risk Registers and advise the Committee of any incidents in relation to the identified risks.

The Property Officer noted there had been no new risks identified since the last meeting was held in December.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was requested that the raw risk for the Farm Risk 1, Covid-19, be upgraded to medium-high.

10. Quarterly Report – Farm and Aerodrome Business and Financial Report

D22/5873 Page 26

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/DALZIEL
Carried
F&A/22/6

Recommended Reason

This report provides the first quarterly update to the Farm and Aerodrome Committee. It highlights the milk production from the current season at the farm and also reports on the key activities at the Aerodrome

The Property Officer noted the following points:

- This report provides an update on key activities since the last meeting.
- Milk production is 8% lower than this time last season but is increasing and is still on track to meet the target.
- The antenna has come off the roof at the aeroclub so there have been no recorded movements for the month of February. The contractor is repairing this today.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Chairman noted that the council farm is currently 0.4% ahead of season to date, this is in comparison to Central Taranaki as a whole being 7.79% behind for the season and 4.86% behind for the month. This is a result of the sharemilkers doing an excellent job and making outstanding decisions.
- The Chairman noted it was important to remember the rising costs of feed, fertiliser and electricity which will provide some real challenges with the farm working expenses.
- The District Mayor noted that the milk price had been fixed at \$8.12 with the forecast now predicting \$9.60, it was confirmed that the farm was locked into the fixed rate, and that the sharemilkers were not supportive of re-fixing the rate at this present time. It was reiterated that the budget had been \$6.25 therefore fixing at \$8.12 was a good idea in comparison to the budget. It was also important to note the volatility of this industry and that in the past the milk prices have been low and the fixed price higher.

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- It was clarified that due to the timing of the committee meetings the Annual Plan budget had been approved by Council but that the Annual Plan was still in a draft format and therefore should the committee wish to make a recommendation for amendments then they could still be considered.
- Councillor Jones noted it had been an outstanding end to the milking season but requested a report to show total feed purchased and feed produced on farm and any extra feed required for the new system vs milk production. This would be added to Matters outstanding.
- It was clarified that the quote being sought for the drafting gate was as a result to a change being made to the exit gate, however it was important to ensure that any changes could accommodate the addition of a drafting system in the future.
- It was clarified that the third line in the Annual Plan budget clarified Council's share of the milk revenue. This was 155,000 milk solids at \$7.50 then split 50/50. It was noted that the budgeted milk price of \$7.50 was very conservative but that the final announcement would not be made by Fonterra on the milk price until October so it was important to be conservative when setting the budget for the coming year.
- Councillor Boyde noted that the latest figures estimate \$49 billion into the economy this year from the dairy industry.

11. Quarterly Report – Health and Safety
D22/7532 Page 41

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/VOLZKE
Carried
F&A/22/7

The Property Officer noted there had been no recorded incidents at the Farm or the Aerodrome since the December meeting.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Chairman commended the sharemilkers for having a good plan to mitigate any issues around staff contracting Covid-19.

12. Questions

There were no questions.

The media left the meeting at 12.20pm

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Recommendation

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Agenda Items No: 6.1

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Confirmation of Minutes – 15 December 2021 – Item 15 – Farm Contract	The withholding of the information is necessary for commercial sensitivity	The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Section 7(2)b(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

DALZIEL/BOYDE
Carried
F&A/22/8

Questions/Points of Clarification

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Recommendation

THAT the open meeting resumes.

BOYDE/VOLZKE
Carried
F&A/22/9

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The meeting closed at 12.39pm

G W Boyde
Chairman



Confirmed this 21st day of June 2022.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

