

KING COUNTRY ELECTRIC POWER TRUST
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Consumer
Beneficiaries held in the Senior Citizens Rooms, Morero Terrace,
Taumarunui, on Thursday 25th August 2011 at 3.00pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Brian Gurney (Chairman), Graeme Cosford, Robert Carter and Norman Annand (Trustees), Tessa Stewart (Secretary) and twenty four consumer beneficiaries.

APOLOGY:

An apology was received from Uwe Kroll (Trustee), Douglas Wilson (Auditor) and Michael Turner (History Book Project Manager).

Resolved ***“That apologies are accepted”***

Gurney / Cosford
Carried

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 26th August 2010 were taken as read.

Resolved ***“That the minutes of the meeting of 26th August 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting”***

Cosford / Carter
Carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman tabled his report on the performance and activities of the Trust for the year and thanked Trustees and Secretary for their efforts throughout the past year. Key issues included:

- o Trustees developed an investment policy with the assistance of a financial advisor to ensure the most efficient investment of cash resources
- o Our Trust Deed has been reviewed and is ready for beneficiaries to consider the proposed amendments; these amendments reflect our shareholding changes in the last few years
- o Trust systems have been improved by using dedicated computers so that “paperless meetings” are now possible; electronic banking has also been implemented
- o “Switching on the King Country” a record of the development of electricity supply in our district was successfully launched and over 900 books were sold during the initial marketing campaign; books are still available through our Secretary
- o During 2010, Trustees had continued concern with the “Demand Charging” tariff being used by TLC; an independent report was commissioned in partnership with the Ruapehu District Council to identify its effectiveness, efficiency, fairness and impact on our communities. This was used as a basis to make a submission to TLC on demand charging; TLC will be hearing submissions on 8th September
- o A distribution was made to beneficiaries last year; \$495k was distributed through TLC and \$700k was distributed through KCE
- o KCE had a good year and Trustees are satisfied with the company’s performance; KCE have paid dividends of \$4.5million in the last year
- o TLC increased revenue by \$3million last year and are spending \$7-10million per annum to upgrade the network

Questions were received regarding:

- o **Gifting History Books to Local Schools/Libraries:** Dougherty asked if Trustees have considered gifting the history book to local schools and libraries for project work and public availability; local libraries have a copy already. We have not considered gifting books as we wanted to recover as much revenue as possible but would consider it if approached

Resolved ***"That the Annual Report of the Chairman for the year ended 31st March 2011 is adopted"***

Gurney / Needham
Carried

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Annand tabled the financial accounts and summarised the income statement, statement of changes in equity and balance sheet for easier understanding along with giving explanations for larger expense variances.

Resolved ***"That the annual accounts presented for the year ended 31st March 2011 are adopted"***

Annand / Carter
Carried

AUDITOR

The Chairman noted that our auditors have provided excellent service this year and recommended that Sewell and Wilson be appointed auditors for the next year.

Resolved ***"That Sewell and Wilson be appointed auditors for the period from the conclusion of this meeting until the next annual meeting of beneficiaries"***

Gurney / Cosford
Carried

Resolved ***"That the Trustees be empowered to fix the fees and expenses of the auditor for the period of appointment"***

Dougherty / Needham
Carried

INFORMAL GENERAL BUSINESS

- o Trustee elections will take place early next year; we encourage beneficiaries to be active in supporting the election process
- o Cosford thanked Dougherty for standing in as his alternate while overseas
- o Cosford reported that our heat pump project in partnership with Easy Insulation commenced in May 2011; 17 heat pumps were installed to the end of July with 18 already installed in August. We have budgeted for 120 installations in total with local businesses performing all of the installations; the only requirement to be eligible for a heat pump subsidy is to be a beneficiary of our Trust
- o The Chairman thanked the Senior Citizens Club for a lovely afternoon tea

CONCLUSION

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and participation in the meeting, declaring the meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Confirmed.....Chairman

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