

**MINUTES OF THE WHAKATOHEA RAUPATU NEGOTIATORS HUI HELD  
ON SUNDAY JUNE 26 1994 AT THE WHAKATOHEA MAORI TRUST  
BOARD.**

**PRESENT:**

**Negotiators:** Claude Edwards, John Hata, Charlie Aramoana, Wiremu Rewiri, Te Riaki Amoamo, Tairongo Amoamo, Ranginui Walker, John Kameta, John Tai, Frank Matchitt, Tahu Taia, Tu Williams, Matenga Biddle.

**Iwi:** Mary Delamare, John Delemare, Tarati Carrington, Keita Hudson.

**KARAKIA:** Matenga Biddle

**MIHI:** Te Riaki Amoamo, Claude Edwards

There was a query regarding the position of Chairman and this was clarified by Claude. Further reference was made to previous agenda's that were never discussed and this needed to be restored at this meeting.

**MINUTES:**

Tairongo referred to the Minutes of the original meeting.

1. The position of Deputy Chairman has been clarified and Kit Sanderson was never employed to establish the economic loss suffered by the Whakatohea.
2. Whanganui A Tara Liaison Committee, TOWPU has been advised of this Committee. There was some discussion regarding the relationship between Liaison Committees and the Secretarial group. Whilst it was agreed that the base should remain in Opotiki, there needs to be more effective co-ordination between groups.
3. Negotiators meeting 11 June 1994. Issues regarding the recording of the meeting were discussed. Also the members regarded the hui as a Wananga rather than a Negotiators meeting.

**MOVED:** That the Minutes of 26 February be confirmed as true and correct record.

**R.Walker, T.Amoamo  
CARRIED.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **1. NGAI TAMA REPRESENTATIVE.**

Mrs Muriwai Jones has advised of her resignation, and Ngai Tama has nominated Tuwhakairiora Williams as her replacement.

**MOVED:** That this Committee process an application for the Ngai Tama nomination to replace Muriwai Jones

**John Kameta, John Hata**

**CARRIED.**

### **2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Tairongo queried the establishment of a Bank account for the negotiators and the compilation of Budgets.

The Secretary advised of Draft Budgets within meeting information.

Tairongo objected to the BNZ being the Negotiators bank. It was agreed that a Bank account be established and that the budgets be compiled.

The relationship between the Trust Boards previous expenditure and the negotiators requirements needed clarification:

**MOVED:** That all costs incurred by the Board prior to 19 October 1993 be tabled for approval by the Negotiators.

**John Hata, Tairongo Amoamo**

**CARRIED.**

### **3. MEMORANDUM FROM RANGINUI WALKER:**

The Memo was read by the Secretary. Ranginui raised procedural issues regarding meeting notification and information. This needs to be distributed prior to the meeting date. He also queried the decision for direct negotiations and the advantages or disadvantages of proceeding in this way.

Claude explained how the return of the Police Station initiated the process of Direct negotiations. The Subsequent proposed sale of other Crown properties reinforced this decision to enter into Direct negotiations.

- 4.** Tairongo queried the Board receiving funding from the Waitangi Tribunal. Claude stated that \$20,000 was allocated to the preparation of the claim. John Delemare clarified the availability of funding from the Tribunal and TOWPU. He further explained that as the Crown has accepted that there is a legitimate

grievance by the Whakatohea, they have agreed to enter into direct negotiations. Tu Williams reiterated this preference for a Waitangi Tribunal hearing. Whakatohea needs to have the opportunity to air their grievance. Ranginui referred to the supposed "fiscal envelope", and the effect that it may have on the claim. Claude advised that the Board had decided on direct negotiations, and this was prior to the negotiators being appointed.

LUNCH 12:40 to 13:10.

- \* There was a discussion regarding the availability of Dave White to do a report on the history of the Whakatohea, it was agreed to defer this matter, until more information regarding a proposed report is available. Information needs to be obtained from the Hapu.
- \* Tairongo referred to a critique of the current reports on the claim. This had been carried out by D.Moore, at a cost of \$300. This account needs to be considered for payment.
- \* When, Dr Bryan Gillings report is made available, there needs to be an assessment done by a historian.

**MOVED:** That D.Moore and T.Bennion be engaged to assess the Gilling report when it is available.

**T.Amoamo, T.Biddle  
CARRIED.**

#### **LAND BANK:**

The issue Surplus Crown properties and the establishment of a Land Bank was discussed. The principles of a Land Bank were clarified.

- \* The current surplus properties being the MOW depot and the Rail corp bus depot were discussed.

The overall issue of appropriate reparation needs further discussion.

- \* The return of Confiscated Land was always a priority.

The viability of the two depots was discussed.

**MOVED:** by **John Kameta, seconded by John Hata.**  
That the negotiators proceed with negotiations to acquire the MOW depot.

A show of hands revealed that there were 9 for the motion and there were 4 absentees. In respect of the Rail Corp depot, its economic viability needed to be ascertained.

**MOVED:** That a financial feasibility study of the Rail corp depot be under taken.

**C.Edwards, J.Kameta**  
**CARRIED.**

It was further agreed that a sub-committee be established to investigate surplus Crown properties. The following personnel to be on the sub-committee;

John Kameta, John Tai, Claude Edwards, Tairongo and Te Riaki Amoamo.

This sub-committee needs to keep the other negotiators informed.

\* Ngati Awa Claim hearing with the Waitangi Tribunal. There is a requirement for Whakatohea to be represented at the hearing. The Waitangi Tribunal needs to be advised.

**MOVED:** That a strong delegation of Whakatohea attends the Ngati Awa hearing with the Waitangi Tribunal.

**Ranginui Walker, Te Riaki Amoamo**  
**CARRIED.**

The following personnel agreed to attend.

Tairongo Amoamo, Claude Edwards, John Hata, Manny Mokokoko, Charlie Aramoana, Frank Matchitt, John Kameta, Te Riaki Amoamo.

Tairongo stated that in order for him to properly assess the hearing on a daily basis, he would need to have accommodation in Whakatane. He sought approval to claim travel and motel costs for the period of the hearing. It was unanimously agreed to approve Tairongo Amoamo's travel and accommodation costs during the Ngati Awa hearing.

#### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTION TO THE CROWN:**

The statement, as formulated at the Waiaua hui was discussed.

The final statement by John Delamare, was read by the Secretary. It was unanimously agreed that the statement be signed by the Iwi.

Ranginui referred to the document put out by BANCORP, which substantiated the "fiscal envelope" policy being pursued by various Iwi.

\* Historical Information:

Tairongo stated that Hapu hui should be held in order that the history of the Iwi can be collated.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on the 3rd September 1994 in the Boardrooms. The agenda to be available three weeks before the meeting.

The meeting ended at 4:00pm with a karakia by Matenga Biddle.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_