

2. A general meeting of the beneficial owners of a Native reservation for the purpose of electing a Committee or appointing a Trustee shall be summoned by the Board on the application of a beneficial owner, and such meeting shall determine in what manner the reservation shall be administered so as to, if possible, render it revenue-producing without in any way interfering with the object of such reservation.

3. At such a meeting five beneficial owners present in person, or represented by proxy, shall form a quorum, of whom three must be present in person; and they shall at once proceed to elect a Chairman.

4. The regulations relating to meetings of assembled owners shall apply to meetings mentioned in the foregoing regulation, except in so far as they conflict or are inconsistent with these regulations.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Rules of Court or regulations relating to Maori Land Boards now in force, no fee shall be chargeable or payable in respect of any application herein.

6. If at any time and place appointed for the general meeting, or within one hour thereafter, a quorum is not present, or if for any other reason the meeting cannot be held at that time, it shall stand adjourned from day to day at the same time and place until the seventh day thereafter, when the meeting, if not held, shall lapse.

7. The meeting shall, if properly constituted, then proceed to determine under which of the undermentioned bodies it shall recommend the Governor in Council to vest the control and management of the reservation, viz. :—

- (a.) The Maori Land Board.
- (b.) The Public Trustee.
- (c.) Committee of Management.
- (d.) Trustee or Trustees.

8. If the meeting recommends such vesting in the Maori Land Board or in the Public Trustee, a resolution to that effect shall immediately be forwarded to the Board.

9. If the meeting resolves to elect a Committee or appoint a Trustee or Trustees, then it shall, before entering on the election, determine the number of persons to be so elected. In the case of a Committee the number of members shall be not less than three and not more than five. In the case of Trustees, not more than two shall be appointed.

10. The Chairman shall then call for nominations of persons whom it is desired to elect or appoint. Each person so nominated shall be proposed by one of the owners, and seconded by another owner.

11. If the number of persons nominated is not more than the number required to be elected or appointed, the Chairman shall declare them to be so elected or appointed.

12. If the number of persons nominated exceeds the number required to be elected or appointed, the Chairman shall call upon the meeting to elect or appoint from among the persons nominated the number required; and may appoint one or more scrutineers for the purpose of counting the votes recorded. The votes may be given by a show of hands, or in such other manner as the meeting determines.

13. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting-vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

14. The Chairman shall declare those persons (not being more than the number of persons required to be elected or appointed) who have received the highest number of votes to be duly elected as the Committee or appointed as Trustee or Trustees.

15. A list of the names of the persons so elected or appointed shall forthwith be prepared by the Chairman, and signed by him, and counter-signed by an owner, and shall be forwarded to the Board.

16. The Committee so elected, or Trustee or Trustees so appointed, shall remain in office for three years from the date of election, when another election shall take place.

17. In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Committee, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board on the recommendation of the members remaining on the Committee at the time the vacancy occurs; provided, however, if the Committee through any circumstance should become defunct the powers and authorities of the Committee shall vest in the Board. In the event of the death of a Trustee the powers vested in such Trustee, if he is a single Trustee, shall vest in the Board, but if there are two Trustees the Board can fill the vacancy.

18. Any revenue derived shall be expended in the upkeep of the reservation and the improvement thereof and the payment of incidental expenses (such as stationery, stamps, printing, and actual travelling-expenses) pertaining thereto.

19. No allowance or payment shall be made for the control or management of any such reservation, except as provided by the foregoing regulations.

20. The members of the Committee shall meet together for the despatch of business at the times and places as the Chairman of the Committee considers expedient.

21. Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee shall be recorded in a minute-book, and the minutes of any meeting shall be read and confirmed at the next succeeding meeting. The minute-book shall be in the custody of the Chairman, who shall forward same to the President or Board whenever required so to do.

22. Until such time as the beneficial owners have duly elected a Committee or appointed a Trustee or Trustees the management and control of any Native reservation shall be deemed to be and is vested in the Board.

23. For every reservation vested in the Board or the Public Trustee there shall be an Advisory Committee consisting of two persons, each of whom shall be a beneficial owner.

24. The powers of an Advisory Committee are hereby limited to advising the Board or the Public Trustee on any matter that may be referred to it.

25. The regulations foregoing relating to the election, term of office, and the filling of a vacancy of the Committee of Management shall apply to the election, term of office, and filling of a vacancy of an Advisory Committee.

J. F. ANDREWS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council

*Validating Proceedings in connection with a Loan of £1,166 13s. 4d. proposed to be raised by the County of Waitomo.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor.  
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this seventh day of July, 1914.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Waitomo County Council lately proposed to raise a loan of £1,166 13s. 4d. for metalling and culverting the Otewa and portion of the Mangawhero Roads, under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1908, and its amendments :

And whereas the special roll was not deposited for the public inspection in accordance with the provisions in the above-mentioned Acts and the regulations thereunder, inasmuch as the special roll was not deposited prior to the obtaining of the written consent of the ratepayers :

And whereas in the public notification of the deposit the time within which the objections to the special roll would be received was erroneously stated to be within seven days from the first day of the deposit of the special roll instead of within seven days from the last day of the deposit of the special roll :

And whereas the public notification was not given on the first day of the deposit as required by number two of the aforesaid regulations, but was given on the day following such deposit :

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by such irregularities or defects, and it is expedient to validate the said proceedings :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby declare that the said proceedings shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the said roll had been legally deposited, and public notification thereof and of all matters in connection therewith given in the proper manner; and that the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularities aforesaid.

J. F. ANDREWS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council

*Validating Proceedings in connection with a Loan of £583 6s. 8d., proposed to be raised by the Council of the County of Waitomo.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor.  
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this seventh day of July, 1914.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Waitomo County Council lately proposed to raise a loan of £583 6s. 8d. for re-forming, culverting, and metalling the Otewa and portion of the Mangawhero Roads, under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1908, and its amendments ;