

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,**  
**held at URANA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, URANA,**  
**on WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2010 at 10.00 am**

**PRESENT:** Clr. R. Kendall (Chairperson), Clr. W. Geale OAM, Clr. R. Goodlass, Clr. I. Kreutzberger, Clr. J. McInerney, Clr. J. Ross, Clr. L. Vidler and Clr. P. Yates.

The General Manager and Director of Engineering were in attendance.

10/88 Urana Shire Mayor Margaret Buntin welcomed Council to Urana and Clr. Kendall thanked Urana Shire for allowing Riverina Water to hold its meeting at Urana Shire Council Chambers. Clr. Kendall also congratulated General Manager John Hunt on receiving Public Service Medal.

10/89 Apology for non-attendance was received from Clr. A. Brown and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Kreutzberger.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

10/90 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

10/91 The Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd June 2010 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Goodlass.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW:** forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 10/24– 10/32.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATION:** (1<sup>st</sup> July 2010) advising that Council's Joint Submission with Wagga Wagga City Council to host 2011 Water Management Conference was not successful. Clarence Valley Council was awarded the Conference.

**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE:** (16<sup>th</sup> July 2010) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

**ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY (RTA):** (21<sup>st</sup> July 2010) thanking Council for its letter in respect to Marshall's Creek Bridge, Hammond Avenue, Wagga Wagga, advising that our concerns have been noted and are subject to discussions between RTA and Wagga Wagga City Council.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (29<sup>th</sup> July 2010) forwarding a copy of Minutes of meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS: (3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010) forwarding copy of Minutes of Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

10/92 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clr. Vidler and Kreutzberger.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

10/93 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and McInterney that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of June and July 2010 be received.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT - FUND POSITION AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010**

10/94 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Vidler that the unaudited statement of the financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 be received.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2009/2010 – STATEMENT BY MEMBERS**

10/95 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be authorised to sign "Statement by Members of the Council" in relation to Council's 2009/2010 Financial Statements and Special purpose financial reports.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2009/2010**

10/96 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and Vidler that the 2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements be received.

#### **UNCOMPLETED CAPITAL WORKS 2009/2010**

10/97 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Vidler that the expenditure totalling \$180,000 be transferred to and included in the 2009/2010 Capital works Programme.

#### **MANAGEMENT PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

10/98 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Geale and Goodlass that the report detailing the progress achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2009/2010 Management Plan be noted and received.

### **VOTING OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/11**

- 10/99 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Kreutzberger that the amounts provided in the Operational Plan, adopted by the Council for the year 2010/11, vide Resolution No. 10/63 of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 be and are hereby voted for the several purposes for the 2010/2011 year.

### **EXPENSES & FACILITIES POLICY**

- 10/100 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Geale that the existing payment of Expenses and Facilities Policy be adopted as Council policy for 2010/2011.

### **FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATION (Resolution No. 05/09 refers)**

- 10/101 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Ross that the information be received and noted.

### **GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT**

- 10/102 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Goodlass that
- (a) a provision be included in employment package for rental assistance (should the successful applicant require rental accommodation) for a period of nine months @ \$1700 per month; and
  - (b) timetable for the recruitment process be noted.

### **PIPES – WAGGA WAGGA CONFERENCE**

- 10/103 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates that:
- (i) Report be received and noted; and
  - (ii) Clrs. McInerney, Ross & Vidler be authorised to attend the conference.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK (Resolution No. 09/112 refers)**

- 10/104 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Goodlass and Geale that the information be received and noted.

## **PECUNIARY INTEREST REGISTER – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

- 10/105 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Ross that the information on pecuniary interest returns be received and noted.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

- 10/106 MOVED by Clrs Goodlass and Geale that our meetings begin with Acknowledgement of Country to show respect to original custodians of the land.

- 10/107 AMENDMENT to motion by Clrs. McInerney and Kreutzberger that Acknowledgement of Country be made prior to 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of new Council term and on special occasions (eg openings) at the discretion of Chairperson.

The amendment was carried and became the motion and was CARRIED. 5 votes to 2.

## **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORTS**

### **WORKS REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2010**

- 10/108 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Yates that the Director of Engineering's report for the month of June 2010 be accepted and the contents noted.

### **WORKS REPORT FOR MONTH OF JULY 2010**

- 10/109 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Geale and Goodlass that the Director of Engineering's report for the month of July 2010 be accepted and the contents noted.

## **POLICY – DEFERRED PAYMENTS FOR RURAL EXTENSIONS**

- 10/110 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Yates that the policy for new connections include terms for deferred payments for rural extensions as set out in this report.

## **DEMAND MANAGEMENT**

- 10/111 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Goodlass and Ross that this report be received and noted.

## **ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS FOR 2009/2010**

10/112      **RESOLVED** on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Yates that the Director of Engineering's Report covering 2009/2010 annual statistics be accepted and the contents noted.

## **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

10/113      Clr. Goodlass: Thanks to the General Manager on way he responded to question at last meeting regarding Marshalls Creek. Has there been an outcome?

General Manger: RTA response is in the correspondence.

10/114      Clr. Goodlass: Thank you for Environmental Officer Position Description, noticed that it doesn't mention Environmental in key tasks, it focus's on Water quality.

Director of Engineering: Environmental Officer, as an example of environmental tasks, investigated the 26 km of Urana pipeline route in liaison with Aboriginal Land Council. Also HACCP owned by Environmental Officer and water quality big part.

Clr. Goodlass: Purpose of position fulfilled?

Director of Engineering: Yes.

10/115      Chairperson: Acknowledge that in last several months three long term staff members have retired, 2 from operations and 1 Finance Officer. All of whom retired after lengthy careers with our organisation. Says a fair bit about the organisation. I acknowledge at this Meeting the work these 3 staff members contributed to Riverina Water.

Clr. Vidler: Suggest Council forward letters to commend them for their service, signed by Chairperson & General Manager.

General Manager: I will arrange.

Clr. Ross: Also to be recorded in Minutes.

10/116      Chairperson: Next Meeting will be Wednesday 20th October 2010.

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The Meeting concluded at 11.07 am

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