

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,**  
**held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,**  
**on FRIDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010 at 2.02 pm**

**PRESENT:** Clr. R. Kendall (Chairperson), Clr. A. Brown, 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 the Director of Engineering were in attendance.

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

10/135 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

10/136 The Minutes of the Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Goodlass and Ross.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW: forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 10/41– 10/47.

URANA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION: (26<sup>th</sup> October 2010) acknowledging the efforts of Council in completion of the Colombo Creek Pumping Station and Pipeline, passing on their thanks for the major addition to the infrastructure of Urana.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (29<sup>th</sup> October 2010) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL: (9<sup>th</sup> November 2010) advising of the election of Clr. Peter Speirs and Clr. Chris Manchester as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson respectively for the ensuing twelve months.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: (23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS:  
(30<sup>th</sup> November 2010) forwarding copy of Minutes of Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November 2010 and 2009/10 Annual Report.

10/137 RESOLVED, on the motion of Ctrs. Vidler and Yates that the correspondence be received.

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

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

10/138 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Vidler and Ross that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of October and November 2010 be received.

#### **SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW "G" DIVISION – ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

10/139 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Yates and Brown that:

- 1) Council be represented at the "G" Division Annual Conference;
- 2) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson or their nominees attend as Council's delegates, and
- 3) General Manager or his nominee attend as an observer.

#### **WORKSHOP OPERATIONAL PLAN 2011/2012**

10/140 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs Brown and Goodlass that the report be noted.

MOVED on the motion of Ctrs. Vidler and Kreutzberger that the workshop be held on date of Council February Meeting commencing at 11.30 am.

#### **LAND ACQUISITION BORE SITE – WALBUNDRIE**

10/141 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. McInerney and Brown that:

- 1) The acquisition of Part of Lot 20 in Deposited Plan 1126580, Parish of Walbundrie, County of Hume proceed;
- 2) Council meet all costs associated with the acquisition;
- 3) Authority be and is hereby given for the execution of the appropriate documents under Council's Common Seal.

### **INQUIRY BY THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION**

10/142 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Vidler and Yates that the information be received and noted.

### **ONE ASSOCIATION – SHIRES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS**

10/143 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. McInerney and Brown that:

- (i) Council be represented at the Shires Association Special Conference related to One Association issues;
- (ii) Chairperson or his nominee and General Manager or his nominee attend the conference;
- (iii) Council meeting date for February, 2011 be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011; and
- (iv) This information be received and noted.

### **COUNCILS IN MURRAY DARLING BASIN MEETING**

10/144 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. McInerney and Ross that:

- (1) Council endorse the action of supporting the declaration of concern; and
- (2) The information be received.

### **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010**

10/145 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Yates and Geale OAM. that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of October 2010 be accepted and the contents noted.

### **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010**

10/146 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Goodlass and Brown that:

- (i) the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of November 2010 be accepted and the contents noted; and
- (ii) Chairman and General Manager meet with Mayor & General Manager of Wagga Wagga City Council to further discuss requirements associated with Section 138 of the Roads Act.

## QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 10/147 Clr. McInerney: Thank staff for all their efforts for last year and wish you all the best for New Year.
- 10/148 Clr. J. Ross: Standpipe at Henty, has information been sent out on how to access it?
- Director of Engineering: All previous users have been advised by letter and in the newspapers.
- Chairperson: Brief to be provided to all Councillors on use of standpipes.
- 10/149 Clr. Ross: Wish all a happy and holly Christmas, unable to get to General Manager's send off next Wednesday, prior commitment. Thank Gerald for job he's done over the years, wish you all the best and Seasons Greetings to all.
- 10/150 Clr. Goodlass: Seasons Greetings and Good Summer to all.
- 10/151 Clr. Geale OAM: Recently attended the Privacy Commission Round Table – 14 people attended, closely looking at water authorities. It's not going to go away, reaction to paper from Wagga Wagga City Council.
- Will talk to REROC next week. Most successful were the Stand Alone or Alliances. Wagga Wagga City Council put in for alliance, want to be involved, sent in their view. In Queensland, large amalgamated Councils not working.
- 10/152 Clr. Geale OAM: Wished to thank all staff of Riverina Water for work over past week, assisting Wagga Wagga City Council. Pipe over Tarcutta Street and extra pump saved the centre of the city from flooding, Shows the strength of co-operation between Councils.
- Praise SES and others, forgotten people from WWCC and RWCC, worked day after day. Thank staff we have here, saved Wagga from a major problem. As Mayor, thank you.
- 10/153 Clr. Yates: Suggested that Clr. Geale OAM as Mayor of Wagga take the opportunity to thank all staff for their efforts during the past week at Christmas Function this afternoon.
- 10/154 Clr. Brown: Seasons Greetings and as Deputy Major thanked Council and Staff.
- 10/155 Clr. Yates: Thanked fellow councillors and wished them all the best. Hope next year is prosperous and easier going than this year. Pass thank you to staff and Management for their hard work and endeavours during past week.

- 10/156 Clr. Kreutzberger: Seasons Greetings to everybody and all the best for next year.
- 10/157 Clr. Vidler: Compliments of the Season to fellow councillors and staff and wish them the best for 2011
- 10/158 Chairperson: Always a pleasure to be around this table, thankyou. Compliments for the Season and commiseration to those not having a good farming outcome. Merry Christmas and see you next year.

### **COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

- 10/159 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yate that Council now resolve itself into a Committee-of-the-Whole, to consider the appointment of General Manager.

RECOMMENDED that Mr. Haley:

- (i) be offered the position of General Manager on a performance based contract for a period of 5 years;
- (ii) commencing remuneration package be \$175,000;
- (iii) be provided rental assistance up to \$1700 per month for 9 months;
- (iv) employment to commence on Monday 17th January 2011;
- (v) leave be granted for the period 30th September 2011 to 4th November 2011; and
- (vi) authority be and is hereby given to attach Council's Seal to the Contract.

### **OPEN COUNCIL**

- 10/160 The Committee RESOLVED into Open Council at this stage on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Ross.

### **ADOPTION OF REPORT**

- 10/161 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates that the recommendations of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adopted.

Next Meeting: will be Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

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The Meeting concluded at 3.18 pm

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*Seasons Greetings*

