

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA
on WEDNESDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2010 at 1.30 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 Director of Engineering were in attendance.

Clr. Kendall thanked Councillors for attending meeting, with the recent flooding, still found time to attend.

Clr. Kendall as Acting Chairperson opened the meeting, welcomed all Councillors and then asked the General Manager to conduct the election of Chairperson.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

10/117

There was one nomination for the office of Chairperson for the ensuing year that of Clr. Kendall.

Clr. Kendall was therefore duly elected as Chairperson for the ensuing twelve months.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

10/118

There were two nominations for the office of Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing year that of Clrs. Yates and McInerney.

Council resolved to hold an ordinary ballot.

Clr. Yates was declared elected as deputy chairperson for the ensuing twelve months 6 votes to 3

MOVED Clrs. Brown and Ross that the ballot papers be destroyed.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

10/119 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

10/120 The Minutes of the Meeting of 25th August 2010 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Vidler.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW: forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 10/33–10/40.

URANA SHIRE COUNCIL (28th September 2010) conveying their appreciation to Riverina Water for our courtesy of invitation to participate in recognising the important occasion and congratulating Riverina Water on the successful completion of the major infrastructure project for Urana and forwarded a copy of their September newsletter.

RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS: (29th September 2010) forwarding copy of Minutes of Meeting held 25th August 2010.

CLR'S ROD KENDALL & JOHN MCINERNEY (29th September 2010) with report on Local Government & Shires Association Water Management Conference held in Orange 12th – 14th September 2010.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE (5th October 2010) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 30th September 2010.

10/121 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Kreutzberger. that the correspondence be received.

CHAIRPERSON'S MEMO

GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

10/122 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clr. Kendall that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 10/123 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Geale OAM that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of August and September 2010 be received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - FUND POSITION AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2010

- 10/124 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Goodlass and Vidler that the Financial Statement be received.

OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- 10/125 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Yates that the report detailing the progress achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2010/2011 Operational Plan be noted and received.

PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

- 10/126 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Brown that the information be received.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

- 10/127 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Geale OAM that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of August 2010 be accepted.

Clr. Brown advised that he has received compliments on the water quality at Tarcutta since the installation of new Treatment Plant.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010

- 10/128 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Yates that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of September 2010 be accepted.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 10/129 Clr. Yates: Queried the level of water in aquifers since the flood, realised its early days but asked how are they fairing? Could be benefits from flooding. Knowledge of what has happened to alleviate fears of customers regarding supply security?
- Director of Engineering: Will request monitoring data from NSW Office of Water regarding aquifer levels, but it may be months before levels rise.
- 10/130 Clr. Kreutzberger: Requested information on the progress on the farm drought security investigations.
- Director of Engineering: Have had discussions between our consultants who are developing a 30 year plan for the rural scheme. One option will include the farm proposal promoted by Urana and Greater Hume Shire Councils.
- 10/131 Clr. Kreutzberger: Requested information on the status of the bore source near Morgans Lookout for Walla Walla?
- Director of Engineering: Reported that the recent consultation for the Billabong groundwater water sharing plan had established that this bore is not available for town water supply as it is used for environmental purposes.
- 10/132 Clr. Vidler: Has Minister Costa advised if we will get answer on NSW Water Reform before next State Election in March 2011.
- Chairperson: Still promised outcome, but no date as yet.
- General Manager: Before Christmas.
- 10/133 Chairperson: Would like to thank Clr McInerney for his tenure and support as Vice Chairperson for last 2 years.
- Clr. McInerney: Total pleasure.
- 10/134 Next meeting will be Friday, 10th December, 2010, to be followed by Council's Staff Christmas Gathering.

The Meeting concluded at 2.32pm
