

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,**  
**held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,**  
**on WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE 2011 at 1.33 pm**

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

The General Manager, Director of Engineering and Finance Admin Manager were in attendance.

11/51 Apology for non-attendance was received from Clr Kreuzberger and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs Yates and Vidler.

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

11/52 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

11/53 The Minutes of the Meeting of 27th April 2011 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and McInerney.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW:** forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 16/11- 23/11.

**STAFF CONSULTATION COMMITTEE:** (14 May 2011) forwarding a copy of minutes of meeting held 10 May 2011.

**MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC:** (27 May 2011) forwarding a copy of the minutes of meeting held 20 May 2011.

**NSW DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** (1 June 2011) forwarding circular 11/07, outlining a review of the model code of conduct for local councils and inviting submissions.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: (10 June 2011) forwarding a copy of minutes of meeting held 9 June 2011.

11/54 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Goodlass that the correspondence be received.

**THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THE RECENT PASSING OF COUNCIL STAFF MEMBER AND PROJECT ENGINEER, MR NELSON SALI. THE COUNCIL HELD A MINUTES SILENCE AS A MEASURE OF RESPECT.**

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

#### **DETERMINATION OF REMUNERATION FEES FOR COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON 2011/2012**

11/55 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates that the fees for 2011/2012 be set at:

- i. Councillors \$4,992, and
- ii. Additional fee for chairperson \$8,196

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

11/56 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Yates that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of April and May 2011 be received.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS TO DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2011/2012**

11/57 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Vidler that the submissions received commenting on Council's Draft Operational Plan 2011/2012 be received and noted together with the replies by staff.

#### **ADOPTION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN 2011/2012**

11/58 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Ross that the Draft Operational Plan 2011/2012, as exhibited to the public, be adopted as Council's Operational Plan for 2011/2012.

#### **MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2011/2012**

11/59 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Geale that Council make the Rates and Charges for 2011/2012, as outlined in the Operational Plan for 2011/2012.

## **DRAFT POLICY ON OCCUPATIONAL HARASSMENT AND BULLYING**

- 11/60 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Goodlass and McInerney that Council adopt the Draft Policy on Occupational Harassment and Bullying.

## **SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011**

- 11/61 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Ross that the report on the Shires Association of NSW Annual Conference 2011 be accepted.
- 11/62 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Ross that the general Manager write to the Constituent Councils and explain Riverina Water County Council's proposal to enter into a Strategic Alliance or Partnership with Goldenfields Water County Council.

## **REPORT ON THE CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS OF SENIOR STAFF**

- 11/63 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Yates that the report on the Contractual Conditions of Senior Staff be received and noted.

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

- 11/64 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Goodlass that the draft constitution of the Staff Consultative Committee be adopted.

## **REVIEW OF THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

- 11/65 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Ross that the Circular advising of the review of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in new South wales be received and noted.

## **APPLICATION FOR LONG SERVICE LEAVE – GENERAL MANAGER**

- 11/66 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Goodlass that long service leave be approved for the period requested by the General Manager.

## **PURCHASE OF IPADS FOR USE BY COUNCILLORS**

- 11/67 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Goodlass and McInerney that Council purchase iPADS for use by each councillor.

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

### **WORKS REPORT COVERING APRIL 2011**

11/68 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and McInerney that the Works Report covering April 2011 be received and noted.

### **WORKS REPORT COVERING MAY 2011**

11/69 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Goodlass that the Works Report covering May 2011 be received and noted.

### **WATER SHARING PLANS FOR UNDERGROUND SOURCES**

11/70 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Yates that:

- i) This report be received and noted
- ii) That the continuing work with Goldenfields Water include mutual agreement and endorsement of a plan to share groundwater from Zone 2 of the Mid-Murrumbidgee alluvium.

### **STRENGTHENING BASIN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

11/71 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Geale and Vidler that:

1. Riverina Water do not accept undue responsibility or liability for Wagga Wagga nature strip work where we have no interest in the land nor are carrying out work.
2. The Riverina Water General Manager invite the Wagga Wagga City Council General Manager to a meeting to resolve the nature strip policy issues.

## **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

11/72 Clr. McInerney: Congratulated Wagga Wagga City Council and Riverina Water County Council on obtaining the 2012 Water Management Conference.

11/73 Clr. Ross: Advised that he would be away for the August Meeting and would be requesting a leave of absence.

11/74 Clr. Yates: Requested a detailed response to Questions and Statements in the Business Paper.

- 11/75 Chairperson: Advised that it would be appropriate for a condolence motion noting the passing of the former Councillors of the Southern Riverina County Council and Riverina Water County Council Councillors Harold Fife OAM and Pat Brassil AM.
- 11/76 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. McInerney and Geale that Council express its condolence at the passing of the former Councillors of the Southern Riverina County Council and Riverina Water County Council Councillors Harold Fife OAM and Pat Brassil AM.
- 11/77 Chairperson: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

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The Meeting concluded at 2.58 pm

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