

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,**  
**held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA**  
**on WEDNESDAY, 5th OCTOBER 2011 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 Director of Engineering (Acting General Manager), Finance Admin Manager, Senior Project Engineer and Peter King from John L Bush & Campbell were in attendance.

Clr. Kendall opened the meeting, welcomed all to the meeting.

11/111 Apology for non-attendance was received from General Manager and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Yates

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

11/112 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

11/113 The Minutes of the Meeting of 24th August 2011 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Vidler.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence received.

Clr. Kendall departed the chair.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

11/114 The Returning Officer (Acting General Manager) called for nominations. One nomination for the office of Chairperson was received being Clr. Kendall

The Returning Officer declared Clr. Kendall Chairperson for the period October 2011 to October 2012

## **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

11/115 The Returning Officer called for nominations. Two nominations for the office of Deputy Chairperson were received being Clr. McInerney and Clr Yates.

The Returning Officer requested a motion to hold an ordinary ballot, open ballot or preferential ballot.

11/116 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates that Council resolved to hold an ordinary ballot.

Following the conduct of the ballot the Returning Officer declared Clr. McInerney Deputy Chairperson for the period October 2011 to October 2012

11/117 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Vidler that the ballot papers be destroyed.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

11/118 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Goodlass that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of August and September 2011 be received.

### **QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2011**

11/119 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Kreutzberger that the advice regarding Financial Statement be received.

### **OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

11/120 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Brown that the advice regarding the Report on Performance Targets be received and noted.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2010/2011**

11/121 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Geale OAM that the audited Financial Statements be received and standing orders be suspended for Peter King from John L Bush & Campbell to report on the Financial Statements for 2010/2011.

11/122 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and Brown that standing orders be resumed.

### **PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS**

11/123 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and McInerney that the information be received.

### **TRAVEL POLICY**

11/124 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Vidler that Riverina Water County Council adopt the Draft Travel Policy.

### **LEAVE POLICY**

11/125 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Ross that Riverina Water County Council adopt the Draft Leave Policy.

### **PETTY CASH POLICY**

11/126 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Yates that Riverina Water County Council adopt the Draft Travel Policy.

### **WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 14-16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2011, GRAFTON**

11/127 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Geale OAM that the summary of proceedings be received and Councillors access the Conference website for access to the conference papers: [www.waterconference.lsga.org.au](http://www.waterconference.lsga.org.au)

### **CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS FOR INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES**

This item, by mutual agreement was deferred to the end of the meeting.

### **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 2011**

11/128 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Goodlass and Ross that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of August 2011 be received and noted.

## **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S INTERIM REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2011**

- 11/129 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Geale OAM and Brown that the Director of Engineering's interim report covering the month of September 2011 be received and noted.

## **INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – ADOPTION**

- 11/130 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and McInerney that:
- 1) The key elements of IWCM Detailed Strategy Scenario C, as set out in the Director of Engineering's report, be adopted as the basis for Council's 30 year strategy.
  - 2) Work proceeds immediately on critical projects based on this adopted strategy.

## **STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN – PROPOSAL**

- 11/131 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Goodlass that HydroScience Consulting be engaged as a Local Government Procurement contractor to make a Strategic Business Plan and related strategic documents for a lump sum fee of \$145,000.

## **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

- 11/132 Clr. Ross: Congratulated the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson on their respective appointment.
- 11/133 Clr. Brown: Thanked staff for the appointment of trainee/assistant engineer, good to see Council doing something straight away.
- 11/134 Clr. Yates: Advised Council that he has a question to raise in the Closed Section of Council.
- 11/135 Clr. Kreuzberger: Apologised for missing last meeting.
- Advised that he has been asked by Urana Shire Council on behalf of North Urana Water Users Group regarding their involvement in the new Urana pipeline?.
- Chairperson: Advised that the Acting General Manager will provide copy of letter sent to North Urana Water User's Group.
- 11/136 Clr. Vidler: Thanked Council for allowing him to attend the recent Water Conference.

11/137 Chairperson: Thanked Councillors for their confidence in electing him to the position of Chairperson and a special thank you to Clr. Peter Yates for his assistance over the past year.

11/138 Next meeting will be Friday, 9th December, 2011, to be followed by Council's Staff Christmas Gathering.

### **RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL**

11/139 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Geale OAM that Council consider the report Consideration of Submissions for Internal Audit Services whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to Commercial Information, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 and that the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required under section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

No members of the public were present or made representations.

### **CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS FOR INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES**

This item is classified as confidential under Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

11/140 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Geale OAM that the proposal from Wagga Wagga City Council for Internal Audit Services be accepted for a term of 12 months.

11/141 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Brown that the Chairman and Acting General Manager seek an update on progress of current police investigations.

### **OPEN COUNCIL**

11/142 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Ross that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

### **REPORT ON PROCEEDINGS OF CLOSED COUNCIL**

RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Geale OAM and Brown that the recommendations contained in the report of the proceedings of the Closed Council be adopted.

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The Meeting concluded at 3.07 pm

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