

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on THURSDAY, 26th APRIL 2012 at 1.32 pm

PRESENT: Clr. R. Kendall (Chairperson), Clr. G. Hiscock, Clr. I. Kreutzberger, Clr. J. McInerney, Clr. J. Ross, Clr. L. Vidler and Clr. P. Yates.

The General Manager, Director of Engineering, Senior Project Engineer, Finance Administration Manager and Naomi Stuart were in attendance.

12/33 An apology for non-attendance was received from Clrs. Geale OAM and Brown and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Hiscock.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

12/34 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

12/35 The Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd February 2012 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Yates.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW: forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 08/12– 16/12.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (February 2012) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 29th February 2012.

WORK HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: (March 2012) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 15th March 2012.

JOHN L BUSH & CAMPBELL: (19th April 2012) forwarding their Interim Management Letter issued as a result of their interim audit of Riverina Water. This letter is to be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee at their meeting to be held 3rd May 2012.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – OFFICE OF WATER: (23rd April 2012) forwarding the 2010-11 NSW Water Supply and Sewerage Performance Monitoring Report.

12/36 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Ross that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 12/37 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of February and March 2012 be received.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

- 12/38 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and Kreutzberger that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31st March 2012 be received.

OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- 12/39 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Vidler that the report detailing the progress achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2011/2012 Operational Plan be noted and received.

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2012/13

- 12/40 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Ross that in accordance to Sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan be placed on Public exhibition and that it be on display at the Administrative Headquarters, Hammond Avenue.

LOAN FACILITY

- 12/41 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Kreutzberger that Council resolve to borrow \$1,700,000 in April/May 2012, being part of budgeted borrowing for the 2011/12 financial year, for capital works

10 Year fixed principal and interest loan - \$1,700,000 – 6.78% as of Tuesday 24th April 2012.

POLICY 1.15 USE OF CORPORATE CREDIT CARDS

- 12/42 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Hiscock that Council adopt the Corporate Card Policy as submitted.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW – GENERAL MANAGER

- 12/43 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Ross that the Council consider the Chairman's Report "Performance Review – General Manager" whilst the meeting is closed to the public as it relating to personnel matters about an individual, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2012

- 12/44 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Hiscock that this report be received and noted

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2012

- 12/45 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Ross that this report be received and noted.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 12/46 Clr. Ross: first time in 9 years have experience bad water supply for a day or two about 3 weeks ago. Advised Council that you couldn't get better service from Riverina Water, with the problem fixed, haven't any names, an excellent job done.

Director of Engineering: Will pass on appreciation to staff.

- 12/47 Clr. Yates: Regarding the item on water filling stations during March, high usage at Red Hill Road, Bomen etc. does this include road construction?

Director of Engineering: Wagga Wagga City Council filling and construction by Turners, Burgess etc. A lot of construction, e.g. Lloyd Subdivision at Red Hill and Stage 13 at Tatton etc. and also water carriers in rural areas.

- 12/48 Clr. Yates: I have 2 letters from customers. The first issue is damage to water meter by a fence during the recent flooding and they were evacuated for a number of days, received a high water account.

And second letter refers to a water meter which is on the opposite side of a railway line, experienced a leak near the railway line and was repaired, but concerned that if a leak occurs under the line, whose responsibility would it be?. The railway line was repaired after flooding so gather still in use.

Have brought these matters up to let Councillors know, in case they have similar occurrences in their respective areas.

Chairperson: The water meter damage would be covered by their insurance?

Director of Engineering: Accidental breakages and high water usage may be dealt with by an account adjustment.

Second matter of crossing railway land can be very difficult if their own private service, which this appears to be. Staff will consult with the customer, we may be able to assist.

Clr. Yates: I will give both letters to Council staff.

12/49 Clr. Vidler: Originally Riverina Water formed by ratio of Wagga Wagga City Council to other Councils, which has now been reduced from 15 to 11, and will be 9 at next election, then half will be on Riverina Water County Council.

General Manager: Noted. Our proclamation can only be changed by Government, based on population of Local Government area.

Chairperson: We need what's right for Council, suggest General Manager to research Proclamation and advise respective clause to Councillors.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN ON GENERALMANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

12/50 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Hiscock that Council consider the report from Chairman on General Manager's Performance Review, while the meeting is closed to the public as it relates to personnel matters of an individual being confidential information as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

12/51 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Yates and Hiscock that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 2.25 pm.

Pursuant to section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

No members of the public were present or made representations.

CLOSED COUNCIL

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

- 12/52 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Hiscock that:
1. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business is to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2)(a) as outlined above.
 2. 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.

CHAIRMAN'S MEMO - GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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:

- a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

- 12/53 RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Vidler that this report be received and that, under the provisions of Clause 8.3 of his employment contract, the total remuneration package of the General Manager be increased to \$188,026 commencing 17 January 2012, and that the amount charged for a motor vehicle be increased by 4% to \$10,400.

OPEN COUNCIL

- 12/54 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs McInerney and Ross that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

DECISIONS READ ALOUD

The Chairman read aloud the decisions of the Council made whilst the meeting was closed to the public.

The Meeting concluded at 2.32pm
