

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 27th JUNE 2012 at 1.30 pm

PRESENT: Clr. R. Kendall (Chairperson), Clr. A. Brown, Clr. W. Geale OAM, Clr. G. Hiscock, Clr. I. Kreutzberger, Clr. J. McInerney, Clr. J. Ross and Clr. Yates.

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

12/55 An apology for non-attendance was received from Clr. Vidler and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Clr Kendall advised that, in relation to an application by Riverina Oils and BioEnergy to be classified as a Large Scale Processing or Manufacturing Industry for the purposes of water tariffs, he has been engaged by this company for consulting services in the past, and was possibly going to be engaged again in the future.

12/56 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Ross that this advice be received and noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

12/57 The Minutes of the Meeting of 26th April 2012 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Geale OAM.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW: forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 17/12– 25/12.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (May 2012) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 2 May 2012.

12/58 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Brown that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 12/59 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Hiscock and Yates that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of April and May 2012 be received.

DETERMINATION OF REMUNERATION FEES FOR COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON 2012/2013

- 12/60 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Ross that the fees for 2012/2013 be set at:
- i. Councillors \$5,118, and
 - ii. Additional fee for Chairperson \$8,400.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS TO DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2012/2013

- 11/61 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Geale OAM that the following changes be made to Council's Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2012/13:-
- 1) On Page 28, item 13.8.1, in the table when referring to "*Lots (not prepaid) existing prior to 1/1/1994 and 2nd or subsequent services (only when availability fees are being paid)*", replace \$3,700 with \$3,800.
 - 2) On page 34 insert the following "*NOTE: water used for fire fighting purposes will not be charged. If applicable, it is the responsibility of the customer to notify Council, in order for the necessary billing adjustments to be made.*"
 - 3) On page 34 insert the following "*NOTE: with regard to Industrial Tariffs, referred on the previous page, Consistent use is deemed to be when individual monthly consumption is between .75 and 1.25 times the average monthly consumption based on the previous 12 month rolling average.*"
 - 4) On Page 35 change the interest rate on overdue accounts in 2012/2013 from 9% to 10%.

ADOPTION OF DELIVERY PROGRAM & OPERATIONAL PLAN 2011/2012

- 12/62 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Hiscock that the Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2012/2013, as exhibited as amended in the previous item, following close of public comments, be adopted as Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan for 2012/2013.

MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2012/2013

- 12/63 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Brown and Kreutzberger that the rates and charges be made for 2012/2013, as outlined in the Operational Plan 2012/2013.

REPORT ON THE CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS OF SENIOR STAFF

- 12/64 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. McInerney and Ross that the Report on the Contractual Conditions of Senior Staff be received and noted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONGRESS 2012

- 12/65 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Yates and Hiscock that the report on the Local Government Managers Australia National Congress 2012 be received.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS AUSTRALIA (NSW) FORUM 2012

- 12/66 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Brown and Yates that the report on the Local Government Managers Australia (NSW Forum 2012 be received.

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012

- 12/67 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Yates and Brown that the report on the Shires Association of New South Wales Annual Conference 2012 be received.

WATER USED FOR FIRE FIGHTING PURPOSES

- 12/68 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Brown and Geale OAM that Council resolve to amend the fees and charges section of the 2012/13 Delivery Program and Operational Plan to include the provision that water used by property holders for the purposes of fire fighting may be used without charge.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 12/69 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Brown and McInerney that Council receive and note the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 3rd May 2012 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

DRAFT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

- 12/70 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Brown and Hiscock that the draft constitution of the Health and Safety Committee be adopted.

POLICY 4.2 DRAFT EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

12/71 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and Geale OAM that the Draft Equal Employment Opportunity Policy be adopted.

POLICY 4.14 DRAFT EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY

12/72 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Hiscock and Yates that the Draft Employment Assistance Program Policy be adopted.

POLICY 4.19 DRAFT WORKPLACE STRESS POLICY

12/73 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Yates that the Draft Workplace Stress Policy be adopted.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

12/74 Clr. Kendall declared a Pecuniary Interest in the following matter, as he has been in the past employed by Riverina Oils and BioEnergy and may do so in future. Clr Kendal vacated the Chair and left the meeting, the time being 2.10 pm.

Clr. McInerney assumed the Chair at this time.

APPLICATION FOR LARGE SCALE PROCESSING OR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TARIFF

12/75 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Geale OAM and Hiscock that Riverina Oils and BioEnergy be classified as a Large Scale Processing or Manufacturing Industry for the purposes of water tariffs by Riverina Water County Council.

12/76 Clr. Kendall returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair, the time being 2.15 pm.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORTS

WORKS REPORT COVERING APRIL 2012

12/77 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Hiscock that the Works Report covering April 2012 be received and noted.

WORKS REPORT COVERING MAY 2012

12/78 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Brown that the Works Report covering May 2012 be received and noted.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

12/79 Clr. Ross: A private spraying contractor doing weed control in Henty was unable to obtain water, couldn't get water out of standpipe in Railway Parade?

Director of Engineering: He needs to get a key from Council, if once only occurrence, better off bringing the water from his home source, or go to where the customer is located.

Chairperson: Asked the question if a credit card could be used.

Director of Engineering: This would not be practical since as part of our quality assurance processes persons taking water from the standpipe need to have their details logged for the Department of Health.

12/80 Clr. Kreuzberger: Asked a question regarding the standpipe water use in Urana Shire, and if it is normally included in the statistics to the meeting.

Director of Engineering: Advised that this is custodian type of standpipe, the listed ones in works report are Water Filling Stations.

12/81 Chairperson: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 22nd August 2012.

The Meeting concluded at 2.35 pm
