

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,  
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,  
on WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2014 at 9.30 am**

**PRESENT:** Clr. P. Funnell, Clr. G. Hiscock, Clr. R. Kendall, Clr. I. Kreutzberger, Clr Meyer OAM, Clr. J. McInerney, Clr. A. Negline, Clr. K. Poynter and Clr. G. Verdon.

The General Manager, Director of Engineering, Corporate Services Manager, Manager Works, Project Engineer.

Phillip Swaffield, Stephen Byrns (Internal Auditors) and Stephen Gray (WMA Water) were in attendance.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

14/82 Chairperson Clr. Hiscock read out the Acknowledgement of Country

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

14/83 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

14/84 The Minutes of the Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and McInerney.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW:** forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars 24/14 – 31/14.

**STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:** (9 July 2014) forwarding Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 8 July 2014.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** (15 August 2014) forwarding Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held 14 August 2014.

14/85 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Kreutzberger that the correspondence be received.

General Manager Graeme Haley welcomed Austin Morris, Works Manager to Council Meeting, and gave a brief outline of Austin's work history.

Peter Anderson, Project Engineer introduced Stephen Gray, consultant from WMA Water who presented a flood impact assessment report to Council regarding the 1 in 100 year levee that RWCC is considering building around the site.

Stephen Byrns, Peter Anderson and Stephen Gray left the meeting at this stage, the time being 10.30 am

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

14/86 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Funnell and Kendall that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of June and July 2014 be received.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2013/2014 – FUND POSITION AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014**

114/87 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. McInerney and Kreutzberger that:

- (i) Council's Draft Financial Statements be referred to audit by Council's auditors, Crowe Howarth,
- (ii) Council make a resolution in accordance with section 413 (2c) that the annual financial report is in accordance with:
  - the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder,
  - the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements,
  - the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting,
  - presents fairly the councils operating results and financial position for the year,
  - accords with Council's accounting and other records, and
  - that Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way.
- (iii) That Council adopt the abovementioned Statement and that the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and General Manager be authorised to complete the "Statement by Members of the Council" in relation to Council's 2013/14 Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Reports and be attached thereto.

- (iv) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to "finalise the date" at which the Audit Report and Financial Statements are to be presented to the public.

**UNCOMPLETED CAPITAL WORKS 2013/2014**

- 14/88 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Kreutzberger that capital expenditure totalling \$1,865,000 be carried over and included in the 2014/15 Capital Works Programme.

**OPERATIONAL PLAN - PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

- 14/89 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Poynter that the report detailing progress achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2013/2014 Operational Plan be noted and received.

**PECUNIARY INTEREST REGISTER – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

- 14/90 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Funnell that the information be received and noted

**LEASE OF LAND OFF BEAUTY POINT AVENUE**

- 14/91 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell that the leases be renewed for land adjacent to 4, 14, 16 and 18 Beauty Point Avenue, for a further two years (2014/15 and 2015/16), with an annual rental of \$120 for 2014/15 and a CPI increase in 2015/16.

**DRAFT POLICY 1.10 COUNCILLOR'S EXPENSES AND FACILITIES**

- 14/92 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Meyer OAM that the Draft Policy 1.10 Councillor's Expenses and Facilities be adopted.

### **DRAFT POLICY 2.9 DEBT RECOVERY**

14/93 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell that the Draft Policy 2.9 Debt Recovery be adopted.

### **MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

14/94 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that:

- a) Council be represented at the Annual Conference of the Murray Darling Association in Tumut at an estimated cost of \$1,480; and
- b) Council delegates be the Chairman and the Director of Engineering.

### **COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

14/95 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and McInerney that Council's December Council Meeting be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 2.00pm and that the October meeting will be held 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am.

### **FEBRUARY 2015 COUNCIL MEETING**

14/96 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Negline that Council's February meeting be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 commencing at 1.30 pm at the Lockhart Shire Council Chambers. This meeting to be preceded by a tour of Riverina Water facilities in the Lockhart region, commencing at 9.30 am at Lockhart.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET**

14/97 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM that the information be noted.

### **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2014**

14/98 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Kendall that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of June 2014 be received and noted.

## **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JULY 2014**

14/99 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Poynter that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of July 2014 (Item 1) be received and noted.

### **1 IN 100 YEAR FLOOD LEVEE – FLOOD IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

14/100 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Poynter that:

- a) Council accept the Flood Impact Assessment as tabled, for information purposes only and that Council permit Mr. Stephen Gray (author of the report) to present to Council an overview of the report;
- b) Director of Engineering prepare a comparison report on building the new treatment plant & stores to be flood compatible instead of building the levee; and
- c) Suspend temporarily public consultation on levee, pending further discussions.

### **ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS FOR 2013/2014**

14/101 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Funnell that the Director of Engineering's report covering 2013/2014 annual statistics be accepted and the contents noted.

### **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

14/102 Clr. Negline: Requested update of current litigation case in Sydney?

Director of Engineering: gave an update of litigation case involving Nash Bros.

14/103 Clr. Negline: Requested advice on other legal matter?

General Manager: Sentencing hearing proposed for 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

14/104 Clr. Hiscock: What's the implication on previously paid connection fees by other developers of the Nash Brothers case?

Director of Engineering: Our long term plans are based on income from developers. The principal of the Development Servicing Plan is that those that put extra stress/load on system should pay.

General Manager: If we lose, we would need to seek legal advice. Probably would be a sector wide appeal by all water utilities in the State.

14/105 Clr. Kreutzberger: Asked about progress with North Urana Water Users Group?

Director of Engineering: Advised Councillors that he attended a meeting with 3 members of the group in Urana last week. Outlined discussions. A further report will be put to Council when investigations and negotiations are progressed further.

Clr. Meyer OAM left meeting 12.20 pm

14/106 Clr. Verdon: Requested clarification on the outcome of the new Local Government State Award?

General Manager: Advised that the pay increases under the State Award do not apply to us. RWCC has its own Enterprise Award.

14/107 Chairperson: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 15th October 2014.

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Meeting Closed: 12.25 pm

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