

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 22ND APRIL 2015 at 9.30 am**

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

The General Manager, Manager Corporate Services and Director of Engineering were in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

15/41 Chairperson Clr. Hiscock read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

15/42 Apologies for non-attendance was received from Clr. Funnell and was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Negline.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

15/43 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

15/44 The Minutes of the Meeting of 25th February 2015 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Poynter.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars 8/15 – 15/15.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (17th March 2015) forwarding Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 3rd March 2015.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: (27th February 2015) forwarding Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held 19th February 2015.

YERONG CREEK ANZAC DAY COMMITTEE: (22nd April 2015)
inviting the Chairperson to participate in the Yerong Creek ANZAC
Day commemorations.

- 14/45 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Poynter that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 15/46 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Negline that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of February and March 2015 be received.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDED THE 31ST MARCH 2015

- 15/47 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Poynter that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31st March 2015 be received and adopted and that the General Manager provide a report to Council on the level of Revenue Fluctuation Reserve required.

Clr. Funnell entered meeting 9.33 am.

OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- 15/48 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Kreutzberger that the report detailing progress as at 31st March 2015, achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2014/2015 Operational Plan be noted and received.

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2015/16 – 2017/18 AND DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015/16

Deferred until the end of the meeting.

OVERDUE DEBTORS MARCH 2015

- 15/49 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Kreutzberger that the report on overdue debtors for the period ended 31st March 2015 be received and noted.

LOST TIME INJURY STATISTICS

15/50 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Kreutzberger that the quarterly statistics report on Lost Time Injuries for the 12 months ended March 2015 be received and noted.

ANNUAL RESIDENTS SURVEY

15/51 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Negline that the General Manager's report into the 2015 Riverina Water County Council residents survey be received and noted.

DRAFT POLICY 2.9 DEBT RECOVERY

15/52 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Kendall that the Draft Policy 2.9 Debt Recovery be adopted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW – 2015 WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

15/53 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Funnell that:

- a) Council be represented at the Local Government NSW 2015 Water Management Conference,
- b) The Chairperson or his nominee to attend as a delegate,
- c) Nominations of other Councillors desiring to attend be provided to the General Manager by 1st June 2015, with Chairperson delegated authority to approve attendance.
- d) Clr. McInerney and Verdon being authorised to attend as observers, and
- e) The General Manager and Director of Engineering or their nominees to attend as observers.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE – AUGUST 2015

15/54 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and McInerney that Council's August 2015 Meeting be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2015

LEASE OF INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE & OFFICE DURING CONSTRUCTION OF WAGGA WAGGA WTP

15/55 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Negline that Council endorse the recommendation to lease an industrial warehouse and office for \$108,000 + GST to be used for Riverina Water's Depot and Store for a 12 month period.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

15/56 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Poynter that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015

15/57 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs Negline and Poynter that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of February 2015 be received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2015

15/58 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Funnell that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of March 2015 be received and noted.

CONTESTABILITY OF WORKS

15/59 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Verdon that:

- a) Council receive and note report of Director of Engineering, and
- b) General Manager and Director of Engineering prepare a brief for external review of contestability of capital works of Riverina Water County Council and report back to Council.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION – ON CALL ISSUES

15/60 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon. That information is noted.

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2015/16 – 2017/18 AND DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015/16

15/61 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Kreutzberger that in accordance to Sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Draft Revised Delivery Program and Draft Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition and that it be on display at the Administrative Headquarters, Hammond Avenue, Wagga Wagga.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 15/62 Clr. Kendall: Thanked Councillors for their diligence.
- 15/63 Clr. Kreuzberger: Asked what can be done with the water filling station at Rand. There is poor water pressure. Suggested communication between Riverina Water and Rural Fire Service.
- Director of Engineering: In the process of retrofitting and upsizing water filling stations.
- 15/64 Clr. Verdon: Refer to December 2014 Council Meeting enquiry on separate water storage facility on southern side of The Rock, advised at February 2015 Meeting that it is still ongoing, what is position now?
- Director of Engineering: Currently on list of projects to do.
- 15/65 Clr. Verdon: Enquiry regarding water for Vincent Road? Asked if we had responded to the residents concerned?
- Director of Engineering: Has been responded to.
- Clr. Verdon: Requested copy of correspondence.
- 15/66 General Manager: Referred to Councillors request to be informed prior to next staff award negotiations and advised that Councillors will be briefed consulted prior to negotiations commencing.
- 15/67 Clr. Hiscock: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 24th June 2015

The Meeting concluded at 11.48 am
