

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on FRIDAY, 11TH DECEMBER 2015 at 1.35 pm**

PRESENT: Clr. G Hiscock, Clr. R. Kendall, Clr. I. Kreutzberger, Clr. J. McInerney, Clr. D. Meyer OAM, Clr. K. Poynter and Clr. G Verdon.

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

15/172 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Clrs. Funnell and Negline and were ACCEPTED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and McInerney.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

15/173 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

15/174 The Minutes of the Meeting of 28th October 2015 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Kendall.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars 43/15 – 48/15.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (1 December 2015) forwarding Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 26 November 2015.

15/175 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Kendall that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

15/176 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of October and November 2015 be received.

MINUTES OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 19th NOVEMBER 2015

- 15/177 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Kreutzberger that Council receive and note the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 19th November 2015.

WORKSHOP OPERATIONAL PLAN 2016/2017

- 15/178 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Poynter that Council hold a workshop to discuss key aspects of the 2016/2017 Operational Plan, following Council's February Meeting, with the Council Meeting to commence at 10.30 am at Holbrook.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS

- 15/179 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Kreutzberger that the information be received.

ART PROJECT – RURAL RESERVOIR

- 15/180 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Kendall that Riverina Water County Council appoint a subcommittee to work with Wagga Wagga City Council staff in selecting a suitable artist and design for the proposed public artwork on the Rural Reservoir.

- 15/181 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that the subcommittee be comprised of Clrs. McInerney and Poynter.

TENDER W199 CONSTRUCTION OF FLOCCULATION TANK AT URANA, NSW

- 15/182 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Kendall that Council consider the report "Tender W199 Construction of Flocculation Tank at Urana, NSW", whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

TENDER W202 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE ELEVATED 136KL STEEL WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED ROOF AND LADDER STRUCTURE AT MORUNDAH

- 15/183 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs Kreutzberger and Kendall that Council consider the report "Tender W202 for the Construction of One elevated 136kl Steel Water Supply Reservoir and Associated Roof and Ladder Structure at Morundah", whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

POLICY 2.4 DEFERRED PAYMENTS FOR RURAL EXTENSIONS

15/184 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Kendell that Riverina Water County Council adopt the revised Policy 2.4 Deferred Payments for Rural Extensions.

15/185 AMENDMENT was moved by Clrs. Verdon and Poynter to remove the reference to additional charges for time payment arrangements.

The Amendment was adopted and became the motion.

The motion was then CARRIED.

DRAFT POLICY 2.7 – BACKDATING OF PENSIONER REBATES

15/186 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that the Draft Policy 2.7 – Backdating of Pension Rebates be adopted.

DRAFT POLICY 2.8 WATER BILLING HARDSHIP

15/187 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Poynter that the Draft Policy 2.8 – Water Billing Hardship be adopted.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

15/188 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Kendall that Riverina Water County Council note Council's Resolution Sheet.

APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL LEAVE – GENERAL MANAGER

15/189 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Poynter that annual leave be approved for the period requested by the General Manager and that the Director of Engineering, be appointed as Acting General Manager during this time.

SEASONS GREETINGS

15/190 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and McInerney that the General Manager's Greetings be noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 2015

15/191 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Poynter that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of October 2015 be received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2015

- 15/192 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and McInerney that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of November 2015 be received and noted.

CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

- 15/193 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Meyer OAM that Council receive and note this report.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 15/194 Clr. McInerney: wished fellow Councillors, Management and Administration and Operations a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked all for their commitment to the supply of water over a very large area.

- 15/195 Clr. Meyer OAM. Reiterated comments of Clr. McInerney.

- 15/196 Clr. Kendall: Same sentiments as Clr. McInerney.

- 15/197 Clr. Poynter: Asked the General Manager on whether Clr. Negline request regarding the suspension of his councillor allowance was permitted.

General Manager: Would require changes to LG Act, since Councillor Allowances are a monthly fee, not a payment for attendance. This has been discussed as part of the review of the Local Government Act.

Clr. Poynter: Recommend getting advice, and wished all Seasons Greetings.

- 15/198 Clr. Kreutzberger: Endorsed those Christmas greetings.

- 15/199 Clr. Verdon: Echoed Clr. McInerney's sentiments. Regarding Water Pressure in The Rock, he advised that he had recently updated his water connection, water pressure is now very satisfactory, still an issue for a some consumers, suggested that perhaps renewal of connection could be a solution.

- 15/200 Clr. Hiscock: Wished everyone a happy Christmas and new year.

- 15/201 General Manager: Advise Council that our Manager Corporate Services Michele Curran recently completed and passed her CPA course. Council congratulated Michele.

- 15/202 Clr. Hiscock: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 24th February 2016 in Holbrook.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

15/203 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Verdon that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 2.55 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.

15/204 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Verdon 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)(e) 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.

TENDER W199 CONSTRUCTION OF FLOCCULATION TANK AT URANA, NSW

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:

2(c) commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

15/205 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Meyer OAM that Council accept the A & G Engineering Pty Ltd tender for "Tender W199 – Construction of Flocculation Tank at Urana, NSW" for \$185,900 ex GST.

**TENDER W202 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE ELEVATED 136KL STEEL
WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED ROOF AND LADDER
STRUCTURE AT MORUNDAH**

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- 15/206 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. McInerney and Kendall that Council accept DTD Engineering Pty Ltd tender for "Tender W202 – Construction of One Elevated 136kl Steel Water Supply Reservoir and Associated Roof and Ladder Structure at Morundah" for \$258,415 ex GST.

CONTESTABILITY OF WORKS

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:

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- 15/207 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. Verdon and McInerney that:
- a) Council note the results of the procurement process; and
 - b) Collaborative Planning and Engineering Associates be engaged to undertake an external review of the contestability of capital works at a cost of \$16,321.
- 15/208 RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllrs. Poynter and Verdon 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 3.05 pm
