

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE 2016 at 9.30 am

PRESENT: Clr. Y. Braid, Clr. P. Funnell, Clr. G Hiscock, Clr. J. McInerney,
Clr. D Meyer OAM, Clr. K. Poynter and Clr. G. Verdon

The General Manager, Director of Engineering and Manager
Corporate Services.

16/69 Chairperson welcomed Clr. Braid to the Board.

16/70 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Clrs. Kendall and Mr.
M. Eden and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs.
Poynter and McInerney.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

16/71 Chairperson Clr. Hiscock read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

16/72 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

16/73 The Minutes of the Meeting of 27th April 2016 having been circulated and
read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion
of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Poynter.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars
17/16 – 24/16.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: (9 June 2016) forwarding Minutes
of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held 9 June 2016.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (9 May 2016) forwarding
Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 4 May 2016.

16/74 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that the
correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 16/75 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of April and May 2016 be received.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW PERIOD 31st MARCH 2016

- 16/76 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Braid that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31st March 2016 be received and noted.

DETERMINATION OF REMUNERATION FEES FOR COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON 2016/2017

- 16/77 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Poynter that the fees for 2016/2017 be set at:

- i) Councillors \$5,646, and
- ii) Additional fee for Chairperson \$9,276

ADOPTION OF REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2016/2020 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2016/2017

- 16/78 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Funnell that the Draft Revised Delivery Program 2016/2020 and Operational Plan 2016/17, as exhibited, following close of public comments, be adopted as Council's Delivery Program 2016/2020 and Operational Plan for 2016/2017, subject to the following changes:-

	2015/2016	2016/2017
Development Servicing Charge per E.T.	\$4,930	\$4,930
Search /Enquiry Fee – S603 (as for property transfer)	\$75	\$75
Interest on Overdue Accounts	8.5%	8.0%

MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2016/2017

- 16/79 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Verdon that the rates and charges be made for 2016/2017 year, as outlined in the adopted Operational Plan 2016/2017.

REPORT ON THE CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS OF SENIOR STAFF

16/80 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Funnell that the Report on the Contractual Conditions of Senior Staff be received and noted.

ANNUAL RESIDENTS SURVEY

16/81 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Verdon that the General Manager's report into the 2016 Riverina Water County Council residents survey be received and noted.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

16/82 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Braid that Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 30th May 2016 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

DRAFT POLICY 1.9 PURCHASING AND DRAFT POLICY 3.2 ASSET PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL

16/83 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid that Council adopt Draft Policy 1.9 Purchasing and Draft Policy 3.2 Asset Purchase and Disposal.

DRAFT POLICY 1.23 INVESTMENTS

16/84 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Braid that Riverina Water County Council adopt Draft Policy 1.23 Investments.

DRAFT POLICY 2.3 PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

16/85 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Funnell that Council:

- a) adopt Draft Policy 2.3 Pesticide Use Notification Plan, and
- b) Council receive a further report on training for field staff in the best practice management of Noxious and Invasive Weeds.

DRAFT POLICY 2.9 DEBT RECOVERY

16/86 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Braid that the Draft Policy 2.9 Debt Recovery be adopted.

TENDER W.211 SUPPLY OF 12,000 AND 19,000 LITRE SURGE TANKS

- 16/87 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid that Council consider the report "Tender W.211 Supply of 12,000 and 19,000 litre surge tanks", 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 W.212 FOR PURCHASE OF 6 X 4 TRUCK WITH TIPPER

- 16/88 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid that Council consider the report "Tender W.212 for purchase of 6 x 4 Truck with Tipper", 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.

NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING RWCC ENTERPRISE AWARD 2016

- 16/89 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid that Council consider the report "Negotiations Regarding RWCC Enterprise Award 2016", whilst the meeting is closed to the public, information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

- 16/90 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Poynter that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2016

- 16/91 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Braid that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of April 2016 received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY 2016

- 16/92 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Funnell that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of May 2016 be received and noted.

CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

16/93 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that Council receive and note this report.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

16/94 Clr. Meyer OAM: Asked if the new pipeline in Henty railway crossing could be laid before new Streetscape implemented?

16/95 Clr. Poynter: As we are approaching end of term for Councillors, does Riverina Water go into caretaker mode?

General Manager: We do, but advised that there is no provision for caretaker mode in Local Government Act.

16/96 Clr. Poynter: Also asked if some pre-working with constituent councils, on the synchronising the sharing of iPads.

General Manager: New Councillors will get new iPads, the current ones are approaching the end of their useful life.

Director of Engineering: Old ones handed down to staff.

16/97 Clr. Funnell: Asked about the proposed new Levee Bank. WWCC designing 1:100 year around City, has RWCC factored that into it?

Director of Engineering: No, an increase to North Wagga's levee has not been factored into our design. However, the RWCC levee design includes a 500mm freeboard which may accommodate the upstream effects. It's a decision we would make if the North Wagga proposal were to become reality.

Clr. Funnell: Is there room to move in our design?

Director of Engineering: Yes

16/98 Clr. Braid: Thanked staff of Riverina Water County Council for making her welcome, with Pat setting up iPad, coffee orders and business paper.

Clr. Hiscock: That's what makes this organisation so great.

16/99 Clr. Verdon: Revised Delivery Plan, still got an issue. Councils, should be changed due to amalgamations and welcomed Clr Braid to RWCC Board.

16/100 General Manager: Advised about the TCorp borrowing facility (cheaper loans) that has been setup recently for Local Government. After making enquiries with TCorp representative, advised that this facility will not be able to be used by County Councils. Advised he and Chairperson meeting with Minister 2nd August 2016 in Sydney with all County Council representatives, this will be raised.

Clr. Funnell: requested General Manager to contact now, not wait until meeting on 2nd August, utilise all aspects, needs to become public.

16/101 Clr. Hiscock: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 24th August 2016.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

16/102 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Meyer OAM that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 11.25 am

Chairperson left meeting 11.25 am, and the Deputy Chairperson, Clr Verdon, assumed the chair.

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.

16/103 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Meyer OAM 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.

TENDER W.211 SUPPLY OF 12,000 AND 19,000 LITRE SURGE TANKS

This item is classified as confidential under Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

2(d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

- 16/104 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Meyer OAM that Council accept the tender of Safe Surge Pty Ltd for the supply and commissioning of 1 x 12,000 and 1 x 19,000 surge tanks for the sum of \$283,800 including GST.

TENDER W.212 FOR PURCHASE OF 6 X 4 TRUCK WITH TIPPER

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2(d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

- 16/105 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and McInerney that Council accept the Wagga Trucks tender for a Hino FS 2848 Truck with Tipper for a price of \$185,165 ex GST.

NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING RWCC ENTERPRISE AWARD 2016

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2(d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

- 16/106 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Meyer OAM that Council receive and note the advice of the General Manager.
- 16/107 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs McInerney and Meyer OAM that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

DECISIONS READ ALOUD

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

The Meeting concluded at 12.00 pm
