

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 24th AUGUST 2016 at 9.30 am

PRESENT: Clr. Y. Braid, Clr. P. Funnell, Clr. G Hiscock, Clr. R. Kendall, Mr. Kreutzberger, Clr. D Meyer OAM, Clr. K. Poynter and Clr. G. Verdon

The General Manager, Director of Engineering, Manager Corporate Services, Manager Projects & Manager Operations.

16/108 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Clrs. J. McInerney and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Poynter.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

16/109 Chairperson Clr. Hiscock read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

16/110 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

16/111 The Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd June 2016 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Braid.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars 25/16 – 33/16.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: (10 August 2016) forwarding Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held 10 August 2016.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (26 July 2016) forwarding Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 20 July 2016.

16/112 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Braid that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

INVESTMENT REPORT

- 16/113 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Meyer OAM that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of June and July 2016 be received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015/2016 – FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2016

- 16/114 RESOLVED on the motion Clrs. Kendall and Verdon that the unaudited statements of the financial position as at 30th June 2016 be received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015/2016

- 16/115 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Kendall 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 there under,
 - 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 2015/16 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.

CAPEX BUDGET RESULT 2015/2016

- 16/116 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Poynter that Council receive and note report on the final Capital Expenditure Budget result for the 2015/16 financial year.

REVOTED BUDGET 2015/2016

- 16/117 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Meyer OAM that expenditure totalling \$723,250 be revoted and included in the 2016/2017 budget.

OPERATIONAL PLAN- PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- 16/118 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Kendall that the report detailing progress, as at 30th June 2016, achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2015/2016 Operational Plan be noted and received.

PECUNIARY INTEREST REGISTER – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- 16/119 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Verdon that the information be received and noted.

OVERDUE DEBTORS JUNE 2016

- 16/120 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Kendall that the following report on overdue debtors for the period ended 30th June 2016 be received and noted.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- 16/121 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Kendall that Council's December Council Meeting be held on Friday 9th December 2016 commencing at 2.00 pm.

MINUTES AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

- 16/122 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Braid that Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 25th July 2016.

EXTENSION OF TERM OF APPOINTMENT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

- 16/123 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Verdon that Council extend the term of the two community members of the Audit and Risk Committee until March 2017.

MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATOR OF FEDERATION COUNCIL

- 16/124 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Poynter that the report of the General Manager be received and noted.

HIGH SECURITY WATER LICENSE

- 16/125 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Verdon and Kendall that the report “High Security Water License”, 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.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW – GENERAL MANAGER

- 16/126 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Verdon and Kendall that the Council consider the Chairman’s Report “Performance Review – General Manager” whilst the meeting is closed to the public as it relating to personnel matters about an individual, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

- 16/127 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Braid and Meyer OAM that the report of the General Manager be received and noted.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

- 16/128 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Poynter and Verdon that the report of the General Manager be received and noted.

PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT AT RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL

- 16/129 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Kendall and Poynter that the Report of the General Manager be received and noted.

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION – LOCKHART BOWLING CLUB

- 16/130 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Verdon and Kendall that Riverina Water County Council make a contribution towards the cost of a defibrillator at the Lockhart Bowling Club of \$500.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – THE QUINTY MENS SHED

- 16/131 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Braid and Kendall that Council sponsor the Quilty Men’s Shed in the amount of \$4,063 in the form of a water connection to 80 Connorton Street, Uranquinty.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB

- 16/132 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Meyer OAM that Council contribute \$5,000 towards the cost of new water connection of the Wagga Wagga Country Club.

DRAFT POLICY 1.10 COUNCILLOR'S EXPENSES AND FACILITIES

- 16/133 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Meyer OAM that Draft Policy 1.10 Councillor's Expenses and Facilities be adopted.

DRAFT POLICY 3.1 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 16/134 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Poynter that the Riverina Water County Council adopt Draft Policy 3.1 Asset Management.

POLICY 1.14 – FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION

- 16/135 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Kendall that Riverina Water County Council adopt draft Policy 1.14 Fraud and Corruption Prevention.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

- 16/136 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Braid that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2016

- 16/137 RESOLVED on the motion Clrs. Braid and Kendall that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of June 2016 received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JULY 2016

- 16/138 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Verdon that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of July 2016 be received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS FOR 2015/2016

- 16/139 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Verdon that the Director of Engineering's report covering 2015/2016 annual statistics be accepted and the contents noted.

CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

16/140 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Braid that:

- a) Council note the report, and
- b) As a community leader, Council develop a policy on best practice training of field staff to assist our community contain the spread of noxious and invasive weeds.

CONTESTABILITY OF CAPITAL WORKS

16/141 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Verdon that:

- a) Council endorse the implementation of the six recommendations of the independent review of capital works at RWCC Sheet, and
- b) A further report be provided in 12 months on the contestability of new works.

Clr. Funnell entered meeting at 11.25 am.

CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

16/142 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Funnell that Council receive and note this report.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

16/143 Clr. Meyer OAM: Advised that he has returned Council's iPad.

16/144 Clr. Kendall: Thanked Council for last 4 years, it has been a pleasure since RWCC is a good organisation to be involved with. Will continue to look at potential dividend payments next term, if he is re-elected.

16/145 Clr. Poynter: Echoed Clr. Kendall's comments.

16/146 Clr. Funnell: Apologised for his lateness. Appreciative of his time at Riverina Water.

16/147 Clr. Braid: Thanked Council for accepting her for last 2 meetings, very enjoyable. Thanked staff for wonderful work, pleasure to have work like this put before you. Pass on to staff concerned.

16/148 Mr. Kreutzberger: Advised that he may be back, not sure in which capacity, at next Meeting.

16/149 Clr. Verdon: Advised that he has been re-elected and requested that he would like a review of water delivery in The Rock relating to water pressure issues. Requested in be put on Agenda for first 3-4 months of

new Council. Endorsed other Councillor's remarks. Comradery among Councillors has been very good. Wished Chairman all the best in his retirement, and success for other councillors in upcoming election. Has been a great 4 years, completing the capital works program has been a great achievement.

- 16/150 Clr. Meyer OAM: Paid tribute to Clr. McInerney's long service with Riverina Water County Council.
- 16/151 Chairperson: Comments around table reflect on good organisation that Riverina Water is. Enjoyed this job, retiring from local government office. Has good memories. Huge development going on within the Riverina Water area. All brought about by management and staff. Thank you for supporting him and this, his last official meeting.
- 16/152 General Manager: Thanked Council for courtesy to staff and each other. The focus has always been on clean water to customers. Discussion yesterday official position of Chairperson after election on 9th September 2016. Chairperson is still Chairperson until new Chairperson is elected, unless advised otherwise by Local Government Minister.
- 16/153 Director of Engineering: Thanked Council for inviting me into Council 2/3 years ago. Thanked staff taking my initiatives on board and run with them, with results showing. Congratulations to staff.
- 16/154 General Manager: Advised of long term staff member Darryl Grosvenor (Ganger) retiring on 25th August 2016.
- 16/155 Clr. Hiscock: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 26th October 2016.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

- 16/156 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Funnell and Braid that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 12.20 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.

16/157 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Funnell and Braid 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.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW – GENERAL MANAGER

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(a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),

16/158 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Poynter that the report be received and adopted.

HIGH SECURITY WATER LICENSE

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 c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

16/159 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Funnell and Poynter that Riverina Water County Council retain the ownership of its high security water license.

16/160 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Poynter and Funnell that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

DECISIONS READ ALOUD

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

The Meeting concluded at 12.30 pm
