

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL 2016 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. K. Poynter and Clr. G Verdon.

The General Manager and Director of Engineering.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

16/40 Chairperson Clr. Hiscock read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

16/41 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

16/42 The Minutes of the Meeting of 24th February 2016 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Meyer OAM.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars 8/16 – 16/16.

16/43 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Meyer OAM that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

16/44 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Funnell that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of February and March 2016 be received.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

- 16/45 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Kreutzberger that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31st March 2016 be received and noted.
- 16/46 AMENDED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Funnell that General Manager provide an updated report to next Council Meeting.

OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- 16/47 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Funnell that the report detailing progress as at 31st March 2016, achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2015/2016 Operational Plan be noted and received.

Suspension of standing orders by Clrs. Kendall and Funnell.

Resumed Standing Orders by Clrs. Poynter and McInerney.

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2016/17 – 2019/20 AND DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2016/17

- 16/48 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Verdon 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, with no increase in charges.

LOST TIME INJURY STATISTICS 2015/16

- 16/49 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and McInerney that the quarterly statistics report on Lost Time Injuries for the 12 months ended March 2016 be received and noted and that Council commend all staff on this result, showing that our workplace is a safe workplace.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- 16/50 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and McInerney that:
- a) Council be represented the Local Government NSW 2016 Annual Conference;
 - b) Council delegate be the Chairman and the General Manager (observer);
 - c) Approve the attendance of up to 2 other councillors as observers;
 - d) Council determine motions that it believes are of concern and should be discussed at the Conference.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW - 2016 WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

- 16/51 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and McInerney that:
- a) Council be represented at the Local Government New South Wales 2016 Water Management Conference,
 - b) the Chairman or his nominee attend as a delegate,
 - c) nominations of other Councillors to attend be called, and
 - d) the General Manager and Director of Engineering or their nominees attend as observers

Nominations received from Clrs. McInerney and Verdon to attend.

Clr. Funnell left meeting 10.30 am.

EEO MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 16/52 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Kendall that Riverina Water County Council adopt the Revised EEO Management Plan 2016/2019

POLICY 1.25 SPONSORSHIP

- 16/53 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Poynter that Riverina Water County Council adopt Policy 1.25 Sponsorship.

TENDER W.208 FOR PURCHASE OF BACKHOE/LOADER

- 16/54 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report "Tender W.208 for Purchase of Backhoe/Loader", 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.207 FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER METER ELECTRONIC READING EQUIPMENT

- 16/55 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. Kreutzberger and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report "Tender W.207 for the purchase of Water Meter Electronic Reading Equipment", 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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

- 16/56 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. Poynter and Kendall that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2016

- 16/57 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. Kendall and Meyer OAM that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of February 2016 received and noted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2016

- 16/58 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. Meyer OAM and Verdon that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of February 2016 be received and noted.

CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

- 16/59 RESOLVED on the motion of Cllrs. Poynter and McInerney that Council receive and note this report.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 16/60 Clr. McInerney: Asked when the southern part of Holbrook is due for mains replacement, could it be bought forward? There appears to be poor water pressure.

Director of Engineering: Will look into it.

- 16/61 Clr. Meyer OAM: Asked if approval has been received for work to proceed on the Henty Railway Crossing works.

Director of Engineering: Will enquire and advise.

16/62 Clr. Verdon: Draft Operational Plan, details very generic, no specific details on projects.

Director of Engineering: In Capital Works Program detail on specific mains or reservoirs not identified. Proposed subdivision at The Rock included in Strategic Plan, based on number of lots.

16/63 Clr. Hiscock: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 22nd June 2016.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

16/64 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Kendall and Meyer OAM that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 11.00 am

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.

16/65 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Kendall 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.208 FOR PURCHASE OF BACKHOE / LOADER

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.

16/66 RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllrs. McInerney and Kendall that Council not accept any of the tenders, and that replacement be deferred to 2016/2017 financial year.

**TENDER W.207 FOR PURCHASE OF WATER METER
ELECTRONIC READING EQUIPMENT**

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.

16/67 RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllrs. Verdon and McInerney that Council:

- not accept any of the tenders;
- Reduce the scope of the proposed trial area;
- Call for fresh tenders of the new area in the 2016/17 financial year; and
- Defer funding for the trial to the 2016/17 financial year.

16/68 RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllrs. Poynter and Kendall 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 11.34 am
