

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,  
held at FEDERATION COUNCIL, URANA OFFICE, 30-32 WILLIAM STREET,  
URANA, on WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 at 11.30 am**

**PRESENT:** Clr. Y. Braid, Clr. G. Conkey, Clr. D. Meyer OAM, Clr. T. Quinn  
and Clr. G. Verdon.

The Acting General Manager, Corporate Services Manager and  
Manager Projects, were in attendance.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

17/46 Chairperson Clr. Verdon read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

17/47 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Clrs. Funnell, Keenan,  
Kreutzberger, Koschel and Mr Mike Eden and a leave of absence was  
GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Quinn.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

17/48 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

17/49 Clr. Conkey declared Pecuniary Interest in the Nash Bros matter item  
15/170 of the Council Resolution Sheet.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

17/50 The Minutes of the Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 having been circulated  
and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the  
motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars  
07/17 – 14/17.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (7 March 2017) forwarding  
Minutes of the Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 28 February  
2017.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: (19 April 2017) forwarding  
Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held 12 April  
2017.

17/51 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Braid and Meyer OAM that the  
correspondence be received.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

- 17/52 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Meyer OAM that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of February 2017 and March 2017 be received.

### **QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017**

- 17/53 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Braid that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 be received and adopted.

### **OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

- 17/54 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey and Quinn that the report detailing progress as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2016/2017 Operational Plan be noted and received.

### **DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017/18 – 2020/21 AND DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017/18**

- 17/55 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Conkey 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.

### **MINUTES AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2017**

- 17/56 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey and Braid that Council receive and note the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 27 February 2017 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

### **LOST TIME INJURY STATISTICS**

- 17/57 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Meyer OAM that the quarterly statistics report on Lost Time Injuries for the 12 months ended March 2017 be received and noted.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW – 2017 WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

17/58 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Conkey that:

- a) Council be represented at the Local Government New South Wales 2017 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

Clr. Funnell to attend as Chairman's nominee if available.

Nominations received from Clrs. Braid and Quinn to attend.

### **ANNUAL RESIDENTS SURVEY**

17/59 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that the General Manager's report into the 2017 Riverina Water County Council residents survey been received and noted.

Congratulations on good comments to be passed onto staff.

### **POLICY 4.3 WORK HEALTH & SAFETY**

17/60 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Conkey that Riverina Water County Council adopt Policy 4.3 Work Health & Safety.

### **DRAFT POLICY 1.28 RELATED DISCLOSURE POLICY**

17/61 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer and Quinn that Riverina Water County Council adopt Draft Policy 1.28 Related Disclosure Policy.

### **REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN TARIFF – ORIGIN ENERGY URANQUINTY POWER STATION**

17/62 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer and Braid that Riverina Water County Council change the tariff applicable to Origin Energy's Uranquinty Power Station from Commercial to Industrial, conditional on the site consuming the minimum 3,000KL per month required by the Industrial tariff over the next 12 month period.

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE INCORPORATION OF GHSC WATER FUNCTION INTO RWCC**

- 17/63 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Conkey and Quinn that Council endorse the commitment to further investigate the option of incorporating all or part of GHSC's water operations into RWCC's operations, with the cooperation of GHSC.

**CORRECTION OF TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE GENERAL MANAGER**

- 17/64 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that the Council consider the Chairperson's Report "Correction Of Total Remuneration Package 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.

**TENDER W192 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 5ML RESERVOIR AT DUNNS ROAD, WAGGA WAGGA**

- 17/65 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that Council consider the report "Tender W192 for the Construction of 5ML Reservoir at Dunns Road, Wagga Wagga", 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.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET**

- 17/66 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet.

Acting General Manager advised item on Nash Bros to be discussed in Confidential Section.

**DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017**

- 17/67 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Conkey and Braid that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of February 2017 be received and noted.

**DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2017**

- 17/68 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Conkey and Braid that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of March 2017 be received and noted.

## **ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT AND COST IMPLICATIONS**

17/69 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey and Quinn this information be received and noted.

## **CONTRACT W195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) PROGRESS REPORT**

17/70 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Conkey that the Council consider the Director of Engineering's Report "Contract W195 – Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Progress Report" whilst the meeting is closed to the public as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993.

## **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

17/71 Clr. Meyer OAM: Recent media statement issue on asbestos (Mr. Fluffy). In Holbrook 34 homes to be demolished. GHSC concerned losing homes to Wagga, mostly retired, pensioners. Homes valued ½ value. Government assistance would make it easier for senior to people to rebuild?. Asking if RWCC would assist by wiping disconnection/reconnection fee?

Chairperson: Report back to Council June Meeting, worthy of consideration.

17/72 Clr. Quinn: How long will the GHSC/RWCC proposal take?

Acting General Manager: 12 month investigation work, 4 senior staff members going through it, time required to do investigation.

Chairperson: Even if RWCC gives the go ahead in June – not in our budget for 2017/18.

Acting General Manager: Not just a resource issue, but a timing issue. All boxes need to be ticked before we can proceed.

17/73 Clr. Conkey: Connection figures don't match WWCC's figures. Could Acting General Manager supply RWCC connection figures for last 10 years?

17/74 Clr. Conkey: RWCC has allowed WWCC to use Shephard's Siding standpipe which causes pressure problems for residents.

Acting General Manager took question on notice.

17/75 Chairperson: Thanked Federation Council, Urana Shire for making premises available and Kerrie for organising staff. Greatly appreciated.

17/76 Clr. Verdon: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## **RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL**

17/77 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Conkey that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 1.15 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.

17/78 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Conkey:

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.

## **CORRECTION OF TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE GENERAL MANAGER**

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

Personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

17/79 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Conkey be received and that, due to an error in the report to Council on 22 February 2017, it be noted that the total remuneration package of the General Manager should have been increased to \$211,447.25 commencing 17 January 2017.

**TENDER W192 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 5ML RESERVOIR  
AT DUNNS ROAD, WAGGA WAGGA**

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

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

17/80 RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllrs. Quinn and Meyer OAM that Council:

- i) Accept the APS tender for Tender W192 – Construction of One 5ML Reservoir, Lot 11 DP 1054410, Dunns Road, Wagga Wagga for \$1,379,055.00 ex GST.
- ii) Amend the 2017/2018 draft Capital Works budget to include the additional \$580,000 to complete the Shires Reservoir project.

**NASH BROS. UPDATE**

Acting General Manager gave a verbal update on Nash Bros. settlement.

**OPEN COUNCIL**

17/81 RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn 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.

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The Meeting concluded at 1.20 pm

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