

Minutes of the Meeting of Riverina Water County Council held on Thursday 23 February 2023

The meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board was declared open at 9:31am.

Present

Chairperson Tim Koschel
Councillor Doug Meyer OAM
Councillor Pat Bourke
Councillor Tony Quinn
Councillor Dan Hayes
Councillor Gail Driscoll
Councillor Michael Henderson
Councillor Jenny McKinnon

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer	(Andrew Crakanthorp)
Director Corporate Services	(Emily Tonacia)
Acting Director Engineering	(Jason Ip)
Customer & Communications Team Leader	(Joshua Lang)
Governance Officer	(Wendy Reichelt)
ICT Officer	(Alan Eacott)
ICT Officer	(Alex Corneliusen)
Manager Finance & Sourcing	(Natasha Harris)

Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

Livestreaming of Meeting

Board meetings, including public address speeches, are recorded and webcast live on Council's website. If you are addressing a meeting, your image, voice and name, will form part of the webcast.

Apologies

23/001 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and JM McKinnon

That apologies for non-attendance be received from Councillor Georgie Davies

CARRIED

Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Chairperson Tim Koschel declared a non-pecuniary interest in R1 List of Investments the reason being he works for a financial institution and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Chairperson Tim Koschel declared a non-pecuniary interest in R12 Request for sponsorship: Wagga Wagga Takes 2 , the reason being he is a board member for Ronald McDonald House in Wagga Wagga and he left the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor Michael Henderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Conf 3 as he is a councillor for Wagga Wagga City Council which is referred to in the report and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor Dan Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in Conf 3 as he is a councillor for Wagga Wagga City Council which is referred to in the report and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor Jenny McKinnon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Conf 3 as she is a councillor for Wagga Wagga City Council which is referred to in the report and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Chairperson Tim Koschel declared a non-pecuniary interest in Conf 3 in that a family member is associated with an organisation mentioned in the report and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Confirmation of Minutes

23/002 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and T Quinn

That the minutes of the meeting of 14 December 2022, having been circulated and read by Members, were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Local Government: NSW Weekly Circulars: previously forwarded to Councillors by Constituent Councils

Staff Consultative Committee: Forwarding a copy of Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2022

Work Health & Safety Committee: Forwarding a copy of meeting minutes held on 15 December 2022

23/003 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and J McKinnon

That the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

Procedural Motion – En Globo

23/004 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and M Henderson

That the standing orders be varied for the meeting as set out hereunder:

- **Items where the Board Members intend to vote against the recommendation;**
- **Items where the Board Members wish to speak on**

CARRIED

23/005 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and J McKinnon

That R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R9, R10, R11, R14, R17, R18 be adopted as recommended in the business paper.

CARRIED

Open Reports

R1 List of Investments

23/006 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors M Henderson and G Driscoll

That Council receive and note the report detailing external investments for the months of December 2022 and January 2023.

CARRIED

Councillor Pat Bourke entered the meeting the time being 9:51am

R2 December 2022 Quarterly Budget Review Statement

23/007 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Driscoll and D Hayes

That Council that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 December 2022 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

R3 Rural Substract Meters Policy

23/008 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and J McKinnon

That Council adopt the Rural Substract Meters Policy 2.04

CARRIED

R4 Pesticide Use Notification Plan

23/009 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and J McKinnon

That Council adopt the Pesticide Use Notification Plan

CARRIED

R5 Investments Policy

23/010 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and J McKinnon

That Council adopt the Investments Policy noting that the policy is now numbered as Policy 4.10

CARRIED

R6 Fluoridation Policy

23/011 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a) review Fluoridation Policy 2.05.
- b) note that the Fluoridation Policy will be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and
- c) note that a further report will be presented to the April 2023 Board meeting, considering any feedback from the public exhibition period, and seeking endorsement of the policy.

CARRIED

R7 Fraud & Corruption Prevention and Control Policy

23/012 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and JM McKinnon

That Council adopt Fraud & Corruption Prevention and Control Policy 1.14

CARRIED

R8 Deferred Payments for Rural Extensions Policy

23/013 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and D Hayes

That Council:

- a) Note the review of the Deferred Payments for Rural Extensions policy.
- b) Note that this policy will be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for any public comment inclusive of the suggested changes as discussed during the meeting.
- c) Note that the Deferred Payments for Rural Extensions policy will be presented to the April 2023 Board meeting for adoption, considering any public comments that may have been made during the exhibition period.

CARRIED

R9 Asset Disposal Policy

23/014 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and JM McKinnon

That Council adopt Asset Disposal Policy 4.02

CARRIED

R10 Procurement Policy

23/015

RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and JM McKinnon

That Council adopt Procurement Policy 4.20

CARRIED

R11 Asset and Infrastructure Naming Policy

23/016

RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and JM McKinnon

That Council adopts the Asset and Infrastructure Naming Policy.

CARRIED

As Chairperson Tim Koschel had declared a non-pecuniary interest in R12 he left the meeting at 10:09am and Councillor Doug Meyer took the Chair to discuss R12.

R12 Request for sponsorship: Wagga Wagga Takes 2

23/017

RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and J McKinnon

That Council sponsor the 2023 Wagga Wagga Takes 2 event by way of sponsoring the "Golden Buzzer" award in the amount of \$9,000.

CARRIED

Chairperson Tim Koschel re- entered room at 10:13 and took the role of Chair

R13 2022-23 Operational Plan progress report toward Delivery Program 2022-2026

23/018

RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Driscoll and D Meyer OAM

That Council note the progress report from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 for the Operational Plan, which constitutes Year 1 of the 2022-2026 Delivery Program.

CARRIED

R14 Lost Time Injury Statistics July 2022 - January 2023

23/019 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and JM McKinnon

That Council receive and note the statistics report for Lost Time Injuries for the period July 2022 to January 2023.

CARRIED

R15 Local Government New South Wales - 2023 Water Management Conference

23/020 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Driscoll and J McKinnon

That

- a) Riverina Water be represented at the Local Government New South Wales 2023 Water Management Conference**
- b) The Deputy Chairman or his nominee attend as a voting delegate**
- c) Nominations of other Board Members to attend be called**
- d) The Chief Executive Officer and Manager Operations or their nominees attend as observers**

CARRIED

R15 Board member attendance at Local Government NSW - 2023 Water Management Conference

23/021 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and J McKinnon

That Councillors Quinn, Driscoll and Henderson represent the Board at the Local Government NSW 2023 Water Management Conference

CARRIED

R16 Works Report covering December 2022

23/022 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and G Driscoll

That the Works Report covering December 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED

R17 Works Report covering January 2023

23/023

RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and JM McKinnon

That the Works Report covering January 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED

R18 Council Resolution Sheet

23/024

RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and J McKinnon

That the report detailing the status of the active resolutions of Riverina Water be received.

CARRIED

Questions and statements

The following questions and statements were made by those present:

1. Councillor Tony Quinn noted the changes in revenue for last 5 years.
2. Councillor Pat Bourke - Rand water pressure issues – requested investigation.
3. Chairperson Tim Koschel presented the CEO, Andrew Crakanthorp with his 5 year service award at Riverina Water.

Closed Council

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.

23/025 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and G Driscoll

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 10:37am.

CARRIED

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the CEO, 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.

Confidential Reports

Greg Vidler, Manager Projects entered the room at 10:40am to take any questions relating to CONF-1.

CONF-1 Raw Water Pump Contract W291

23/026 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and M Henderson

That the Board:

- a) Award contract W291 to Ingeteam Australia Pty Ltd (Indar).**
- b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract with Ingeteam Australia Pty Ltd (Indar) for the supply of three (3) Submersible Motor Type Turbine Pumps (pump sets) for the Raw Water Pumping System at the Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant (WTP) as outlined in the body of this report and not exceeding \$650,000 ex GST.**
- c) Authorise the affixing of Riverina Water's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required.**

CARRIED

Greg Vidler left the meeting the time being 10:43am

CONF-2 Audit Risk & Improvement Committee membership

23/027 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and D Meyer OAM

That Council:

- a) **Appoint Mr Bryce McNair as the Chair of the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**
- b) **Write to the departing Chair, Mr David Maxwell, thanking him for his time as member and Chair of the Committee**
- c) **Note that an expression of interest will be advertised for an independent member of the ARIC to ensure the Committee continues to have three independent members from July 2023**
- d) **Appoint a board member to be a non-voting member of the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee until the end of the current Board term**

CARRIED

CONF-2 Appointment of non-voting Board member to the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee

23/028 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and J McKinnon

That Councillor Georgie Davies be appointed as the non-voting Board member to the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee and Councillor Michael Henderson as the alternate

CARRIED

CONF-3 Meter Reading Matter

23/029 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and T Quinn

That Council receive and note the report and endorse the proposed actions as outlined in the report.

CARRIED

Reversion to Open Council

23/030 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and T Quinn

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 11:20am.

CARRIED

Decisions Read Aloud

The Chief Executive Officer read aloud the decisions of the Council made whilst the meeting was closed to the public.

This concluded the meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board which rose at 11.22am