

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,**  
**held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,**  
**on WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2010 at 1.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Clr. R. Kendall (Chairperson), Clr. A. Brown, Clr. W. Geale OAM, Clr. R. Goodlass, Clr. I. Kreutzberger, Clr. J. McInerney, Clr. J. Ross, Clr. L. Vidler and Clr. Yates.

The General Manager and Director of Engineering were in attendance.

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

10/57 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

10/58 The Minutes of the Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Geale.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW: forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 10/16 – 10/23.

KAY HULL MP: (29<sup>th</sup> April 2010) thanking Council for card on the announcement of her retirement.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: (21<sup>st</sup> May 2010) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS: (25<sup>th</sup> May, 2010) forwarding copy of Minutes of Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC: (3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2010) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010.

10/59 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Brown that the correspondence be received.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **DETERMINATION OF REMUNERATION FEES FOR COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON 2010/2011**

10/60 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Goodlass that the fees for 2010/2011 be set at:

- (i) Councillor's \$4,790, and
- (ii) Additional fee for Chairperson be \$7,870.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

10/61 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Ross that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of April and May 2010 be received.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS TO DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2010/2011**

10/62 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and McInerney and that the information be received.

### **ADOPTION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN 2010/2011**

10/63 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Goodlass that the Draft Operational Plan, as exhibited to the public, be adopted as Council's Operational Plan for 2010/2011.

### **SETTING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2010/2011**

10/64 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreuzberger and Vidler that the Rates and Charges be set for 2010/2011 as outlined in the Management Plan for 2010/2011.

### **ENTERPRISE AWARD**

10/65 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs Vidler and Ross that:

- (i) Council agrees to enter into an Enterprise Award for a period of three (3) years with wage increases linked to commitment to productivity improvement based on Council's Operational Plan at 4% effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010, 3.5% effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 and 3.5% effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012; and
- (ii) Council's Seal be affixed to the relevant documents.

Clr. Goodlass voted against motion

## **2008/09 NSW PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT**

10/66 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Vidler that:

i) the information be received.

10/67 Council RESOLVED to recommitment of motion on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Yates that:

ii) the information be received, and

iii) Council write to all constituent councils advising of:

(a) Riverina Water's Performance, and

(b) offer the availability for the General Manager to make a presentation to their Council on Council's performance

Recommitment of motion carried.

## **PIPES WAGGA WAGGA 2010 CONFERENCE**

10/68 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Geale that:

(i) Council be represented at the Pipes Wagga Wagga 2010 Conference;

(ii) the Chairman or his nominee attend; and

(iii) nominations of other delegates to attend be called at August meeting.

## **WORKSHOP ON PREPARATION OF ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN**

10/69 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Goodlass and Geale that Council hold a workshop on the annual Operational Plan prior to the February Council Meeting.

## **AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

10/70 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and Kreutzberger that Council's August Meeting be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 commencing at 10.00 am at the Urana Shire Council Chambers to coincide with the Official Opening of the Colombo Creek – Urana pipeline.

## **PERFORMANCE REVIEW – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING**

10/71 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates that the information be received.

## **GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT**

- 10/72 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Brown and Goodlass that:
- (i) recruitment committee consisting of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, another Councillor and General Manager be endorsed;
  - (ii) nominations from councillors to be on recruitment committee; and
  - (iii) appointment of the General Manager be authorised to the recruitment committee subject to endorsement by Council.

- 10/73 Council RESOLVED to a recommitment of motion on the motion of Ctrs. Geale and Brown.
- (i) recruitment committee consisting of four Councillors and General Manager be endorsed;
  - (ii) nominations from councillors to be on recruitment committee; and
  - (iii) appointment of the General Manager be authorised to the recruitment committee subject to endorsement by Council.

Ctrs. Kendall, McInerney, Vidler & Yates were duly elected to the recruitment committee on the motion of Ctrs. Ross and Geale.

Recommitment motion was carried.

## **SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010**

- 10/74 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Yates and Geale that the report on the Shires Association of NSW Annual Conference 2010 be accepted.

## **ONE ASSOCIATION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW SPECIAL CONVENTION**

- 10/75 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Ross and Geale that:
- (i) Council be represented at the One Association - Local Government Special Convention to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2010,
  - (ii) Chairperson and General Manager or their nominees attend as Council's delegates, and
  - (iii) General Manager to distribute to Councillors information provided by the association on the convention.

**DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2010**

10/76 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Brown that the Director of Engineering's report for the month of April 2010 be accepted and the contents noted.

**DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY 2010**

10/77 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Geale that the Director of Engineering's report for the month of May 2010 be accepted and the contents noted.

**DEMAND MANAGEMENT**

10/78 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Yates that the report on demand management and a rebate scheme focusing on lawn replacement on residential nature strips be received and noted.

**DEFERRED PAYMENT FOR RURAL MAINS EXTENSIONS**

10/79 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Kreutzberger that the proposed terms for payment of mains extensions be considered as the basis for new policies or guidelines.

10/80 AMENDMENT MOVED Clr. Yates and SECONDED Clr. McInerney for consideration in the new policy/guidelines be:

- Deferred payments to include extension costs and headworks charge, but not connection fee.
- Payments less than \$10,000 be paid up front.
- Payments \$10,000 to \$15,000 paid within 2 years.
- Payments \$15,000 to \$25,000 paid within 3 years.
- Payments \$25,000 to \$35,000 paid within 4 years.
- Payments over \$35,000 paid within 5 years.
- No cap on payment figure, but negotiated with managers.
- Only applies to lots over 20 hectares.

Amendment was carried, and became the motion.

**PIPE TENDERS**

10/81 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and McInerney that that due to substantial changes in requirements, no offer be accepted from the tenders for 1500m of 600mm diameter pipe.

## QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

10/82      Clr. Goodlass: I believe Council has an Environmental Officer, could I have a copy of the job description, and what does the position entail?

Chairperson: Yes

10/83      Clr. Goodlass: Consider having a vote to Country at our meeting.

10/84      Clr. Goodlass: Could Council consider contacting the RTA for a footpath on this side of Marshall's Creek.

General Manager: We have had Staff Committee's representative Clr. Vidler, on numerous occasions, make application to RTA for a footbridge. Will take on board and follow up with correspondence.

Clr. Vidler: Have fought for a footbridge for over 20 years, it is a federally funded highway, was informed that when they complete roadworks on the Narrandera side, they will look at this end, but nothing to date.

10/85      Clr. Vidler: I congratulate Management and Staff on the Performance Monitoring Report. (Supported unanimously by all Councillors).

10/86      Chairperson: 2 long serving employees will retire soon, Pat Davis with 43 years employment on 13<sup>th</sup> July and Graeme Geaghan with 40 years employment on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

General Manager: A Morning Tea for Graeme Geaghan will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, all welcome and Pat Davis handed in his retirement notice today, will notify of date for morning tea.

10/87      Chairperson: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

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The Meeting concluded at 3.03 pm

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