

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,**  
**held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,**  
**on WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL 2011 at 1.30 pm**

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

The General Manager, Director of Engineering and Finance Admin Manager were in attendance.

11/25 Apology for non-attendance was received from Clr. W. Geale OAM and leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Ross.

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

11/26 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

11/27 The Minutes of the Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being read, and were CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Goodlass.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW: forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 06/11 – 15/11.

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION: Forwarding a copy of their Draft Report into Australia's Urban Water Sector.

11/28 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Yates that the correspondence be received.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- 11/29 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Kreutzberger that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of February and March 2011 be received.

### **QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2011**

- 11/30 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Yates that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 be received.

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

- 11/31 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Brown that the report detailing the progress achieved towards the various objectives set out in the 2010/2011 Operational Plan be noted and received.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW – 2011 WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

- 11/32 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Kreutzberger that:
- (a) Council be represented at the Local Government & Shires Association 2011 Water Management Conference,
  - (b) The Chairperson or his nominee attend as a delegate,
  - (c) Nominations of other delegates to attend be called, and
  - (d) The General Manager and Director of Engineering or their nominees attend as observers;

Nominations from other Councillors to attend where called, Clr. Yates nominated by Clr. Kreutzberger. Clr. Yates accepted to attend as an observer.

### **SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW – “G” DIVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

- 11/33 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Goodlass that the information be received and noted.

## **DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2011/2012**

- 11/34 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Yates that in accordance with Section 405, Local Government Act, 1993 the draft Operational Plan to be placed on public exhibition; and, that it be on display at the Administrative Headquarters, Hammond Avenue, Wagga Wagga.

## **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST) – COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 11/35 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Brown that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be authorised to sign the Certificate of Compliance with Goods and Services Tax requirements.

## **PURCHASE OF iPADS FOR USE BY COUNCILLORS**

- 11/36 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Goodlass that the provision of \$10,000 be made in Council's draft Operational Plan (2011/12) for the supply of an iPad for use by each councillor

## **DRAFT POLICY FOR PLANT PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL**

- 11/37 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and McInerney that Council adopt the Draft Policy for Plant Purchase and Disposal.

## **DRAFT POLICY FOR THE USE OF CORPORATE CREDIT CARDS**

- 11/38 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and Vidler that Council adopt the draft corporate card policy, as submitted.

## **DRAFT POLICY FOR THE INVESTMENT OF COUNCIL FUNDS**

- 11/39 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Goodlass that Council adopt the draft investments policy, as submitted.

## **MANAGEMENT LETTER, INTERIM AUDIT 2011**

- 11/40 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Kreuzberger that the Interim Management Letter from Council's auditors be received and noted.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

Moved by Clrs. Vidler and Brown that Council appoint a performance review panel comprising the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and at least one other councillor.

11/41 An Amendment, moved by Clrs. McInerney and Ross, that Council appoint a performance review panel comprising the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, one other councillor nominated by Council and one nominated by the General Manager was CARRIED and became the Motion.

An Amendment, moved by Clrs. Yates and Brown, that Council appoint a performance review panel comprising the Chairman, Deputy Chairman one councillor from the City and one from the rural area was LOST.

Clrs Brown and McInerney were nominated as the additional panel members for the term of the current council.

## **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORTS**

### **WORKS REPORT COVERING FEBRUARY 2011**

11/42 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Kreuzberger that the Works Report Covering February 2011 be received and noted.

### **WORKS REPORT COVERING MARCH 2011**

11/42 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Yates that the Works Report Covering march 2011 be received and noted.

### **TENDER W150 – REPLACEMENT OF BACKHOE LOADER**

11/43 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Brown that the offer from Great Southern Motors/CEA for a JCB 3CX ECO APC Backhoe/Loader at a cost of \$161,608.91 excluding GST be accepted as the best value offer for Council.

### **RESIDENTIAL NATURE STRIP LAWN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

11/44 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and Brown that the report on the Residential Nature Strip Lawn Replacement program be received and noted.

## **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

- 11/45      Clr Ross: Asked about the effect on Riverina Water County Council of the proposed carbon tax?
- General Manager: Advised that the main effect on the budget of Riverina Water County Council would be increases in electricity costs and increased cost of fuel for Council's Plant Fleet. The Council is trying to offset these by use of diesel vehicles and is investigating the use of solar panels.
- 11/46      Clr Goodlass: Asked if Council could investigate the use of photoelectric cells on the administration building and also in open space controlled by Council?
- 11/47      Clr Yates: Asked about how far along Council is with the standpipe replacement program?
- Director of Engineering: Advised that this is a continuing programme with three standpipes to be replaced between now and the end of the financial year.
- 11/48      Clr Yates: Asked for a report on Council's position with respect to subtract meters? Specifically asked how many of these are still in operation.
- 11/49      Clr Vidler: Advised meeting that former Clr Harold Fife had passed away this morning.
- 11/50      Chairperson: Meeting will be Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.

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The Meeting concluded at 3.35 pm

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