

MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY 2011 at 1.35 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. P. Yates.

The General Manager, Director of Engineering and Mr Gerry Holmes of Holmes and Reynolds Pty Ltd were in attendance.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

11/01 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

11/02 The Minutes of the Meeting of 10th December 2010 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Brown.

REPORT FROM MR GERRY HOLMES OF HOLMES & REYNOLDS PTY LTD

11/03 Resolved on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Goodlass that Council consider the report from Mr Gerry Holmes of Holmes and Reynolds Pty Ltd while the meeting is closed to the public as it relates to personnel matters of an individual being confidential information as prescribed by Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

11/04 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Goodlass that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 1.40 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.

- 11/05 Resolved on the motion of Ctrs. Brown and Goodlass
1. That 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. That 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.

REPORT OF MR GERRY HOLMES OF HOLMES & REYNOLDS PTY LTD

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

- a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councilors).

- 11/06 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Goodlass and Brown that Mr. Holmes' report be received and adopted.

OPEN COUNCIL

- 11/07 Resolved on the motion of Ctrs Kreutzberger and Ross 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW: forwarding a copy of weekly circulars 10/49– 11/05.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (18th January 2011) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 18th January 2011.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: (8th February 2011) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 3rd February 2011.

11/08 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Geale OAM that the correspondence be received.

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

SPECIAL SHIRES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE HELD 23RD FEBRUARY 2011

11/09 MOVED by Clr. Kendall that the information be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - LIST OF INVESTMENTS

11/10 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Brown that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of December 2010 and January 2011 be received.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2010

11/11 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Yates that the Financial Statement be received.

OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS

11/12 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 Management Plan be noted and received.

**REVIEW OF REGIONAL WATER QUALITY AND SECURITY BY
INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA**

- 11/13 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Geale and Goodlass that:
1. The Review of Regional Water Quality and Security report be received and noted,
 2. Council make a submission to Infrastructure Australia advocating the retention and promotion of the County Council model as the most appropriate method of providing water supply services to regional New South Wales, and
 3. Send a copy of the Report to constituent Councils.

SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW – ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- 11/14 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Brown and McInerney that:
- a) Council be represented the Shires Association New South Wales 2011 annual conference;
 - b) Council delegate be the Chairman and the General Manager (observer);
 - c) The Chairman and General Manager be authorised to attend the Local Government Managers Australia annual one-day forum on 30 May 2011; and
 - d) Nomination be invited from any other Councillor to attend as an observer.

- 11/15 Clrs. Brown, McInerney and Vidler nominated to attend as observers unless attending as another Council. Moved Clr. Ross and Seconded Clr. McInerney.

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

- 11/16 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Yates and Geale OAM that the Director of Engineering's works report covering the month of December 2010 be accepted.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2011

11/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Ross and Kreutzberger that Item 2 of the Director of Engineering's works report covering the month of January 2011 be accepted.

PROGRESS OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

11/18 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Brown and Geale OAM that the information be received and noted.

Clrs. Geale OAM and Goodlass left meeting at 3.10 pm

URANA CHANNEL

11/19 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Vidler and Ross that:

1. The information in this report be received,
2. Council extinguish the deed made on 2nd November 1967 and pay legal costs accordingly, and
3. Council endorse raw water service connections cannot be provided from the Colombo Creek – Urana pipeline.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

11/20 Clr. Yates: Asked whether Riverina Water's new Finance Admin Manager could be invited to sit at main table?

General Manager: As long as we don't mind moving over we'll make the Finance Admin Manager comfortable at main table when at meetings.

11/21 Clr. Kreutzberger: Sustainable Basin Program – there's a push to provide water to all farms, would Riverina Water be able to cope?

Clr. Ross: \$100 million in first round.

Chairperson: We will have Director of Engineering investigate funding.

General Manager: Question on notice.

Director of Engineering: Meetings have been in process. Hunter Water currently investigating rural scheme, find out cost, framework etc. Not within our capacity.

General Manager: Money to plan but not to do anything!.

11/22 Chairperson: Thanked Councillors for their indulgence and apologised for the length of meeting.

11/23 General Manger: Question has been raised from staff on why expenditure and income are split into urban and non-urban?

Clr. McInerney: Advised that it is two different areas, keep accounts separate.

General Manager: We will continue with the split.

11/24 General Manager: Considering emailing agenda's and business papers out using Ipads. This would enable faster distribution to councillors and a cost saving to Council. Asked whether it would suit councillors?

Clr. Yates: Requested General Manager speak to constituent councils.

General Manager: Advised he would investigate.

The Meeting concluded at 3.25 pm
