

**MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL,  
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,  
on FRIDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014 at 1.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Clr. P. Funnell, Clr. G Hiscock, I. Kreutzberger, Clr. J. McInerney, Clr. D Meyer OAM, Clr. A. Negline, Clr. K. Poynter & Clr. G Verdon.

The General Manager, Director of Engineering and Phillip Swaffield (Internal Auditor) were in attendance.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

14/157 Chairperson Clr. Hiscock read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

14/158 Apologies for non-attendance was received from M. Curran and Director of Engineering, who may be a little late. Leave of absence was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell.

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

14/159 No declarations of Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary interest received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

14/160 The Minutes of the Meeting of 15th October 2014 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Kreutzberger.

Director of Engineering entered meeting 1.37 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW: forwarding a copy of Weekly Circulars 40/14 – 47/14.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (25 November 2014) forwarding Minutes of Staff Consultative Committee Meeting held 11 November 2014.

14/161 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Verdon and Negline that the correspondence be received.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- 14/162 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Kreutzberger and Verdon that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of October and November 2014 be received.

### **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- 14/163 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell that Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2014 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

### **WORKSHOP OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015/2016**

- 14/164 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Negline that Council hold a Workshop to discuss key aspects of the 2015/2016 Operational Plan, following Council's February Meeting, with the Council Meeting to commence at 1.30 pm in Lockhart.

### **CREATION OF ELECTRICITY EASEMENT – WEST WAGGA AERATION PLANT, MCNICKLE ROAD, WAGGA WAGGA**

- 14/165 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Negline that Council proceed with electricity easement registration at West Wagga Aeration Plant in favour of Essential Energy.

### **ROAD CLOSURE AND REGISTRATION OF EASEMENT**

- 14/166 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Verdon that Council authorise the completion of Section 88B Instrument and other documents relating to the closure of Lot 1 DP adjacent to 55 Cunningdroo Street, Ladysmith, under the Common Seal of Council.

### **WATER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

- 14/167 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Kreutzberger that Council receive and note the report on the Water Education Program.

**INTERNAL POLICY 1.4 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

14/168 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. McInerney and Kreutzberger that Council adopt Internal Policy 1.4 Consultative Committee Constitution.

Clr. Poynter entered meeting 1.45 pm

Director of Engineering passed on Staff Consultative Committee's appreciation to Clr. Poynter for his participation.

**INTERNAL POLICY 3.25 LEAVE**

14/169 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Kreutzberger that Council adopt Internal Policy 3.25 Leave.

**POLICY 1.13 RISK MANAGEMENT**

14/170 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell that Council adopt Policy 1.13 Risk Management.

**POLICY 1.18 RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

14/171 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Kreutzberger that Council adopt Policy 1.18 Records Management.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET**

14/172 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Negline that Council receive and note Council's Resolution Sheet.

**SEASONS GREETINGS**

General Manager advised that he is commencing 2 weeks annual leave on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and Director of Engineering will be Acting General Manager. NOTED

## **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014**

14/173 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs Negline and McInerney that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of October 2014 be received and noted.

Clr. Kendall entered meeting 1.55 pm

## **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2014**

14/174 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Negline and McInerney that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of November 2014 be received and noted.

### **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

14/175 Clr. McInerney: Wished fellow Councillors and staff a happy Christmas.

14/176 Clr. Meyer OAM: Wished same sentiments as Clr. McInerney and thanked staff that fixed broken mains in Henty.

14/177 Clr. Kendall: Apology for lateness, starting time incorrect. Wished best wishes for the season.

Requested electronic copy of 2013/2014 Annual Report and also requested that the General Manager provide a report in February 2015 on:

- The circumstances in which RWCC could pay a dividend to constituent councils,
- The ways of determining the amount of such a dividend, and
- How it could be split up amongst the constituent councils.

14/178 Clr. Poynter: Apology on lateness, discussions on Joint Organisations of Councils – need to discuss early in New Year. Wish all a happy multi-denominational Christmas and New Year.

14/179 Clr. Funnell: Wished all a Merry Christmas.

14/180 Clr. Negline: Asked about RWCC's relationship with developers. Are there any current issues outstanding?

General Manager: Advised that there was an issue with an existing business wanting to relocate. There has been no further information supplied to date.

Director of Engineering: Andrew Crackenthorp and Colby Farmer have helped to short circuit some of problems. Help Riverina Water and Developers understand the issues.

Director of Engineering: Estella Rise progress – seems to be working. Putting Riverina Water inside contractors time frame for completion.

Clr. Funnell: P. Adams of WWCC to liaise with RWCC on developing issues.

Director of Engineering: Need developers speak to us direct.

14/181 Clr. Kretuzberger: Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and New Year

14/182 Clr. Verdon: Asked on progress of alternative water supply for southern side at The Rock.

Council has a resolution sheet as part of Business Paper, suggest Questions be summarised as well.

Congratulations to staff on last 12 months. Wish fellow councillors happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

14/183 Clr. Kendall: Not aware that Councillors get notice of Audit & Risk Committee meetings – suggest being notified in case they wish to attend as an observer.

14/184 Clr. Meyer OAM: Advice of meeting advice should refer to RWCC, not just Council – can't change.

General Manager: Will send out new notice of meetings for next year with RWCC.

14/185 Chairperson: Wished everyone in Riverina Water complex a Merry Christmas

Director of Engineering: We need to discuss Joint Organisations.

Councillors discussed Riverina Water's position on Joint Organisation of Councils.

14/186 Clr. Hiscock: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 25th February 2015 at 1.30 pm at Lockhart followed by 2015/2016 Operational Workshop

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

14/187 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 3.15 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.

14/188 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell that:

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.

## **CONSIDERATION OF TENDER W.191 FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER SUPPLY PRESSURE PIPES**

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:

*2(d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:  
(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

14/189 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Meyer and Negline that:

1. The tender received from Pentair for the supply of 6,300m of Ductile Iron Cement Lined (DACL) pipe for \$982,800 be accepted;
2. The tender received from Vinidex for the supply of 7,500m of Oriented Polyvinyl Chloride (oPVC) for \$185,000 be accepted;
3. \$664,000 be brought forward from the 2015/2016 financial year to fund the 4,500m of DACL pipe required for next year's capital works program.

**PURCHASE OF LAND FOR ALTERNATIVE ACCESS  
TO HAMMOND AVE**

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14/190       RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Kendall and McInerney that:

1) Purchase land bordering Koorungal Road, comprised of:

Part Lot 5, DP 588177  
Part Lot 17, DP 863322  
Part Lot 15, DP 842485

for operational and access requirements in accordance with Section 187 of the Local Government Act 1993.

2) Delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate the land purchase and sign the relevant sale documents.

3) Affix Council's Common Seal to documentation as required.

**PURCHASE OF LAND – NEW SHIRES RESERVOIR**

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14/191       RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell that:

1) Purchase the land for the Shires Reservoir of approximately 6,400 sq metres on Lot 143 DP 754567, Olympic Highway.

2) Delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate the land purchase and establishment of easements for pipeline and access.

3) Affix Council's Common Seal to documents as required.

## **PURCHASE OF LAND – REPLACEMENT COLLINGULLIE RESERVOIR**

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(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

14/192        RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Negline and Funnell that:

- 1) Purchase the land for the replacement Collingullie Reservoir of approximately 800 sq. metres on Lot 2, DP 711266, The Rock/Collingullie Rd.
- 2) Delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate the land purchase and establishment of easements for pipeline and access.
- 3) Affix Council's Common Seal to documents as required.

14/193        RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Poynter and Funnell 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 3.56 pm

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