



MINUTES of the MEETING of RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held at 91 HAMMOND AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA,
on WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER 2018 at 10.30 am

PRESENT: Clr. Y. Braid OAM, Clr. G. Conkey OAM, Clr. P. Funnell, Clr. V. Keenan, Clr. T. Koschel, Clr. D Meyer OAM, Clr. T. Quinn and Clr. G. Verdon.

The General Manager, Director of Engineering, Manager Corporate Services, Secretary and Community Engagement Officer were in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Chairperson Clr. Verdon read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

18/170 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Clr. P. Bourke, and a leave of absence for Clr. P. Bourke was GRANTED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Funnell.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Clr. Conkey declared a non-pecuniary interest in the report reading the Wagga Country Club and advised that he would leave the meeting for the discussion of that item

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

18/171 The Minutes of the Meeting of 17th October 2018 having been circulated and read by the Members, were taken as being CONFIRMED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey and Koschel.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WEEKLY CIRCULARS: previously forwarded to Councillors by Constituent Councils.

STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: (October 2018) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 25th October 2018.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: (November 2018) forwarding a copy of Minutes of Meeting held 21st November 2018.

18/172 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM that the correspondence be received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – LIST OF INVESTMENTS

- 18/173 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Funnell and Keenan that the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of October and November 2018 be received.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 18/174 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Funnell and Koschel that Council receive and note the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 14th November 2018 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

WORKSHOP OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/2020

- 18/175 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Quinn and Funnell that Council hold a workshop to discuss key aspects of the 2019/2020 Operational Plan, following Council's February Meeting.

LOST TIME INJURY STATISTICS 2018/2019

- 18/176 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Conkey OAM and Funnell that the quarterly statistics report on Lost Time Injuries for the 2018/2019 Financial Year to date be received and noted.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2019

- 18/177 RESOLVED on the motion of Ctrs. Keenan and Meyer OAM that Council endorse the schedule of Council meeting dates for 2019 as follows:

Wednesday 27th February
Wednesday 24th April in Holbrook at the Holbrook Library Complex
Wednesday 26th June
Wednesday 21st August
Wednesday 30th October
Wednesday 18th December

Clr. G. Conkey left meeting 10.35 am

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB

- 18/178 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Braid OAM that
1. Council decline the request to provide water at a concessional rate, and
 2. Council offer to enter into a payment plan with the Wagga Wagga Country Club in the event that they begin to source water from Council's water supply network

Clr. G. Conkey returned to the meeting 10.40 am

COMMITTEE4WAGGA 2019 SCHOOL LEADERS PROGRAM

- 18/179 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Conkey OAM that:
- a) Council agree to sponsor the 2019 Wagga School Leaders program in the amount of \$5,000 and increase the sponsorship budget to a total of \$45,000 as part of the December 2018 Quarterly Budget Review, and
 - b) Request the Committee4Wagga to explore the possibility of expanding the program to include all nine high schools in Wagga Wagga as well as high schools in the Riverina Water area.

Clrs. Braid OAM and Funnell voted against this motion.

ANNUAL “MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS STATISTICS” REPORT

- 18/180 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Conkey OAM that Council note the results in the attached “Annual Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics” report and the requirement to provide the report to the Office of Local Government.

RIVERINA WATER VISUAL IDENTITY AND STYLE GUIDE PROJECT

- 18/181 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Quinn that:
- (a) Council approve the “Visual Identity and Style Guide Project”
 - (b) The cost of undertaking the project be funded from the annual operating budget and that the 2018/19 Delivery Plan be amended as part of the December 2018 Quarterly Budget Review, noting the expected cost of \$30,000 to undertake the project.

PROPOSED NEW BOARD ROOM

A motion was moved by Clrs. Funnell and Meyer OAM. that Council approve the allocation of an additional \$220,000 in the 2018/19 Capital Works budget for the completion of the Board Room in the Stores Building to allow for the revised project estimate of \$330,000 and that the project have a revised completion date of 30 June 2018.

An amendment was moved by Clr Quinn that the project be completed in accordance with the approved budget of \$150,000. The amendment lapsed for the lack of a seconder.

A further amendment was moved that the report be referred back to staff for a further report to the February 2019 meeting providing options for the project to be completed at a significantly reduced cost, taking into account the matters discussed during the council meeting.

- 18/182 Resolved on the motion of Clrs. Conkey OAM and Funnell that the report be referred back to staff for a further report to the February 2019 meeting providing options for the project to be completed at a significantly reduced cost, taking into account the matters discussed during the council meeting.

REVIEW OF DRAFT INTERNAL POLICY 2.5 RURAL SUBTRACT METER POLICY

- 18/183 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Funnell and Quinn that Council:
- (a) Endorse draft Policy 2.5 Rural Subtract meters, place it on public exhibition from 5 January to 15 February 2019 and invite public submissions on the draft policy during that period.
 - (b) Receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:
 - (i) Addressing any submissions made in respect of the proposed Policy 2.6 Water Restrictions
 - (ii) Proposing adoption of the Policy unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period.

DRAFT POLICY 5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- 18/184 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Keenan that Council:
- (a) Endorse draft Policy 5.0 Environmental Policy that is to be placed on public exhibition from 5 January to 15 February 2019 and invite public submissions on the draft policy during that period.

(b) Receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:

- (i) Addressing any submissions made in respect of the proposed Policy 5.0 Environmental Policy
- (ii) Proposing adoption of the Policy unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period.

REVIEW OF DRAFT POLICY 2.6 WATER RESTRICTIONS POLICY

18/185 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Koschel and Keenan that Council:

(a) Endorse draft Policy 2.6 Water Restrictions, place it on public exhibition from 5 January to 15 February 2019 and invite public submissions on the draft policy during that period.

(b) Receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:

- (i) Addressing any submissions made in respect of the proposed Policy 2.6 Water Restrictions
- (ii) Proposing adoption of the Policy unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period.

Amendment 5 January to 15 February 2019.

Clr. P. Funnell left meeting 11.25 am.

W.230 – TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER SUPPLY PRESSURE PIPES

18/186 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey OAM and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report “Tender W.230 – Tender for supply and delivery of water supply pressure pipes”, whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**W.231 – TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER
SUPPLY PRESSURE PIPES**

- 18/187 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey OAM and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report “Tender W.231 – Tender for supply and delivery of water supply pressure pipes”, whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**CONTRACT W.195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) PROGRESS
REPORT**

- 18/188 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey OAM and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report “Contract W.195 – Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Progress report”, whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LAND FOR FUTURE OPERATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS**

- 18/189 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Conkey OAM and Meyer OAM that Council consider the report “Proposed purchase of land for future Operational Requirements”, whilst the meeting is closed to the public, as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, as prescribed by Section 10A(2)c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHEET

- 18/190 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Koschel that Riverina Water County Council note Council’s Resolution Sheet.

WORKS REPORT COVERING OCTOBER 2018

- 18/191 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Keenan and Conkey OAM that the Director of Engineering’s report covering the month of October 2018 received and noted.

WORKS REPORT COVERING NOVEMBER 2018

18/192 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Keenan and Conkey OAM that the Director of Engineering's report covering the month of November 2018 received and noted.

PROPOSED DESIGN, ESTIMATE AND EVALUATION FOR SOLAR PILOT TRIAL

18/193 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Koschel that Council:

- 1) Allocate a \$90,000.00 budget for the detailed design and evaluation of a solar pilot trial in the current 2018/19 capital works programme.
- 2) Make adjustment to the 2018/19 budget as part of the December Quarterly Review.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

18/194 Clr. Keenan: Wished everybody a Merry Christmas and congratulations on a great year. Happy Customers and a new Reservoir. Congratulations Andrew on 1 year on the job.

18/195 Chairperson: Endorsed Clr. Keenan comments and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. And thanked everyone involved in the opening of the Reservoir this morning. Bede as MC, tremendous contribution to water and delivery. Look forward to a successful 2019.

18/196 Chairperson: Next Meeting will be Wednesday, 27th February 2019.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

18/197 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Keenan that Council now resolve itself into Closed Council to consider business identified.

Council closed its meeting at 11.46 am

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.

18/198 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Keenan 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.

W.230 – TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER SUPPLY PRESSURE PIPES

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

2 c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

18/199 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Koschel that Council:

- Accept the Tender received from Vinidex for the supply of 3,800m of Ductile Iron Cement Lined (DICL pipe for \$730,740.49 (ex GST) be accepted.

W.231 – TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER SUPPLY PRESSURE PIPES - MILBRULONG

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

2 c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

18/200 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Keenan that Council:

- Accept the Tender received from Clover for the supply of 300mm oPVC pipe for \$583,193.66 (ex GST) be accepted.

**CONTRACT W.195 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)
PROGRESS REPORT**

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

2 c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

18/201 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs. Meyer OAM and Braid OAM that Council receive and note this report.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LAND FOR FUTURE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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

2 c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

18/202 RESOLVED on the motion of Clrs. Quinn and Meyer OAM that Council:

1) Purchase land zoned RE1 and IN1 between Forge St and Copland St, comprised of:

Lot 1, DP 742224

Lot 2, DP 742224

for operational requirements in accordance with Section 187 of the Local Government Act 1993. Refer to Appendix 1, figure 1 land shade blue on aerial image.

2) Delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate the purchase of land in accordance with the financial information contained in the report and sign the relevant sale documents.

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

4) Fund the purchase of the land from the 2018/19 Operations Budget surplus and make the adjustment to the budget as part of the December quarterly review.

OPEN COUNCIL

18/203 RESOLVED, on the motion of Clrs Meyer OAM and Quinn that Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

The Meeting concluded at 12.08 pm.
