

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Weddin Shire Council, on Wednesday, 11 February 2015, commencing at 10.30am**

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Cr. David Somerville	(Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. Geoff Braddon OAM		Blayney
	Cr. Anthony Durkin		Cabonne
	Cr. Alan Griffiths		Weddin
	Cr. Geoffrey McClelland		Weddin
	Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Director Operations & Technical Services)	
	Raelene Mulligan	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	
	Donna Gavin	(Executive Officer – WBC Alliance)	

**APOLOGIES**

**15/001 RESOLVED:**

That leave of absence be granted to Cr. Walker following receipt of his apology for non-attendance.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**15/002 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 10 December 2014, being minute numbers 14/097 to 14/116 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

*Donna Galvin, WBC Executive Officer presentation on WBC Annual Report 2013/14.*

**01) WBC ALLIANCE - EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT (CM.AG.6)**

**15/003 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Durkin)

**CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE**

Two days ago the State Government made two major announcements of great significance to Central Tablelands Water:

- The approval of the joint Orange/CTW submission for funding totalling \$21million to complete a pipeline linking Orange and Carcoar, and
- The choice of Cranky Rock as the site of a new dam on the Belubula River, subject to satisfactory completion of a \$4million full feasibility study

It was extremely disappointing that CTW was not asked to be present at the announcements of these new projects, and I have written to the member for Orange, Mr Andrew Gee to this effect.

This is the first major step in delivering the recommendations from the Centroc Water Security Study of 2010. The significance for CTW is that, as Water Minister Kevin Humphries said on Sunday, the new dam at Cranky Rock “will allow Carcoar Dam to be networked into Central Tablelands Water”. It is, in effect, an alternative to the augmentation of Lake Rowlands, which was the centrepiece of the water security study. The linkage of Orange into the CTW system was also one of the key recommendations of the study. As our general manager will report later in this meeting there are also moves afoot to link Trunk Main “K” from Gooloogong to the Forbes bore field only 7 kilometres away. Minister Humphries alluded to this on Sunday when he said that the additional water supply would allow CTW “to extend the network and provide backup drought supplies and secure water to a number of towns beyond the current network.”

The estimated cost of the CTW section of the pipeline is \$16.9million, of which CTW committed to provide \$2.5million. The approved State funding was only some 75% of that sought, so we will now have to revisit our capital expenditure plans to accommodate these projections. We already have \$5.5million in the 30 year financial plan and capital works program for the upgrade of the Carcoar to Millthorpe pipeline in 2026/2030. This needs to be brought forward and we need to assess whether any borrowings will be required.

All of this is great news for the Central West: secure water for towns and industrial developments removes a barrier to the growth potential for the region.

It is now up to CTW to grasp this opportunity and demonstrate to our fellow Centroc councils that we have the capacity and the will to be a central player in water storages, water treatment and distribution facilities for the region. This was in fact the original vision which underpinned the establishment of CTW and it still remains valid today.

**15/004 RESOLVED:**

That the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to discuss the implications for CTW of future water security announcements and the future role of CTW, in the context of the Fit for the Future reforms, with relevant stakeholders and convene a workshop for Councillors, if deemed necessary.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

**15/005 RESOLVED:**

That the Chairman’s Minute, as read, be accepted and the contents therein be noted and endorsed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Braddon)

**02) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)**

**15/006 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.  
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

**03) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31 DECEMBER 2014 (FM.FR.1)**

**15/007 RESOLVED:**

That the Quarterly Budget Review for the quarter ended 31 December 2014 be accepted and the variations therein be adopted.  
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

**04) COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY (CM.PO.1)**

**15/008 RESOLVED:**

That, following the statutory period of public display. Council adopt the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policies as endorsed at the December 2014 Council meeting.  
(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

**05) CENTRAL WEST JOINT ORGANISATION (JO) PILOT UPDATE (GR.LR.5)**

**15/009 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report.  
(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

**06) GRENFELL HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL (CR.SD.1)**

**15/010 RESOLVED:**

That Council contribute \$250.00 as a supporter towards sponsorship of the 2015 Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival.  
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

**07) CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM BLAYNEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**15/011 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report.  
(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Durkin)

**08) LAKE ROWLANDS - 2014 COMPREHENSIVE SURVEILLANCE REPORT (WS.SP.4)**

**15/012 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

**09) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**

**15/013 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Durkin)

**10) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**

**15/014 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

**11) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

No questions on notice were received.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Blayney on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.51am.