

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at the Old Vic Inn, Canowindra on Wednesday, 11 December 2019, commencing at 10.33am

Present

Cr. John Newstead		Blayney
Cr. Craig Bembrick		Weddin
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. Kevin Walker	(Deputy Chairman)	Cabonne
Cr. Anthony Durkin		Cabonne

Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)
Peter McFarlane	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)
Noel Wellham	(Director Operations & Technical Services)
Bee Smith	(Governance & Executive Support Officer)

Mr John O'Malley a Partner with Intentus Chartered Accountants, presented an outline of Council's 2018/2019 Annual Financial Statements Audit and the Auditor's Reports on behalf of the Audit Office of NSW.

APOLOGIES

19/112 RESOLVED:

That a leave of absence be granted to Cr. David Somervaille following receipt of an apology for non-attendance.

(Cr. Durkin /Cr. Newstead)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

19/113 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 9th October 2019, being minute numbers 19/092 to 19/111 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mr Peter McFarlane, Director Finance & Corporate Services disclosed an interest in Item 7 regarding the appointment of Acting General Manager.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

Nil

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Somervaille represented CTW at the following:

- LGNSW Annual Conference 2019, Warwick Farm, 14-16 October 2019
- Lake Rowlands Augmentation meeting with Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Member for Calare, Parliament House Canberra, 16 October 2019.
- Drought Initiatives meeting with NSW Minister for Water and Central NSW Joint Organisation Executive Board members, Orange, 26 November 2019.
- Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meeting and Ministerial briefings, Canberra 27-28 November 2019.

Cr. Walker represented CTW at the following:

- LGNSW Annual Conference 2019, Warwick Farm, 14-16 October 2019
- Lake Rowlands Augmentation meeting with Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Member for Calare, Parliament House Canberra, 16 October 2019.
- Eugowra Promotion & Progress Association meeting, Eugowra 12 November 2019.
- NSW Government Drought Initiative Package funding announcement for the Lake Rowlands Augmentation project, Lake Rowlands, 29 November 2019.

NOTICES OF MOTION

19/114 RESOLVED:

That CTW's Senior Management Team investigates the process, costs and foreseeable impacts to include the sale of non-potable water under CTW's water access licence, and report the findings to Council.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Bembrick)

01) ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019 (CM.RP.2)

19/115 RESOLVED:

That the Central Tablelands Water Annual Report for 2018/2019 be received and noted.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Newstead)

02) LAKE ROWLANDS AUGMENTATION PROJECT (WS.SP.4)

19/116 RESOLVED:

1. That Council note the report, and
2. That Council write a letter of thanks to Minister Pavey and Minister Toole for the recent NSW Government Drought Initiative funding announcement for the Lake Rowlands Augmentation project.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Durkin)

03) DEMAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (WS.AG.1)

19/117 RESOLVED:

That Council adhere to its Water Restrictions Policy and ensure the preparedness to implement applicable level water restrictions if and when policy triggers are reached or if the Bureau of Meteorology rainfall forecasts change significantly.

Amendment proposed by Cr Bembrick:

Council move to Level 3a water restrictions on 1 January 2020 under a odds & evens system watering only during evenings, with the discretion of the General Manager to proceed to Level 4 water restrictions if the rate of depletion of Lake Rowlands approaches the demand management policy trigger point.

Amendment became the motion and was carried.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Durkin)

04) LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 (CM.CF.1)

19/118 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Durkin /Cr. Newstead)

05) DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (FM.PL.1)

19/119 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Best)

06) CLOSING OF OFFICE OVER CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR PERIOD (CM.ME.1)

19/120 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Newstead)

07) APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL LEAVE – GENERAL MANAGER (PE.LE.1)

Mr Peter McFarlane declared an interest and left the meeting at 11:20am.

19/121 RESOLVED:

That Council approve annual leave for the period requested by the General Manager and that the Director of Finance & Corporate Services, Mr. Peter McFarlane, be appointed as Acting General Manager with associated delegations during this time.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Durkin)

Mr Peter McFarlane returned to the meeting at 11:25am.

08) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT (GO.CO.1)

19/122 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to October 2019.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

09) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

19/123 RESOLVED:

That the information in relation to Council's investments as at 31 October 2019 be noted.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Durkin)

10) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019 (FM.FR.1)

19/124 RESOLVED:

That the 2019/2019 Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports be received.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Best)

11) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 (FM.FR.1)

19/125 RESOLVED:

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 30th September 2019 be accepted, and the variations therein be voted.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Best)

12) AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) (CM.AU.1)

19/126 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting minutes dated 1 August 2019.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Newstead)

13) WATER SECURITY – DROUGHT IMPACT UPDATE (WS.AM.1)

19/127 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Newstead)

14) TRUNK MAIN K RENEWAL (WS.AM.1)

19/128 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

15) LAKE ROWLANDS DAM SAFETY UPGRADE (WS.SP.4)

19/129 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

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

19/130 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Durkin)

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

19/131 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

18) REPORT THE PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

19/132 RESOLVED:

That Council approve an additional \$45k of funding for FY 2019/20 to procure a dedicated Operations Reporting package.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Durkin)

19) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Blayney on 12 February 2020.

There being no further business, the Deputy Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.21pm.