

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held via video conference on 13 May 2020, commencing at 10:45am.**

**Present**

Cr. David Somervaille	(Chairman)	Blayney
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)

*Proceedings in brief:*

*The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Mayor of Weddin Shire Council, Cr Mark Liebich.*

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**20/023 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 12 February 2020, being minute numbers 20/001 to 20/022 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Walker)

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

**CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE**

Nil

**COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION**

Cr. Somervaille represented CTW at the following:

- Central NSW JO (CNSWJO) Board Meeting in Grenfell, 27 February 2020,
- Improvement, Risk and Audit Committee in Blayney, 4 March 2020,
- CTW Drought Management Workshop in Canowindra, 12 March 2020,
- Cowra-CTW Emergency Pipeline project briefing in Blayney, 18 March 2020,
- General Manager's interim performance review in Canowindra, 20 March 2020,
- Briefing to CNSWJO by DPIE Water on Lachlan Regional Water Strategy via video conference, 24 March 2020,
- Chaired first meeting of CNSWJO Strategic Water Committee via video conference, 1 April 2020,
- Community Consultation by WaterNSW/GHD on Lake Rowlands to Carcoar Dam Pipeline project via video conference, 30 April 2020,
- Video conference call with legal adviser Dr Lindsay Taylor for the draft CTW to Orange City Council Water Supply Agreement, 5 May 2020.

Cr. Walker represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Drought Management Workshop in Canowindra, 12 March 2020,
- General Manager's interim performance review in Canowindra, 20 March 2020,

Cr. Best represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Drought Management Workshop in Canowindra, 12 March 2020,
- General Manager's interim performance review in Canowindra, 20 March 2020,

Cr. Newstead represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Drought Management Workshop in Canowindra, 12 March 2020,

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**01) CENTROC BOARD MEETING AND CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION MEETING HELD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 (CM.CF.3)****20/024 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Centroc and Central NSW Joint Organisation Mayoral Report and associated minutes for meetings held on 27 February 2020.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Durkin)

**02) COVID-19 CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER UPDATE (WS.SP.4)****20/025 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the actions taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Durkin)

**03) CARAGABAL WATER SUPPLY FEASIBILITY STUDY PROJECT UPDATE (WS.SP.4)****20/026 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the actions taken in respect of this project as outlined in the report.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

**04) LAKE ROWLANDS AUGMENTATION PROJECT UPDATE (WS.SP.4)****20/027 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the progress made in respect of the Lake Rowlands Augmentation project.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

**05) DEMAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (WS.AG.1)****20/028 RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. Best/Cr. Durkin)

**06) DRAFT CONCEALED LEAKS POLICY (CR.EQ.1)****20/029 RESOLVED:**

That Council adopt the draft Concealed Leaks Policy

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

**07) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT (GO.CO.1)**

**20/030 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to February 2020.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Best)

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

**20/031 RESOLVED:**

That the information in relation to Council's investments as at 30 April 2020 be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

**09) AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) MEETING MINUTES (CM.AU.1)**

**20/032 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting minutes dated 21 November 2019.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

**10) WATER BILLING PROCEDURE – CYCLE 4 – JUNE QUARTER 2020 (WS.SC.1)**

**20/033 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the revised water billing procedures for the June Quarter, 2020.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Durkin)

**11) DEBT COLLECTION AND HARDSHIP – COVID-19 (WS.SC.1)**

**20/034 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report on Debt Collection and Hardship measures.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Best)

**12) WATER SECURITY – DROUGHT IMPACT UPDATE (WS.AM.1)****20/035 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the actions taken as outlined in the report;
2. Approve funding of up to \$176,000 from the Infrastructure Reserve for an emergency drought temporary pump station to be installed at Woodstock to enable the transfer of water into the CTW supply system, if an application to the NSW government for emergency drought funding is unsuccessful;
3. Approve funding of up to \$189,000 from the Infrastructure Reserve to undertake emergency drought works to access the dead storage at Lake Rowlands, if an application to the NSW government for emergency drought funding is unsuccessful, and
4. Approve funding of \$48,100 for Stage 1 of the CTW Emergency Drought Bore Refurbishment project based on 50% funding approved by the NSW government under the “Emergency Relief for Regional Town Water Supplies” policy.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**13) TRUNK MAIN K RENEWAL (WS.AM.1)****20/036 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Durkin)

**14) LAKE ROWLANDS DAM SAFETY UPGRADE (WS.SP.4)****20/037 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Bembrick)

**15) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL’S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)****20/038 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Durkin)

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

**20/039 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Durkin)

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

**20/040 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Walker)

**18) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

**19) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**20/041 RESOLVED:**

That, as business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Newstead)

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**01) WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 1965040007 (CR.EQ.1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council grant a concession of 50% of the water consumption for the March 2020 water account.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

**02) GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT (GO.CO.1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Chairman's Minute be accepted and the contents therein be noted and endorsed.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That as the deliberation of the Committee is concluded, the Council reconvene the Ordinary Meeting.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**20) REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****20/042 RESOLVED:**

That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**21) LATE ITEM REPORT – COWRA TO CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER EMERGENCY CONNECTION (LS.CO.1)****20/043 RESOLVED:**

1. Subject to paragraph 3 below, Council endorse the joint critical drought initiatives project being delivered by Central Tablelands Water, Cowra Council and Orange City Council consisting of the following components:
  - Component 1 – intake screens at the Cowra raw water intake structure on the Lachlan River. This will allow increased water capacity to the Cowra Water Treatment Plant – estimated cost \$350,000;
  - Component 2 – installation of pumps at the Woodstock reservoir to allow transfer of water from the Cowra reticulation network to the CTW network – estimated cost \$807,000; and
  - Component 3 – a 12ML clear water reservoir at the Carcoar Water Treatment Plant (CWTP) to ensure supply continuity for the CTW system – estimated cost \$4,703,000.
2. That Council include funding of up to \$360,000 as its contribution towards the 12ML clear water tank at the CWTP in the draft 20/21 Operational Plan, funded from the Infrastructure Reserve.
3. The Project Participants Agreement and Water Supply Agreement be referred to a subsequent meeting of Council for approval.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at the Old Vic Inn, Canowindra on 17 June 2020.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2:10pm.