

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held via video conference on 17 June 2020, commencing at 11:00am.

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)

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

20/044 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 13 May 2020, being minute numbers 20/023 to 20/043 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Walker)

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

I am pleased to report that the State government is moving to establish a Town Water Drought Response Steering Committee for the Lachlan Valley. The first meeting will be held later this week. The initiative has been coordinated by James McTavish, the NSW Regional Town Water Supply Coordinator. It will be a forum for all relevant State agencies (in particular DPIE – Water, Department of Regional

NSW, WaterNSW, the Natural Resource Access Regulator and NSW Health) to work in collaboration with local government water utilities to make sure that all current and future drought emergency projects are well-coordinated and best use all available water to support social, economic cultural and environmental outcomes. It will also support the longer term development of town water security solutions consistent with the Lachlan Regional Water Strategy. CTW is an invited participant, along with the general purpose councils responsible for town water supplies in the Lachlan valley below Wyangla Dam and those in the Upper Macquarie valley. I will be representing CTW along with the general manager.

This development is very welcome from both CTW's point of view and that of all other councils involved. Our Joint Organisation has been lobbying for such a group to be formed for some time; in fact it is one of the key objectives outlined in the JO Statement of Regional Strategic Priorities.

20/045 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Newstead)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Somervaille represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Improvement, Risk and Audit Committee in Blayney, 3 June 2020,
- Central NSW JO (CNSWJO) Board Meeting via video conference, 4 June 2020,
- Office of Local Government webinar with Premier and Minister for Local Government providing an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, 11 June 2020.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

01) COVID-19 CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER UPDATE (WS.SP.4)

20/046 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Newstead)

02) NBN COLTD – AMENDED LEASE AGREEMENT – CARCOAR RESERVOIR (LS.CO.1)

20/047 RESOLVED:

That Council authorise the Chairman and General Manager to sign and execute under Council's Common Seal the amended lease agreements between Council and the NBN Co Ltd for the telecommunications facility at the Carcoar Reservoir.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Bembrick)

03) EMERGENCY DROUGHT WORKS FUNDING (WS.AM.1)

20/048 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
2. Write a letter of thanks to the NSW Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Member for Bathurst, and the Member for Cootamundra for the recent NSW Government funding confirmation to undertake emergency drought works within the CTW supply network.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Newstead)

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

20/049 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
2. Endorse Level 5 water restrictions remaining in place across the entire CTW supply network, and for the Senior Management Team to continue to closely monitor the level of Lake Rowlands prior to recommending any changes to the restriction level.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

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

20/050 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Best)

06) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

20/051 RESOLVED:

That the information in relation to Council's investments as at 31 May 2020 be noted.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Newstead)

07) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – 31 MARCH 2020 (FM.FR.1)

20/052 RESOLVED:

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2020 be accepted, and the variations therein be voted.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Newstead)

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

20/053 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting minutes dated 4 March 2020.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Newstead)

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

20/054 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Best)

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

20/055 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Best)

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

20/056 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

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

20/057 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Newstead)

13) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

**14) LATE ITEM REPORT – DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/21 AND
DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2020/21 TO 2029/30 (FM.PL.1)**

20/058 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Approve the proposal to hold an extraordinary meeting on 30 June 2020 to consider and endorse the draft Operational Plan 2020/21 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2029/30 prior to placing on public display for a period of 28 days, and
2. Approve the proposal to hold an extraordinary meeting on 29 July 2020 to consider any public submissions and adopt the draft Operational Plan 2020/21 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2029/30.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Durkin)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held via video conference on 30 June 2020.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12:39pm.