

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Grenfell, on  
Wednesday, 13 October 2021, commencing at 10.30am**

**Present**

Cr. David Somervaille	(Chairperson)	Blayney
Cr. Craig Bembrick		Weddin
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. Anthony Durkin		Cabonne
Cr. John Newstead		Blayney
Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)	
Peter McFarlane	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	
Noel Wellham	(Director Operations & Technical Services)	
Chantal McGinley	(Governance and Executive Support Officer)	

**4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY MEMBERS**

21/057 **RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr Best/Cr Durkin)

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

21/058 **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021, being minute numbers 21/035 to 21/056, inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Durkin)

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Nil

**7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**8. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

**9. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE**

Nil

## **10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION**

Cr. Somervaille represented CTW at the following:

- DPIE online presentation to CNSWJO Board on Regional Town Water Strategies and Town Water Risk Reduction Program – 1 July 2021
- Water Infrastructure NSW online presentation to CTW on Belubula Water Security projects – 16 July 2021
- Water Infrastructure NSW online presentation to CNSWJO Board on Lake Rowlands to Carcoar Dam Pipeline project – 26 July 2021
- CTW councillor online workshop on Belubula Water Security Project and Pumped Hydro Project – 5 August 2021
- Briefing on Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grant opportunity – 9 August 2021
- CTW Councillor online workshop (in lieu of council meeting) – 18 August 2021
- CTW Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee online meeting – 27 August 2021
- Meeting with Lachlan Valley Water/ CNSWJO regarding the Wyangla Dam Wall Raising project – 31 August 2021
- Lachlan Regional Water Strategy, options assessment online workshop #1 – 10 September 2021
- Lachlan Regional Water Strategy, options assessment workshop #2 – 12 October 2021

Cr. Walker represented CTW at the following:

- Water Infrastructure NSW presentation to CTW on Belubula Water Security projects at Orange – 16 July 2021
- CTW councillor online workshop on Belubula Water Security Project and Pumped Hydro Project – 5 August 2021
- CTW Councillor online workshop (in lieu of council meeting) – 18 August 2021

Cr. Bembrick represented CTW at the following:

- Water Infrastructure NSW online presentation to CTW on Belubula Water Security projects – 16 July 2021
- CTW councillor online workshop on Belubula Water Security Project and Pumped Hydro Project – 5 August 2021
- CTW Councillor online workshop (in lieu of council meeting) – 18 August 2021

Cr. Best represented CTW at the following:

- Water Infrastructure NSW online presentation to CTW on Belubula Water Security projects – 16 July 2021
- CTW councillor online workshop on Belubula Water Security Project and Pumped Hydro Project – 5 August 2021
- CTW Councillor online workshop (in lieu of council meeting) – 18 August 2021

Cr. Newstead represented CTW at the following:

- Water Infrastructure NSW presentation to CTW on Belubula Water Security projects at Orange – 16 July 2021
- CTW councillor online workshop on Belubula Water Security Project and Pumped Hydro Project – 5 August 2021
- CTW Councillor online workshop (in lieu of council meeting) – 18 August 2021

Cr. Durkin represented CTW at the following:

- CTW councillor online workshop on Belubula Water Security Project and Pumped Hydro Project – 5 August 2021
- CTW Councillor online workshop (in lieu of council meeting) – 18 August 2021

## **11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **12. REPORTS OF STAFF**

### **12.1) DEFERRAL IN ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (GO.CO.2)**

21/059 **RESOLVED:**

That Council receive the report and note that the terms of Council's chairman and deputy chairman, both elected on 14 October 2020, will become vacant on 4 December 2021.

(Cr. Durkin/ Cr. Best)

### **12.2) MEETING TIMES AND DATES (GO.CO.2)**

21/060 **RESOLVED:**

That Council hold its planned December ordinary meeting on 17 November 2021 to enable two statutory functions to be performed being:

1. The adoption of the Auditors Reports and auditor presentation to Council in respect of the Annual Financial Statements, and
2. Adoption of the September QBRS and revoting of income and expenditure.

(Cr. Durkin/ Cr. Newstead)

### **12.3) COVID-19 UPDATE REPORT (WS.SP.4)**

21/061 **RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. Best/ Cr. Newstead)

**12.4) DEMAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (WS.AG.1)**

21/062 **RESOLVED:**

That Council adopt the draft Drought Management and Demand Management Plans.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Bembrick)

**12.5) DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (FM.PL.1)**

21/063 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the progress of the Delivery Program and scheduled Integrated Planning & Reporting workshops.

(Cr. Bembrick / Cr. Best)

**12.6) SUB-REGIONAL TOWN WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY (WS.SP.4)**

21/064 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Durkin/ Cr. Newstead)

**12.7) RENEWABLE ENERGY - PUMPED HYDRO RECOVERABLE GRANTS PROGRAM (CM.ES.3)**

21/065 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the renewable energy pumped hydro report;
2. Ratify the Senior Management Team in submitting an application under the NSW Government's Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program for the Lake Rowlands to Coombing Creek Ravine feasibility study option, and
3. Approve funding of up to \$75,000 towards the Lake Rowlands to Coombing Creek Ravine feasibility study option under the Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program.

(Cr. Best/ Cr. Durkin)

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

21/066 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to June 2021.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Bembrick)

**12.9) UNCOMPLETED WORKS - REVOTES OF EXPENDITURE AT 30TH JUNE 2021 (FM.BA.1)**

21/067 **RESOLVED:**

That Council revote the uncompleted works and adjustments be made to the adopted 21/22 Operational Plan.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Durkin)

**12.10) FINANCIAL MATTERS - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2021 (FM.BA.1)**

21/068 **RESOLVED:**

That the information in relation to Council's Investments at 31 July, 2021 be noted.

(Cr. Best/ Cr. Newstead)

**12.11) FINANCIAL MATTERS - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER, 2021 (FM.BA.1)**

21/069 **RESOLVED:**

That the information in relation to Council's Investments at 30 September, 2021 be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/ Cr. Newstead)

**12.12) FINANCIAL MATTERS - LOAN FUNDING UPDATE (GR.LR.3)**

21/070 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information regarding loan funding.

(Cr. Best/ Cr. Newstead)

**12.13) FINANCIAL STATEMENT CERTIFICATES 2020/21 (FM.FR.1)**

21/071 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council's Financial Reports be referred to audit in accordance with Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. That Council notes that the Annual Financial Reports have been compiled in accordance with:
  - a) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder;

- b) The Australian Accounting Standards and Professional pronouncements; and
  - c) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
3. That Council endorses the Annual Financial Reports as fairly presenting the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and that the Financial Reports accord with Council's accounting and other records.
  4. That Council states that it is not aware of any matter that would render this report false and misleading in any way.
  5. That Council, in accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 authorises the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the required Statements relating to the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report.
  6. That Council delegates to the General Manager the authority to issue the Financial Statements upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports.
  7. That Council endorse the internal restrictions as listed in Note C1-3 of the General Purpose Financial Statements.
  8. That Council receive the Audit Reports at the Council Meeting to be held on 17 November 2021.

(Cr. Bembrick/ Cr. Newstead)

**12.14) AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) MINUTES (CM.AU.1)**

21/072 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Audit, Risk and Improvement meeting minutes dated 2 June 2021.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Durkin)

**12.15) WATER SECURITY - DROUGHT IMPACT UPDATE (WS.AM.1)**

21/073 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information in the report

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Durkin)

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

21/074 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council note the information in the Report.
2. That Council note the information in the Reservoir Maintenance Report and its resulting budget implications.

(Cr. Durkin/ Cr. Bembrick)

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

21/075 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Best)

**12.18) IMPROVEMENTS OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**

21/076 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Bembrick)

**12.19) PURCHASE OF NEW PLANT (WS.MO.4)**

21/077 **RESOLVED:**

That Council endorse the purchase of a specialised track remote controlled steep slope mower to enable mowing of Lake Rowlands Dam earth embankment as well as the steep slope embankment behind the new 12ML reservoir located at the Carcoar Water Treatment Plant.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Bembrick)

**13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

21/078 **RESOLVED:**

That, as the 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.Best/ Cr. Bembrick)

**14.1) LAKE ROWLANDS GRAZING LICENCE AGREEMENT (WS.SP.4)**

*This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals.*

**21/079 RESOLVED:**

That the lessees of the Lake Rowlands foreshore lands be offered a renewal of their grazing licence agreements for a further period of five (5) years, commencing on 1 July 2021, at a rate of \$100 per hectare.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Durkin)

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

*This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals.*

**21/080 RESOLVED:**

Deferred to a later meeting of council.

(Cr. Durkin/ Cr. Best)

**21/081 RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Best)

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**21/082 RECOMMENDATION:**

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

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Best)

**15. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at the Old Vic Inn Canowindra on Wednesday 17 November 2021 commencing at 10.30am.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 1:00pm.