

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney, on  
Wednesday, 24 August 2022, commencing at 10:40am.**

**Present**

Cr. David Somervaille	(Chairperson)	Blayney
Cr. Allan Ewin		Blayney
Cr. Michelle Cook	(via audio-visual link)	Weddin
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. Marlene Nash		Cabonne
Cr. Andrew Rawson	(Deputy Chairperson)	Cabonne
Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)	
Peter McFarlane	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	
Noel Wellham	(Director Operations & Technical Services)	
Sandra Bonham	(Governance & Executive Support Officer)	

**1. MEETING OPENED BY CHAIRPERSON****2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY****3. RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT****4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY MEMBERS**

Nil apologies.

It was noted that Cr Michelle Cook was attending the meeting via audio-visual link due to road closures as a result of a snow event preventing Cr Cook from attending the meeting in person.

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

22/062 **RESOLVED:**

The the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, being minute numbers 22/041 to 22/061 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Ewin)

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Nil

**7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**8. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

**9. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTES**

Nil

## **10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION**

Nil

## **11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **12. REPORTS OF STAFF**

### **12.1) DRAFT COUNCILLOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES POLICY (CM.ME.1)**

22/063 **RESOLVED:**

That Council adopt the draft Councillor Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Best)

### **12.2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022 (CM.CF.1)**

22/064 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
2. Endorse the actions of the general manager in registering the Chairperson, Cr Cook and general manager during the early bird registration period to attend the 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference in the Hunter Valley, from 23 to 25 October 2022.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Best)

### **12.3) APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL LEAVE - GENERAL MANAGER (PE.LE.1)**

22/065 **RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Cook)

**12.4) ORGANISATION STRUCTURE CHANGE (GO.CO.1)**

22/066 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the change in the adopted organisational structure from 23.4 to 23.6 Full Time Equivalent (FTE), and
2. Note that a variation will be made in the September 2022 Quarterly Budget Review Statement to fund the additional FTE.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Best)

**12.5) REQUEST TO WAIVE AVAILABILITY CHARGE FOR COMMUNITY EVENT (WS.AG.1)**

**MOTION:**

That Council waive the net availability charge of \$192 on a one-off basis for the Weddin Mountain Muster 2022 event at the Grenfell Showground and fund it from Council's Donations budget.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Best)

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Cr. Nash and seconded by Cr. Cook:

That Council waive the availability charge of \$256 on a one-off basis for the Weddin Mountain Muster 2022 event at the Grenfell Showground and fund it from Council's Donations budget.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put.

22/067 **RESOLVED:**

That Council waive the availability charge of \$256 on a one-off basis for the Weddin Mountain Muster 2022 event at the Grenfell Showground and fund it from Council's Donations budget.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Cook)

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

22/068 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report and progress of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Best)

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

22/069 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the final progress report of the Delivery Program 2018-2022.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Ewin)

**12.8) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT (GO.CO.1)****22/070 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to June 2022.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Best)

**12.9) FINANCIAL MATTERS - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY, 2022 (FM.BA.1)****22/071 RESOLVED:**

That the information in relation to Council's Investments at 31 July, 2022 be noted.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Best)

**12.10) UNCOMPLETED WORKS - REVOTES OF EXPENDITURE AT 30TH JUNE 2022 (FM.BA.1)****22/072 RESOLVED:**

That Council revote the uncompleted works and adjustments be made to the adopted 2022/23 Operational Plan.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Ewin)

**12.11) AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) (CM.AU.1)****22/073 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council note the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
2. That Council note that the new Risk Management and Internal Audit framework for Councils is yet to be released.
3. That Council note that the Office of Local Government Circular 22-21 has advised that membership of ARIC's will no longer require prequalification through the NSW Government scheme.
4. That Council note that full compliance with the Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework will now be required from 1 July 2024.
5. That Council note the memorandum regarding the Auditor General's Reports to the NSW Parliament.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Ewin)

**12.12) WATER SECURITY - DROUGHT IMPACT UPDATE (WS.AM.1)****22/074 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information in the report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Cook)

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

22/075 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Ewin)

*Proceedings in brief: The Director Operations & Technical Services to confirm that the statistics provided in the Service Activities and Requests table is quarterly or otherwise.*

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

22/076 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information in the General Report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

**12.15) RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS UPDATE (ET.SP.2)**

22/077 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the update report for the renewable energy projects.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Best)

**13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**14. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at Grenfell on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 commencing at 10.30am.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.55am.