

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Weddin Shire Council, on Wednesday, 19 August 2015, commencing at 10.32am

<u>Present</u>	Cr. David Somerville	(Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. Geoff Braddon	OAM	Blayney
	Cr. Alan Griffiths		Weddin
	Cr. Geoffrey McClelland		Weddin
	Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Director Operations & Technical Services)	
	Raelene Mulligan	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	

APOLOGIES

15/053 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

15/054 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 10 June 2015, being minute numbers 15/034 to 15/052 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

No Chairman's minute was presented.

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Somerville advised that he represented Council at the following during July and August:

- Official opening of the Macquarie River Pipeline Project at Suma Park Orange;
- Meeting with Riverina Water and Goldenfields Water County Councils in Temora, and
- Centroc Board meeting at Parliament House in Canberra.

01) FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY COUNCIL (FM.FR.1)

15/055 RESOLVED:

1. That the statement required by Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 in relation to Council's Financial Reports for the period ending 30 June 2015 be completed.

2. That Intentus Chartered Accountants be invited (in accordance with regulations) to complete the audit for the financial year ending 30th June 2015.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

02) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

15/056 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

03) AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015 AND JULY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

15/057 RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the Audit Committee Annual Report 2014/2015 and the July 2015 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)

04) GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC ACCESS ACT 2009 (GIPA) - AGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE - REVIEW (IM.CO.1)

15/058 RESOLVED:

That Council adopt the Draft Agency Information Guide 2016 in accordance with the Government Information Public Access Act 2009 (GIPA).

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)

05) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (GO.CO.3)

15/059 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)

06) STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN (FM.PL.2)

15/060 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the draft Strategic Business Plan 2015 as presented and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and, subject to any amendments that may result from submissions received, proceed to adopt the draft Plan at its meeting in October 2015.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

07) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE (CM.CF.1)**15/061 RESOLVED:**

That Council give approval for the Chairman, General Manager and one other Councillor to attend the 2015 Local Government NSW Conference in Sydney, from Sunday 11 October 2015 to Tuesday 13 October 2015, and any Councillor interested in attending should contact the General Manager to arrange registration.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

08) PROPOSAL TO RESCHEDULE DATE OF OCTOBER 2015 COUNCIL MEETING (GO.CO.2)**15/062 RESOLVED:**

That Council approve the rescheduling of the October Council Meeting from 14 October 2015 to 21 October 2015 due to the Chairman, General Manager and possibly one other Councillor being unavailable as they will be attending the LGNSW Annual Conference in Sydney.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

At 10.56am, Ms Jenny Bennett Executive Officer for CENTROC and Cr. Bill West Chairman of CENTROC provided a Pilot Joint Organisation update presentation to Council.

The meeting reconvened at 11.47am.

09) MOTIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015 (GR.LR.2)**15/063 RESOLVED:**

That Council resolve to support and put forward the following motion to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2015:

Motion:

That to strengthen the Local Government position on council owned and operated local water utilities (i.e. county councils or general purpose councils providing water supply and sewerage services), LGNSW adopts a revised policy that reads as follows:

- 1. LGNSW strongly defends continued ownership and control of water supply and sewerage assets by Local Government, asserts county councils be full members of relevant joint organisations, and asserts joint organisations be flexible in working alongside regional groupings of local water utilities; and*

2. *LGNSW pursues this policy by making representation to the NSW Government requesting:*
- a. *A commitment by the NSW Government, including as part of the review of the Local Government Act and any related legislation, that local water utilities remain in the ownership and management of Local Government where that is currently the case;*
 - b. *That the joint organisations model be established and implemented:*
 - i. *With county councils being full members of relevant joint organisations or having the flexibility of being full members of relevant joint organisations; and,*
 - ii. *With the flexibility for joint organisations to work alongside regional groupings of local water utilities (i.e. regional water and sewerage utilities alliances).*

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

10) WBC ALLIANCE - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (CM.AG.6)

15/064 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

11) HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL COMMITTEE AND COORDINATORS LETTER OF THANKS (CR.SD.1)

15/065 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

12) MILLTHORPE VILLAGE COMMITTEE - REQUEST TO WAIVE WATER SUPPLY CONNECTION FEE (CR.SD.1)

15/066 RESOLVED:

That Council grant a 50% concession off the water connection fee on the condition that the water refilling station has Central Tablelands Water signage.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

13) FILTRATION PLANT INSPECTIONS MARCH 2015 (WS.AG.1)

15/067 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

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

15/068 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

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

15/069 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

16) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on notice were received.

**17) WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 61915000006 (CR.EQ.1)
WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 20120007 (CR.EQ.1)
GENERAL MANAGERS CONTRACT (GO.CO.4)**

15/070 RESOLVED:

That, as this matter deals with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)

18) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

15/071 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. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 61915000006 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council grant the consumer a one-off concession of 50% off the consumption charge as recorded on the June 2015 water account.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

Cr. Braddon requested that it be recorded that he voted against the motion.

WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 61915000006 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council decline the customer's request of a water leakage concession.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

GENERAL MANAGERS CONTRACT (GO.CO.4)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the General Managers performance assessment report be noted and endorsed.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

19) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

15/072 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Blayney on the 21st October 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.15pm.