

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at The Old Vic Inn Canowindra, on Wednesday, 15th June 2016, commencing at 10.25am

<u>Present</u>	Cr. David Somerville	(Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. Kevin Walker	(Deputy Chairman)	Cabonne
	Cr. Geoffrey McClelland		Weddin
	Cr. Alan Griffiths		Weddin
	Cr. Geoffrey Braddon OAM		Blayney
	Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Director Operations & Technical Services)	
	Leonie Freeth	(Director Operations & Technical Services - elect)	
	Raelene Mulligan	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	

APOLOGIES

16/032 RESOLVED:

That Council note Cr. Durkin's absence from this meeting following a leave of absence approved at the April 2016 Council meeting.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

16/033 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 13 April 2016, being minute numbers 16/017 to 16/031 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

Since our last meeting there has been several developments in the local government reform process of relevance to Central Tablelands Water:

On the merger front

1. The delegate investigating the proposed Blayney-Cabonne-Orange merger made the following comment in his report:

'While the ultimate future of CTW will need to be considered in relation to the substantial water and sewerage business which exists in Orange City Council and which will be brought to the merged entity, it will be necessary for the merger proclamation to ensure the continued operation of CTW in the interim. This can occur by specifying that two councillors from the new council join the existing two Weddin councillors on the governing body. While CTW in its submission prefers six councillors be retained for quorum reasons, it is

considered that four councillors should be able to manage the continued operations of CTW until such time as the new council determines its ultimate approach to water supply across the new council entity.'

His recommendation was:

'That the merger proclamation specify that two councillors from the new council be appointed to the governing body of Central Tablelands Water to enable its continued operation.'

2. The actual merger proposal has been held up pending the outcome of the current court case involving Cabonne Council. The government has announced that, subject to the outcome of this case, it will proceed with this merger.

3. In the proclamations made on 12 May 2016, the position of county councils has been preserved. The relevant provision was:

(1) To avoid doubt, the constitution and operation of a county council, as existing immediately before the amalgamation day, is not affected by any changes to councils or council areas effected by this Proclamation.

(2) This clause does not prevent a change being made to the constitution or operation of a county council or the dissolution of a county council in accordance with the Act at any time during or after the initial period.

On the Joint Organisation front

The government released its Background Paper on Joint Organisations within the last week. In this paper it is proposed that County councils should become associate, non-voting members of JO boards. This is said to be the position pending what was described as a Government plan "to review the current regional service delivery models, including the relationship of JOs to county councils."

I move that this chairman's minute be noted.

16/034 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr Somerville represented CTW at the following meetings during February:

- Meeting with the Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water Niall Blair on 11th May 2016.
- CENTROC Board Meeting 12th May 2016 at Parliament House Sydney.

01) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)**16/035 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

02) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31ST MARCH 2016 (FM.FR.1)**16/036 RESOLVED:**

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31st March 2016 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)

03) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING - 2016/2017 MANAGEMENT PLAN (FM.PL.1)**16/037 RESOLVED:**

That, in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993, and following the statutory period of 28 days public display, Council now resolve to adopt the following Draft Plans:

- a. Operational Plan 2016– 2017 – Parts 1 & 2
- b. Long Term Financial Plan 2016/2017 – 2025/2026

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

04) DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (FM.PL.1)**16/038 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

05) DRAFT POLICIES (RM.PO.1)**16/039 RESOLVED:**

That Council endorse the Draft Procurement Policy and Draft Plant and Vehicle Purchase and Disposal Policy as presented.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Braddon)

06) STAFF PERFORMANCE REVIEWS (PE.EC.1)**16/040 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Walker)

- 07) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL (GR.LR.4)**
- 16/041 RESOLVED:**
- That Council endorse its policy of paying the maximum fees to the Chairman and Members of Central Tablelands County Council, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Category County Council – Water.
- (Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)
- 08) INQUIRY INTO WATER AUGMENTATION IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES (GR.LR.2)**
- 16/042 RESOLVED:**
- That Council note the report.
- (Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)
- 09) LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (CM.CF.1)**
- 16/043 RESOLVED:**
- That Council give approval for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Manager, Councillor Griffiths and Director Operations & Technical Services to attend the 2016 LG Water Management Conference in Broken Hill.
- (Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)
- 10) CENTROC BOARD MEETING HELD 12 MAY 2016 (CM.CF.3)**
- 16/044 RESOLVED:**
- That Council note the report and associated minutes of the Centroc Board Meeting held 12 May 2016.
- (Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)
- 11) EXECUTIVE DEAN'S AWARD – DIRECTOR FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES (PE.EC.3)**
- 16/045 RESOLVED:**
- That Council note and congratulate Council's Director Finance & Corporate Services for her outstanding academic achievement.
- (Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

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

16/046 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

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

16/047 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

14) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on notice were received.

15) STANDARD & POOR'S CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (LS.CO.1)

REGIONAL WATER SECURITY PIPELINE PROJECT STAGE 2 FUNDING (WS.AM.1)

LATE ITEM REPORT – FINAL ARRANGEMENTS (GO.CO.4)

GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW (GO.CO.4)

16/048 RESOLVED:

That, Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting and the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, as these matters are considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, for the following reasons:

- a. advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege, or
- b. commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
- c. personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Braddon)

16) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

16/049 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. Walker/Cr. Braddon)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

STANDARD & POOR'S CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (LS.CO.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorise the General Manager under delegated authority to execute the Covenant under Standard & Poor's Settlement Agreement as tabled.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

REGIONAL WATER SECURITY PIPELINE PROJECT STAGE 2 FUNDING (WS.AM.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Central Tablelands Water proceed as the sole proponent funding applicant for Stage 2 works of the Water Security Pipeline Project which includes the completion of the pipeline between Blayney and Carcoar as originally agreed.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

LATE ITEM REPORT – FINAL ARRANGEMENTS (GO.CO.4)

Proceedings in brief

The Director of Operations and Technical Services left the meeting at 11.35am prior to the report being discussed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agrees to the following:

1. to dispose of one Nissan Pathfinder as it would be surplus to requirements once the Director Operations & Technical Services retires;
2. to set a reserve price of \$30,000 on the vehicle in accordance with Council's Plant and Vehicle Purchase and Disposal Policy, and

3. to accept the Director Operations & Technical Services offer of \$30,000 to purchase the vehicle on retirement.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW (GO.CO.4)

Proceedings in brief

The General Manager and staff left the meeting at 11.45am prior to the report being discussed.

The General Manager and staff returned to the meeting at 11.55am.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report of the review panel on the performance review under the General Manager's contract be received and endorsed, and
2. That the General Manager's total salary package be increased by \$5,000 with effect from 1 July 2016.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

14) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

16/050 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 Grenfell on 10th August 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.00pm.