

Minutes of the Meeting of Riverina Water County Council held on Wednesday 28 April 2021

The meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board held at the Urana Office of Federation Council was declared open at 11:34am.

Present

Councillor Greg Verdon (Chairperson)
Councillor Pat Bourke
Councillor Paul Funnell
Councillor Vanessa Keenan
Councillor Tim Koschel
Councillor Doug Meyer OAM
Councillor Tony Quinn

In Attendance

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| General Manager | (Andrew Crakanthorp) |
| Director of Engineering | (Bede Spannagle) |
| Manager Corporate Services | (Emily Tonacia) |
| Community Engagement Officer | (Joshua Lang) |
| Executive Assistant to the General Manager | (Melissa Vincent) |
| ICT Officer | (Dylan Comerford) |
| Manager Operations | (Jason Ip) |
| Acting Manager Projects | (Chris Moosbrugger) |

Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

Livestreaming of Meeting

Board meetings, including public address speeches, are recorded and webcast live on Council's website. If you are addressing a meeting, your image, voice and name, will form part of the webcast.

Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance was received from Councillors Yvonne Braid OAM and Greg Conkey OAM on the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and T Quinn.

Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Tim Koschel declared a non-pecuniary interest in R1 List of Investments the reason being his employment with a financial institution and he remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Mr Andrew Crakanthorp declared a conflict of interest in Conf-3 Performance Review – General Manager and he will leave the meeting during the discussion.

Confirmation of Minutes

21/025 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and V Keenan

That the minutes of the meeting of 24 February 2021 and the extraordinary meeting of 14 April 2021], having been circulated and read by Members, were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

The record of proceeding of the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 14 April 2021 were also noted.

Correspondence

Local Government: NSW Weekly Circulars: previously forwarded to Councillors by Constituent Councils

Staff Consultative Committee: Forwarding a copy of Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2021

Work Health & Safety Committee: Forwarding a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2021

21/026 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and P Funnell

That the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

Open Reports

R1 List of Investments

21/027 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors P Funnell and T Quinn

That the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of February and March 2021 be received.

CARRIED

R2 March 2021 Quarterly Budget Review

21/028 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and T Quinn

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March 2021 be received and the recommended changes be adopted.

CARRIED

R3 Draft Delivery Program 2021/22 - 2024/25 and Draft Operational Plan 2021/22

21/029 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and D Meyer OAM

That Council, in accordance with Sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993, place the draft revised Delivery Program and draft Operational Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days

CARRIED

R4 Opening of Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant

21/030 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and D Meyer OAM

That Council:

- i. receive and note the report**
- ii. Hold the June meeting of the Board on Wednesday 30 June 2021 commencing at 12:30pm.**

CARRIED

R5 Draft NSW Water Strategy

21/031 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors P Funnell and V Keenan

That Council endorse the actions of the General Manager, Director Engineering and Manager Operations in preparing and lodging a submission on the NSW Water Strategy.

CARRIED

R6 Councillor attendance at meetings in person - temporary exemption and consultation on proposed changes

21/032 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and P Bourke

That Council make a submission to the NSW Office of Local Government on proposed amendments to the Model Code of Meeting Practice in the terms outlined in the attached report and as discussed at this meeting. Further, that the submission express disappointment at the exclusion of County Councils and Joint Organisations from the recent extension to 31 December 2021 (which only applies to councillors of general purpose councils)

CARRIED

R7 Lost Time Injury Statistics 2020/21 - July-March Period

21/033 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and T Koschel

That Council receive and note the statistics report for Lost Time Injuries for the July / March period of 2020/21 financial year.

CARRIED

R8 Social media and media quarterly report - 1 January to 31 March 2021

21/034 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Koschel

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

R9 2021-22 Community Grants Program

21/035 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and V Keenan

That Council:

- a) Endorse the timeline of the 2021-22 Community Grants Program**
- b) Receive a further report on the guidelines for the 2021-22 Community Grants Program**

CARRIED

R10 2021 Customer Satisfaction Survey

21/036 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and P Bourke

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report**
- b) The Board acknowledges the excellent work of staff as reflected in the outstanding results of the community satisfaction survey results and that the congratulations of the Board be conveyed to all staff**

CARRIED

R11 Council Resolution Sheet

21/037 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and P Funnell

That the report detailing the status of the active resolutions of Council be received

CARRIED

R12 Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy

21/038 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and P Funnell

That Council:

- 1. Note the public stakeholder engagement process during the exhibition period, with no submissions received.**
- 2. Adopt Riverina Water's 2021 Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plan.**
- 3. Finalise the following supporting plans:**
 - i. 30-Year Long Term Financial Plan**
 - ii. 30-Year Asset Management Plan**
 - iii. Drought & Emergency Response Contingency Plan (DERCP)**

CARRIED

R13 Urana WTP Replacement Update

21/039 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors P Funnell and D Meyer OAM

That Council note the report.

CARRIED

R14 Works Report Covering February 2021

21/040 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and T Koschel

That the Works Report covering February 2021 be received and noted

CARRIED

R15 Works Report covering March 2021

21/041 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and T Koschel

That the Works Report covering March 2021 be received and noted

CARRIED

Clr Pat Bourke left the meeting at 12:34pm

R16 Audit Risk & Improvement Committee minutes 10 March 2021

21/042 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and P Funnell

That Council review and note the minutes of the Riverina Water Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting of 10 March 2021 including the report by the Chairperson of the ARIC provided to Board members.

CARRIED

Questions and statements

The following questions and statements were made by those present:

1. Clr V Keenan thanked Clr P Bourke and Federation Council team for their warm hospitality in hosting the meeting
2. Mr A Crakanthorp thanked the support staff here today and acknowledged Michael from Federation Council for his support.
3. Mr A Crakanthorp advised there had been an engineered outcome for Mr Michael Dore and his wife.
4. Clr P Bourke enquired regarding a stand pipe at Rand and if this was being replaced, Clr Bourke was advised this will be replaced next financial year.
5. Clr P Bourke thanked Jason Ip for his work on the Yanco Creek Modernisation Project - Yanco Weir and in attending the meeting held at Morundah.

Clr Pat Bourke returned to the meeting at 12:45pm

Clr Paul Funnell left the meeting at 12:46pm

Clr Paul Funnell returned to the meeting at 12:48pm

Closed Council

Pursuant to section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

No members of the public were present or made representations.

21/043 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and T Quinn

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 12:40pm.

CARRIED

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as

referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Confidential Reports

CONF-1 Enterprise Resource Planning Solution

21/044 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and T Koschel

That Council:

- a) Authorise the General Manager to further negotiate and enter into a contract with Infor Global Solutions (ANZ) Pty Ltd (ABN 25 003 538 314) for the supply of an Enterprise Resource Planning Solution as outlined in the body of this report and not exceeding \$4,500,000 (excluding GST).
- b) Authorise the General Manager or their delegate to extend the contract for three (3) by twelve (12) month periods, as set out in the contract documents, at the sole discretion of Council; and
- c) Authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required.

CARRIED

Ms Emily Tonacia, Mr Jason Ip, Mr Chris Moosbrugger, Mr Josh Lang and Mr Dylan Comerford left the meeting at 1:02pm

CONF-2 Review of Organisation Structure

21/045 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors P Funnell and V Keenan

That Council:

- a) Adopt the attached organisation structure noting the creation of the new positions as detailed in the attached report.
- b) Endorse the change in title for the previous position of General Manager to be Chief Executive Officer
- c) Note the financial implications of the implementation of the new organisation structure have been included in the 2021/22 to 2024/25 Draft Delivery Plan and 2021/22 Operational Plan.
- d) In accordance with Section 332 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 determine the position of Director Corporate Services to be a senior staff position.

CARRIED

Mr Andrew Crakanthorp and Mr Bede Spannagle left the meeting 1:08pm

CONF-3 Performance Review - General Manager

21/046 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors P Bourke and T Koschel

That the report on the Mid-Year Performance Review of the General Manager be reviewed and Council endorse the recommendation made by the General Manager's Performance Review Panel which noted the General Manager's performance overall to be very pleasing.

CARRIED

Mr Andrew Crakanthorp, Mr Josh Lang, Mr Dylan Comerford, Ms Emily Tonacia, Mr Bede Spannagle and Mr Chris Moosbrugger entered the meeting 1:18pm

Reversion to Open Council

21/047 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and D Meyer OAM

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 1:18pm.

CARRIED

Decisions Read Aloud

The General Manager read aloud the decisions of the Council made whilst the meeting was closed to the public.

Mr Jason Ip entered the meeting 1:19pm

This concluded the meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board which rose at 1:20pm