

# Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Riverina Water County Council held on Wednesday 25 March 2026

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**The meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board was declared open at 5:29 PM.**

## **Present**

Councillor Gail Driscoll  
Councillor Allana Condrón  
Councillor Georgie Davies (via teams)  
Councillor Brian Liston  
Councillor Jenny McKinnon  
Councillor Amelia Parkins

## **In Attendance**

Chief Executive Officer	(Andrew Crakanthorp)
Director Corporate Services	(Emily Tonacia)
Director Engineering	(Troy van Berkel)
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer	(Melissa Vincent)
Customer & Communication Team Leader	(Josh Lang)
IT Server, Network and Security Specialist	(Andrew Littlewood)
Manager Finance & Sourcing	(Natasha Harris)

## **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.

## **Statement of Ethical Reminders**

Board members are reminded of the Oath or Affirmation of Office that they made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993. Board members and staff are also reminded of their obligations under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

## **Acknowledgment of Country**

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

## Apologies

**26/036 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Condron

**That an apology for non-attendance was received from Councillors Dallas Tout, Lea Parker and Patrick Bourke.**

**CARRIED**

## Procedural Motion

**26/037 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and B Liston

**That the Board agree to the attendance at the meeting of Councillor Georgie Davies by audiovisual link in accordance with Clause 5.18 of the Riverina Water Code of Meeting Practice. The reason being Councillor Davies has unforeseen caring responsibilities.**

**CARRIED**

### Record of voting on the Motion

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr G Davies

Cr G Driscoll

Cr J McKinnon

Cr A Condron

Cr B Liston

Cr Parkins

## Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Nil

## Open Reports

**R1 Oath or Affirmation of Office**

**26/038 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Condron

**That it be noted that Board Member Amelia Parkins has taken an affirmation of office in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in accordance with the provisions of the Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).**

**CARRIED**

### Record of voting on the Motion

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr G Davies  
Cr G Driscoll  
Cr J McKinnon  
Cr A Condron  
Cr B Liston  
Cr Parkins

## **R2            Review of Joint Organisation Framework**

**26/039        RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and B Liston

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (1) That Riverina Water write to REROC advising that Riverina Water supports REROC's position as per below:**
  - (a) "Re-affirmation of a strong commitment to continuing with REROC"**
  - (b) "Commitment that ROC's/Alliances and other non-JO regional entities are of equal significance and in terms of eligibility for grant funding opportunities"**
- (2) that Riverina Water respond to REROC and advise that Riverina Water does not support the request by REROC that "the Minister for Local Government formally dissolve the Riverina Joint Organisation"**
- (3) That Riverina Water write to the NSW Office of Local Government and provide feedback on the three specific matters as outlined in the body of this report and as discussed during the meeting.**
- (4) Write to the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government:**
  - i     noting that Riverina Water joined the Riverina Joint Organisation at the specific request of the NSW Government; and**
  - ii    request that Riverina Water be left in the Riverina Joint Organisation; and**
  - iii   request that the Riverina Joint Organisation remain in hiatus status pending future collaboration opportunities**

**CARRIED**

### **Record of voting on the Motion**

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr G Davies  
Cr G Driscoll  
Cr J McKinnon  
Cr A Condron

Cr B Liston  
Cr Parkins

**R3 Budget Planning - 2026/27 Operational Plan**

**26/040 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Condron

**RECOMMENDATION A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders.**

**CARRIED**

**Record of voting on the Motion**

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr G Davies  
Cr G Driscoll  
Cr J McKinnon  
Cr A Condron  
Cr B Liston  
Cr Parkins

**26/041 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and B Liston

**RECOMMENDATION A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.**

**CARRIED**

**Record of voting on the Motion**

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr G Davies  
Cr G Driscoll  
Cr J McKinnon  
Cr A Condron  
Cr B Liston  
Cr Parkins

**26/042 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Condron

**That Council note that the pricing scenarios discussed at the meeting will inform the financial information presented as part of the Draft Operational Plan, including Fees & Charges, to be presented to the Board at the April 2026 meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Record of voting on the Motion**

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr G Davies  
Cr G Driscoll  
Cr J McKinnon  
Cr A Condron  
Cr B Liston  
Cr Parkins

**This concluded the meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board  
which rose at 6:26pm**