

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Riverina Water County Council held on Thursday 1 September 2022

The meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board was declared open at 10:05am.

Present

Chairperson Tim Koschel
Councillor Doug Meyer OAM
Councillor Pat Bourke (via Audio Visual link)
Councillor Tony Quinn
Councillor Georgie Davies (via Audio Visual link)
Councillor Michael Henderson

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer	(Andrew Crakanthorp)
Director Corporate Services	(Emily Tonacia)
Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer	(Melissa Vincent)
ICT Officer	(Alan Eacott)

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 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

22/151 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and D Meyer OAM

That apologies for non-attendance be received from Councillors Dan Hayes and Gail Driscoll.

CARRIED

Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

22/152 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and T Quinn

That the minutes of the meeting of 24 August 2022, having been circulated and read by Members, were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

Open Reports

R1 Financial Statements 2021/2022

22/153 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and T Quinn

That:

- a) Council's Draft Financial Statements be referred to audit by Council's auditors being the Audit Office of New South Wales;**
- b) Council makes a resolution in accordance with Section 412(2c) that the annual financial report:**
 - i. is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under.**
 - ii. is in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements.**
 - iii. is in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.**
 - iv. presents fairly the council's operating results and financial position for the year**
 - v. is in accordance with Council's accounting policies and other records.**
 - vi. that Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way.**

- c) Council adopts the above-mentioned statement and that the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to complete the 'Statement by Members of the Council' in relation to Council's 2021/22 Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Reports and be attached thereto;
- d) The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports, subject to their being no material changes or audit issues; and
- e) Council presents the final audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report to the public at its ordinary meeting to be held 26 October 2022.

CARRIED

R2 Financial Position as at 30 June 2022

22/154 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and MH Henderson

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) that the unaudited 2021/22 Financial Statements be received and
- (b) that Council place on record its appreciation to Emily Tonacia – Director Corporate Services for her efforts in finalising the Statements

CARRIED

Questions and statements

The following questions and statements were made by those present:

1. Clr Quinn – Presented a copy of the Henty Cricket Club 50 Year History booklet to the CEO. Riverina Water provided funds to refurbish their nets.
2. Clr Bourke – encouraging to hear that general purpose councils could be receiving dividends in the future, could lead to other councils joining Riverina Water. Riverina Water has been providing dividends in way of grants to the communities for many years.

This concluded the meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board which rose at 10:23am