

Minutes of the meeting of Riverina Water County Council held on Wednesday 26 February 2020

The meeting of Riverina Water County Council was declared open at 10:00am.

Present

Councillor Paul Funnell (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor Yvonne Braid OAM
Councillor Greg Conkey OAM
Councillor Vanessa Keenan
Councillor Tim Koschel
Councillor Doug Meyer OAM
Councillor Tony Quinn

In Attendance

General Manager	(Andrew Crakanthorp)
Director of Engineering	(Bede Spannagle)
Manager Corporate Services	(Emily Tonacia)
Manager Human Resources & Governance	(Simon Thomson)
Community Engagement Officer	(Josh Lang)
Executive Assistant to the General Manager	(Melissa Donges)
Administration Assistant	(Alison Herbst)

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.

Apologies

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted from Councillors Greg Verdon and Pat Bourke on the Motion of Councillors V Keenen and G Conkey OAM.

Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor T Koschel declared a non-pecuniary interest in R1 Financial Statements – List of Investments the reason being his employment with a financial institution and remained the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor V Keenan declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in R7 Community Grants Program the reason being that she is currently working with one of the recipients and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Confirmation of Minutes

20/001 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and T Quinn

That the minutes of the meeting of 18 December 2019 having been circulated and read by Members, were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

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 29 January 2020

Work Health & Safety Committee: Forwarding a copy of Minutes of the meeting held 13 February 2020

20/002 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and T Quinn

That the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

Notices of Motion

NOM1 Naming of Meeting Room

20/003 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Koschel

That the General Manager prepare a report to the April meeting of the Board providing information on the options for the naming of the recently completed meeting room. Further that the report include information on former Board member and inaugural Riverina Water Chairperson, Councillor Pat Brassil as I intend to move at the April meeting that the room be named the "Pat Brassil Room".

CARRIED

Open Reports

R1 Financial Statements – List of Investments

20/004 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and V Keenan

That the report detailing Council's external investments for the months of December 2019 and January 2020 be received.

CARRIED

R2 Support for bushfire affected residents in Oberne

20/005 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Koschel

That Council:

- a) Endorse the Emergency Water Relief Program as detailed in the report, and as discussed with the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson
- b) Receive and note the community feedback to the program and donation regarding the Oberne Hall water tank
- c) Fund the costs associated with the Emergency Water Relief Program from Council's existing donations budget

CARRIED

R3 Local Government New South Wales – 2020 Water Management Conference

20/006 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and G Conkey OAM

That:

- a) Council be represented at the Local Government New South Wales 2020 Water Management Conference**
- b) The Chairman or his nominee attend as a delegate**
- c) Nominations of other Board Members to attend be called with Councillors Koschel, Quinn and Funnell approved to attend as observers**
- d) The General Manager and Director of Engineering or their nominees attend as observers**

CARRIED

R4 Annual 'Model Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics' Report

20/007 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and D Meyer OAM

That Council note the results in the attached 'Annual Code of Conduct Statistics' report and the requirement to provide the report to the Office of Local Government.

CARRIED

R5 Privacy Management Plan and Privacy Policy

20/008 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Conkey OAM and V Keenan

That Council:

- a) Endorse the updated Privacy Management Plan and Policy 1.20 – Privacy with both to be placed on public exhibition from 27 February to 26 March inviting public**
- b) Receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:**
 - i. Addressing any submissions made in respect of the proposed Policy 1.20 Privacy and the Privacy Management Plan**
 - ii. Proposing adoption of the Privacy Policy and the Privacy Management Plan unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period**

CARRIED

R6 Policy 2.4 Deferred Payments for Rural Extensions

20/009 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and Y Braid OAM

That Council adopt the revised Policy 2.4 Deferred Payments for Rural Extensions.

CARRIED

R7 Community Grants Program

20/010 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and D Meyer OAM

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the update on the 2019/20 Community Grants Program**
- b) Endorse the timeframe for the 2020/21 Community Grants Program**
- c) Receive a further report regarding the 2020/21 Community Grants Guidelines**
- d) Receive a further report on the continued operation of the Community Grants Program beyond the 2020/21 Program at the June 2020 Board Meeting**

CARRIED

R8 Request to Defer Developer Contributions

A motion was moved by Councillors T Koschel and Y Braid OAM

That Council, in line with the current Developer Servicing Plan (2013) decline the proposed payment deferral requested by Combined Development Group.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillors T Quinn and G Conkey OAM

That the report lay on the table and that staff seek clarification on the safety net available to Council in relation to the request for financial support.

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was LOST.

20/011 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and Y Braid OAM

That Council, in line with the current Developer Servicing Plan (2013) decline the proposed payment deferral requested by Combined Development Group.

CARRIED

Record of voting on the Motion

For the Motion

Councillor Paul Funnell
Councillor Yvonne Braid OAM
Councillor Vanessa Keenan
Councillor Tim Koschel
Councillor Doug Meyer OAM

Against the Motion

Councillor G Conkey OAM
Councillor Tony Quinn

R9 Social Media Quarterly Report: 1 October – 31 December 2019

20/012 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Conkey OAM and D Meyer OAM

That the report detailing Council's social media performance from 1 October to 31 December 2019 be received.

CARRIED

R10 Media Quarterly Report: 1 October – 31 December 2019

20/013 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Koschel

That the report detailing Council's media coverage from 1 October to 31 December 2019 be received.

CARRIED

R11 Lost Time Injury Statistics 2019/20 – Dec/Jan Period

20/014 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and D Meyer OAM

That the statistics report on Lost Time Injuries for the December/January period of 2019 / 2020 financial year be received and noted.

CARRIED

R12 Council Resolution Sheet

20/015 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and V Keenan

That the report detailing the current resolutions of Council be received.

CARRIED

R13 Works Report covering December 2019

20/016 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Conkey OAM and D Meyer OAM

That the Works Report covering December 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED

R14 Works Report covering January 2020

20/017 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Conkey OAM and D Meyer OAM

That the Works Report covering January 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED

R15 Wagga Wagga City Council proposed acquisition of land at as public reserve with a full width (5m) easement to Riverina Water for water supply (Lot 11 and 122 DP 540063)

20/018 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Meyer OAM and T Koschel

That Council note the above matter and accept the subdivision of Lot 1 DP 585912 and subsequent land transfer of Lot 11 to Wagga Wagga City Council as per the Plan of Subdivision, Deposited Plan and 88B instrument and delegate authority to the General Manager to sign the relevant documents.

CARRIED

Procedural Motion

R16 December 2019 Quarterly Budget Review

In accordance with Clause 8.3(b) the Acting Chairperson ruled the matter to be urgent due to the statutory requirement for Council to consider and adopt the quarterly budget review.

20/019 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and V Keenan

That the late report tabled during the meeting be considered.

CARRIED

20/020 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Quinn and V Keenan

That the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 31 December 2019 to be received and adopted.

CARRIED

Questions and statements

The following questions and statements were made by those present:

1. Councillor G Conkey OAM thanked Riverina Water staff on behalf of Wagga Wagga City Council and residents for their assistance during the recent bushfires.
2. Councillor Y Braid OAM echoed Councillor Conkey OAM's comments.
3. Councillor P Funnell wished to also express the gratitude of all constituent Councils, as passed on by Councillors G Verdon and P Bourke in relation to the assistance provided during the bushfires.

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.

20/021 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Conkey OAM and T Koschel

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 11:31am.

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.

Councillor G Conkey OAM left the meeting at 11:36am and did not return

Confidential Reports

CONF1 Advertising and content opportunity – Wagga Wagga.tv

A motion was moved by Councillors T Koschel and Y Braid OAM

That Council:

- a) Endorse a six-month trial of the Wagga Wagga.tv Platform Partner program, commencing 1 July 2020
- b) Receive a further report at the 16 December 2020 meeting on the outcome of the trial
- c) Explore the opportunity for Riverina Water to partner with its four constituent Councils to use Wagga Wagga.tv as a communications platform

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillors G Meyer OAM and V Keenan

That the decision be deferred until the next Council Meeting on 22 April 2020.

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was CARRIED and became the Motion.

20/022 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Meyer OAM and V Keenan

That the decision be deferred until the next Council Meeting on 22 April 2020.

CARRIED

CONF2 Purchase of land 45 Koorungal Road for future operational requirements

20/023 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and D Meyer OAM

That Council:

- a) **Note the report**
- b) **Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the purchase of 45 Koorungal Rd for the negotiated price as referenced in the report**
- c) **Upon acquisition, classify the land as operational in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)**

CARRIED

Reversion to Open Council

20/024 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and T Quinn

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 12:13pm.

CARRIED

Decisions Read Aloud

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

This concluded the meeting of Riverina Water County Council which rose at 12:15pm