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Region 9 Ordinary Meeting

Minutes

Location: Leeton Shire Council Chambers
23-25 Chelmsford Place Leeton NSW 2705
Date/time: 29 August 2019 - 9.30am for 10.00am commencement – commenced 10:15am
Zoom: N/A

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1	Present:	Cr Paul Maytom	Leeton Shire Council
		Joe Burns	Private Member
		Cr John Dal Broi	Griffith City Council
		Andrew Crackanthorp	Riverina Water County Council
		Cr Jenny Clarke	Narrandera Shire Council
		Cr Russell Campbell	Carrathool Shire Council
		Jackie Kruger	Leeton Shire Council
		John Scarce	Murrumbidgee Shire Council
		Kirstyn Thronder	Hay Shire Council
		Michael Rutledge	Hay Shire Council
		Cr David Fahey	Narrandera Shire Council
2.1	Apologies:	Brett Stonestreet	Griffith City Council
		Cr Ruth McRae	Murrumbidgee Council
		Bede Mecham	Private Member
		Bede Spanagle	Riverina Water County Council
		Greg Verdon	Lockhart Shire Council
		Rick Warren	Carrathool Shire Council
		Cr Dino Zappacosta	Griffith City Council
		Neville Kschenka	Narrandera Shire Council

Moved by Joe Burns
Seconded by Russell Campbell

2. WELCOME

- 2.1 Chair Region 9
The Chair, Paul Maytom welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. He informed the group that Emma Bradbury was an apology as she was attending a Region Meeting in Dubbo and Melissa was away sick, so Angela Stevens was filling in today. The presentation today will be on the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and what projects are happening.

As you are all aware there has been much happening and as Chair I am required to inform the community ie the yanco creek report. Weather conditions are not improving even

though its green so we must remain vigilant as it's a hard task in front of us. Emma Bradbury has been visiting federal and state members and passing info on which has/is being disseminated throughout the regions.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting – 15 February 2019

Matters arising

Yanco Creek – on today's agenda

Russell Campbell questioned 8.2 – what's happening there and were we trying to get one. Paul stated that as it was a water trading enquiry that it's better if we wait for it to go through the ACCC first.

Moved by Russell Campbell

Seconded by Joe Burns

5. CEO's REPORT

5.1 CEO's reports [online](#)
Noted – as attached to the agenda

5.2 MDA Board Meeting 388 [Minutes](#)
Noted – as attached to the agenda.

Paul reiterated that If council's and members were not receiving agendas and minutes to please let us know. Currently email go directly to members and to generic council emails.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Motions to MDA Annual Conference
Motions closed and tabled at board meeting on Monday. Any amendments let Paul know. Russell queried whether Motion 2 was correct or rather just a statement. Intent is to remind the government they built it – cost billions to start again. John Dal Broi is uncomfortable with part 2 of Motion 2, we should be more specific – slow almond industry since they have volunteered. Take out Part 6 as it goes with part 5 of Motion 2. Paul stated that amendments can be made at the meeting or at the conference.

Action – Jackie Kruger is to look at the wording of Motion 2

6.2 Yanco Creek Report
Noted
Jodie Swirepik stated it is the State government's responsibility to implement. The Commonwealth Environmental Water Office is a stakeholder with a statutory role – It is not responsible for execution.

Jackie Kruger said locals are concerned re environmental impacts. It's important to understand how to navigate the conversation – fundamental objectives of what they want the health of Yanco creek to be.

All SDL projects must be justified, they are not done deals. Need to be informed. There is a disconnect between the community and between the water agencies and we must try and bridge the gap. Advisory groups are to ensure agencies are at the table. Advisory groups are currently advertising for committees.

Action – Region 9 to provide to letter of support for applications from Councils for advisory committees. Region 9 committee to also have a representative on committee.

Moved by Jackie K

Seconded by Andrew Crackanthorp

6.3 Region 9 Membership

Wesley Hall is no longer with Narrandera Shire Council, Jenny Clarke is the alternate delegate and it will be discussed at the next council meeting of who will attend meetings in the future.

Russell Campbell enquired as to whether Carrathool Shire is still a member.

Action – Jenny Clarke to let Paul know who the new nominated rep for the committee is from Narrandera Shire Council.

Action – Russell and Melissa to enquire

6.4 National Conference and AGM – Toowoomba 22nd – 24th October 2019

Paul encouraged members and member councils to go and Melissa to send reminder.

7. PRESENTATION

6.1 Jody Swirepik Chief Executive Commonwealth Environmental Water Office – presentation attached.

Discussion and clarification re carry overs – licence requirements say 30% only general security can be carried over.

8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Next Meeting: 7 November 2019 – AGM and Ordinary Meeting

9. CLOSE 1pm

The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks Leeton Shire Council for its support in hosting this meeting of Region 9.