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Region 9 Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Location:	Leeton Shire Council 23-25 Chelmsford Place, Leeton
Time/date:	Friday, 15 February 2019 – 9.30am for 10.00am commencement

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 Mayor Paul Maytom, Leeton Shire Council gave a special welcome to Colin and Dan from MDBA

2. ATTENDANCE

- 2.1 Attendance
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| Paul Maytom | Leeton Shire Council |
| Jackie Kruger | Leeton Shire Council |
| Angela Stevens | Leeton Shire Council |
| Ruth McCrae | Murrumbidgee Shire Council |
| John Scarce | Murrumbidgee Shire Council |
| Bede Spannagle | Riverina Water County Council |
| Wesley Hall | Narrandera Shire Council |
| Brett Stonestreet | Griffith City Council |
| John Dal Broi | Griffith City Council |
| Dino Zappacosta | Griffith City Council |
| Joe Burns | Private Member |
| Mark Gooden | Private Member |
| Russell Campbell | Carrathool Council |
| Rick Warren | |
| Peter Keane (observer) | Leeton Shire Council |
| Graeme Kruger | Ricegrowers |
| Richard Stott | |
| Colin Mues | MDBA |
| Dan Croucher | MDBA |
- 2.2 Apologies
- Bede Mecham
Dino Zappacosta
Greg Verdon
Paul Furnell

Moved by Bede Spannagle
Seconded by Wesley Hall

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting on Friday, 23 November 2018 at 10.20am

Brett Stonestreet requested clarification on point 7.1 – Town/City Water Reference.

Jackie Kruger clarified that the intent was never around town supply – the reference was around use.

Bede Spannagle questioned 7.4 – he wanted to clarify that it was merely a discussion point as he has no authority to speak on their behalf – passage to be removed.

Minutes of the previous meeting on Friday 23 November 2018 were:

Confirmed by Wesley Hall

Seconded by Brett Stonestreet

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Yanco creek issue

Ruth read an email received from Rod Hardwick saying the Yanco SDL team had been formed. Ruth responded to the email asking for a meeting date and has received no response from Rod. Email from Rod and Ruth to be circulated to group. No meeting date scheduled.

Projects are more progressed than the community knows – no genuine level of engagement/not confident in communication and engagement process. Paul Maytom to follow up with Austin Evans and be the go to person for region 9.

Ruth to keep the group informed. Group Executive to facilitate meeting with all R9 local members.

Moved by Ruth

Seconded Wesley Hall - motion carried.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Chairman's Report

Due to time constraints there was no official Chairman's Report given however he stated that there was a general consensus to move forward with the plan.

6.2 CEO's report

Some major points are as follows:

- Melissa Reddick is the new Chair of region 6
- At the Strategic Planning workshop there were 55 attendees, 12 regions were represented from 38 councils which as a good mix of people
- The Strategic Plan will be presented to the March meeting of the board after which consultation will happen
- MDA recognising that board level resourcing is needed and is putting a business case to government for funding
- MDBA economic development grant tenders close on 10 March.
- The CEO was invited to present at south west group of councils and meetings across region 10
- Succession planning of region 9 chair

7. PRESENTATION

7.1 Colin Mues Executive Director Science and Knowledge Division MDBA

- Update on our Regional Engagement Officers
- Overview of the Resource Outlook

- Menindee and Fish Deaths
- SA Royal Commission
- Productivity Commission Report
- 450GL Water recovery
- Long Term Extraction Limits

Attached are the presentation slides

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Update on MDA Strategic Planning Workshop Held 1-3 Feb.

Review of MDA purpose – unified and trustworthy voice for LG – role is conduit to all levels of govt.

Strat objectives – grunt is executive office needed, regions right boundary/not maybe align with JO.

Membership plug needed

Partnership with other bodies

Stick to the plan of deliverance without hurting communities, be independent and comment on SDL projects.

8.2 Water Trading

John Dal Broi is seeking clarification re Brokers purchasing water, basis of allocations and water trading. Suggested to have a Water Trader present at a future meeting.

Moved by John Dal Broi

Seconded by Russell Campbell – Motion carried

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 Date - 16 May 2019

10. MEETING CLOSED 1pm