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Region 1 Ordinary Meeting

Date: 21 February 2020, Start Time: 10.30am

Location: Robert Brown Room, AlburyCity Council,

Address: 553 Kiewa Street, Albury

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council (Region 1 and National MDA Chair)
Brad Ferris	Albury City Council
Cr Terry Weston	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Tony Quinn	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Bernard Gaffney	Indigo Shire Council
Cr David Wortmann	Towong Shire Council Mayor
Geoff Lucas	Independent Member

1.2 Apologies

Greg Whorlow	AlburyCity Council
Andrew Lawson	AlburyCity Council
Cr Pat Bourke	Federation Council Mayor
Cr Bronwyn Thomas	Federation Council
Adrian Butler	Federation Council General Manager
Cr O'Connor	Indigo Shire Council
Alex Anthony	MDBA

2. WELCOME

2.1 Cr David Thurley, AlburyCity

Cr Thurley welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Cr Thurley as Chair declared the meeting opened and noted the apologies received.

Moved: Cr David Wortmann **Seconded:** Cr Terry Weston

MOTION That the apologies from Greg Whorlow, Andrew Lawson, Cr Pat Bourke, Cr Bronwyn Thomas, Adrian Butler, Cr O'Connor and Alex Anthony be accepted.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no Declaration of Interests received by the Chairperson.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 22 November 2019 in Corowa.

Moved: Brad Ferris **Seconded:** Cr David Thurley

MOTION: That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 1 Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2019 in Corowa be accepted.

CARRIED

5. CEO'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Moved: Cr David Thurley **Seconded:** Cr Tony Quinn

MOTION: That the MDA Region 1 Chairman's report be received and noted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr David Thurley **Seconded:** Cr Tony Quinn

MOTION: That the MDA Region 1 CEO's report be received and noted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr David Thurley **Seconded:** Cr Tony Quinn

MOTION: That the MDA Board Meeting 388 Minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

No items of general business raised.

7. WORKSHOP (*Issues that could require representations from MDA to various parties*)

Members identified a number of issues including:

- Pest animals (horses, deer and goats);
- The increasing problems relating to blue-green algae in the region as a result of low; water levels and high temperatures;
- Water availability during the recent bushfires;
- The possibility of new storages in Region 1 including Big Buffalo dam; and
- The issues arising from non-farm uses such as solar farms on agricultural land.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Robert Brown Room, AlburyCity Council on Friday 15 May 2020.

9. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11.55 am and the Chair thanked all attendees and AlburyCity Council for hosting the meeting.