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Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 30th August 2016
Coorong District Council Chambers
95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend SA 5260

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Barry Featherston	Chair – Alexandrina Council
Danae Cates	Acting Secretary - Alexandrina Council
Vern Leng	Coorong District Council / Private Member
Julie Barrie	Coorong District Council
Simon Bradley	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Frank Tuckwell	Alexandrina Council
Michael Scott	Alexandrina Council
Keith Loeser	Private Member
Peter Smith	Private Member
Clem Schubert	Private Member
Neville Jaensch	Coorong District Council
Steve Wilkinson	Mid-Murray Council
Ian Mann	Private Member

Apologies:

Bob England, Sharon Bland, Bill Bagley, Lesley Fischer, Robert Sexton

2. WELCOME

2.1 Conflict of Interest

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held 30th July 2015 and Special Meeting held 28th July 2016

*Moved Keith Loeser
Seconded Vern Leng
CARRIED*

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Minutes Action Sheet

4.2 Keith Loeser's motion incorrectly worded in minutes from July 28th 2016.
Should read: Motion "That an addendum be added to the Strategic Plan which highlights "Governance" as its definitions". Motion was put, seconded and carried.

5. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

6. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

8. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

8.1 Water future (Clem Schubert)

Discussion held regarding a motion to be put forward to the Murray Darling Association regarding investigations to be undertaken by Federal, State and Local Government to look at the future of water in South Australia and more broadly Australia.

RESOLUTION

- **Draft Wording for Recommendation:**
That the Murray Darling Association investigate at a national level and coordinate with the Federal, State and Local Government to assess the future production of water to accommodate the predicted population growth and economic development for the Murray Darling Basin, this includes the use of desalination plants throughout the basin and the potential for a Clarence River diversion.
- That the draft wording for the Recommendation is circulated to Region 6 members for feedback, and that members provide dot points to use as argument points.
- That the Region 6 Executive finalise this material and will execute it with the Murray Darling Association.

***Moved Keith Loeser
Seconded Clem Schubert
CARRIED***

8.2 Coorong District Council – Notice of Motion to Annual General Meeting (Vern Leng)

Vern Leng advised that the Coorong District Council moved at it's meeting held on 16 August 2016 that the following motion be presented to the Murray Darling Association 72nd Annual General Meeting on 27 October 2016:

Coorong District Council Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 August 2016
177/16 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION – NOTICE OF MOTION TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moved Cr. Barrie, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council:

1. Endorse the following motion to be presented to the Murray Darling Association 72nd Annual General Meeting on 27 October 2016:

1. That the Murray Darling Association actively support the creation of a connector between Lake Albert and the Coorong to generate a saving in environmental water and improve the water quality in the Lower Lakes and Coorong.

2. That the Murray Darling Association actively support the exploration of options and opportunities in relation to the Lower Lakes barrages including:

2.1 Review of future renewal activities to ensure the long term future and sustainability of the barrages (recognising the impacts of future sea level rises).

2.2 Protect the Lower Lakes by reviewing the location and disposition of the barrages to ensure that opportunity is maximised.

2.3 Look at opportunities for developing the barrages to maximise economic development opportunities, including the creation of vehicular and pedestrian access routes to connect key tourism destinations and to protect and maximise environmental benefits.

3. That the Murray Darling Association support the removal of Long Nosed Fur Seals from the Murray River system including the Coorong and Lower Lakes for the following reasons:

3.1 To protect the cultural lands of the Ngarrindjeri so that the Lower Lakes and Coorong be maintained in line with historical precedent.

3.2 Protect the vitality of the Coorong water ways and ecosystem including the RAMSAR site and other areas protected by international treaty.

3.3 Ensure the future financial viability of sustainable wild catch fishing operations in the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray River.

3.4 Maximise the use of the Coorong, Lower Lakes and River Murray for recreational and tourism purposes by improving the safety of the river system for boats and recreational craft.

4. That the Murray Darling Association support tourism activities in a proactive manner where they act to improve or support the operation of the water systems or bodies that participate in the sustainable operation of the Murray Darling river system (water quality and quantity).

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to provide the above motion to the Murray Darling Association in the format and timeframe as specified by the Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

That Murray Darling Association Region 6, endorse the motions put forward by the Coorong District Council.

*Moved Vern Leng
Seconded Keith Loeser
CARRIED*

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Chairman's Report

RESOLUTION

That the Murray Darling Association Region 6 receive the Chairman's report.

*Moved Keith Loeser
Seconded Vern Leng
CARRIED*

9.2 Amendments to Constitution (Keith Loeser)

Murray Darling Association Region 6 have not received any answers or feedback regarding the revisions made to the Constitution document. It is noted that MDA are due to present this at the upcoming National conference, however Region 6 are yet to see the final revised document showing the amendments.

RESOLUTION

1. That Region 6 urge the Executive to circulate the latest amended Constitution by 14th September 2016 to allow all regions and member Councils to review and discuss the document prior to presentation for adoption at the National Conference.
2. Should this not occur then Region 6 would move that a vote on the amendments be deferred.

*Moved Keith Loeser
Seconded Vern Leng
CARRIED*

9.3 Memorial at Goolwa Barrage (Frank Tuckwell)

Frank sought a letter of support from Murray Darling Association Region 6 to support a project for the establishment of a formal memorial at Goolwa Barrage in recognition of the 6 men who lost their lives during the construction of the barrages.

RESOLUTION

That the Murray Darling Association Region 6 provide a letter of support.

***Moved Frank Tuckwell
Seconded Michael Scott
CARRIED***

9.4 Delegates attending the upcoming National Conference

Discussion held regarding who is attending the upcoming national conference.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Proposed change of normal meeting day from Thursday to Wednesday

Discussion held regarding suitable days for the meetings to be held.

Next meeting is the Special Meeting, to be held on 16 September 2016.

The following meeting will be held on Friday 16th December 2016 and will include Lunch.

11. NEXT MEETING

Special meeting to be held on Friday 16th September 2016 at 10am, Coorong District Council

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
Coorong District Council for their support in
Hosting this meeting of Region 6*