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Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

Friday 7th August 2015

Coorong District Council Civic Centre, Tailem Bend "Sturt Board Room"

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present:

Barry Featherston	Chair - Alexandrina Council
Danae Cates	Acting Secretary - Alexandrina Council
Vincent Cammell	Coorong District Council
Vern Leng	Coorong District Council / Private Member
Julie Barrie	Coorong District Council
Sharon Bland	Coorong District Council
Peter Wright	Coorong District Council
Bill Bagley	Private Member
Lesley Fischer	Private Member
Mick Fischer	Private Member
Dianne Henshall	Meningie Narrung Lakes Irrigators Association
Keith Loeser	Private Members
Yvonne Smith	District Council Karoonda East Murray
Greg Toll	National President
Robert Sexton	Southern Mallee District Council
Michael Scott	Alexandrina Council
Simon Grenfell	Alexandrina Council
Shen Mann	Alexandrina Council
Jarrold Eaton	Department Water Environment & Natural Resources
Helen Dodd	Proxy (Sam Dodd)
Margaret Toll	Private Member
Terry Franklin	Murray Watch

1.2 Apologies: Ian Mann, Keith Scobie, Emma Bradbury, Sam Dodd, Lorraine Barber, Bill Patterson, Frank Tuckwell, Peter Smith, Simon Bradley,

2. WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Coorong District Council

2.2 Chairman Introduction

2.2.1.1 *Chairman's Report - Tabled and Noted.*

2.3 Conflict of Interest

The Chair reminded those in attendance of the Conflict of Interest

3. GUEST SPEAKER

Jarrold Eaton – Department Environment, Water & Natural Resources

Murray Mouth Dredging Project

Action: Danae to provide a copy of presentation to be circulated with these minutes.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the previous R6 Ordinary Meeting held on 26th June 2015 at Murray Bridge

**Moved Vern Leng, Seconded Keith Loeser
CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 From minutes of previous meeting on 26th June 2015

- Copy of Minutes of National Board Meeting (MDA) which outlines Mid-Murray to go to R5.
Previous Action from Meeting held on 26th June 2015 - Chairman Frank Tuckwell to table at next meeting for discussion.
ACTION REQUIRED: Secretary Cr Julie Barrie to follow up and arrange for these minutes to be tabled at a future R6 Ordinary Meeting.
- Broken Hill Council – Media article regarding water supply.
Copy of media article provided to R6 members, for information only. No further action required.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Progress Report Wyndgate Project

Shen Mann (Alexandrina Council) briefed the group on the status of this project.

- Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) internal steering committee to develop Management Plan for Wyndgate property
- Management Plan will be land focused looking at wetland management, wind management etc. Management Plan not looking at future use / management of buildings etc. on the property.

Frank Tuckwell can keep R6 informed on any progress.

ACTION: This matter is to remain on agenda for discussion/updates at future R6 Ordinary meetings.

Cr Julie Barrie to add as a standing agenda item to the Agendas for R6 Ordinary meetings.

Copy of report by Alexandrina Council regarding Wyndgate Project to be circulated with minutes.

Action: Danae to distribute copy of the report when circulating these minutes.

6.2 Barrage Memorial Proposal

Unknown, not sure why this is on the agenda.

Chair Barry Featherston to clarify with Frank Tuckwell and report back at next R6 meeting if relevant.

6.3 Fur Seals

Peter Smith – C/- Lesley Fischer - Motion for National AGM

RESOLUTION

That the MDA do all within their powers to lobby for the removal of fur seals from the Lakes and Coorong.

**Moved Keith Loeser, Seconded Vern Leng
CARRIED**

6.4 Attendance at National Conference

Those who are attending National Conference in September and would like to be a voting delegate require endorsement by R6. (Region can have up to 8 delegates under Constitution).

RESOLUTION

That Region 6 endorses the following delegates to attend the National Conference in September and have voting rights

- Ian Mann
- Vern Leng
- Barry Featherston (Chair)
- Lesley Fischer or Proxy

**Moved Bill Bagley, Seconded Vern Leng
CARRIED**

6.5 Facebook Site for Region 6

Vern Leng suggests Region 6 have their own facebook site.

Chair advised that this matter is best dealt with by Local Councils.

To be raised at next R6 meeting for further discussion.

ACTION: Julie Barrie to include on next R6 Ordinary Meeting Agenda.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

Hold bi-monthly, next meeting 2 months time. Coorong District Council, Tailem Bend, as this location is central for most members.

Preferred day, Thursday –

Next Meeting, tentatively advised as Thursday 15 October 2015

Meeting required prior to Annual Conference

Short meeting prior to National Annual Conference to be held with Region 6 Executive. Date/Time to be confirmed between R6 Executive. This can be done via a telephone link-up if necessary.

9. CLOSE

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