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Agenda

Region 5 - Ordinary Meeting

**Loxton Waikerie Council Offices
Strangman Road, Waikerie**

Monday 10 April 2017 at 10.00am
(Morning tea available from 9.30am)

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present:

Cr Adrian Sakko	Mid Murray Council
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
Ian Mann OAM	Mid Murray Private Member
Cr Andrew Kassebaun	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Allan Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council
Naomi Prunckun	Renmark Paringa Council

1.2 Apologies:

Tony Pasin MP	Member for Barker
Tim Whetstone MP	Member for Chaffey
Stephan Knoll MP	Member for Schubert
Cr Jack Gibb	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Russell Peate	Mid Murray Council

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declaration – Material / Actual / Perceived

2. WELCOME

Peter Hunter – Deputy Mayor, Renmark Paringa Council
Slide show and tourism booklet that was presented at MDA Conference 2016 was on display.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S - emailed with agenda

Moved: I M Oam

That the minutes of previous meeting of the MDA Region 5 held on the 10th October, 2016 be accepted as a true & correct summary of the meeting.

Seconded: P Raison

Carried

Moved: A Sakko

That the minutes of the Annual General Annual Meeting of MDA Region 5 held on March 6 2017 be received. [Formal Adoption at the next AGM]

Seconded: A Maddock

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of Arrangements for Secretarial Duties

- Renmark Paringa Council have arranged for a rotation between staff to take on the secretarial duties

4.2 MDB NRM Board appointment of Engagement Officer @ Murray Bridge

- P Hunter discussed with E Bradbury about the potential for the Officer to work with the Committee
- An Officer has been appointed within the NRM Board, unknown to the Committee who holds the position. It is a pilot program
- A Kassebaun to provide updates to committee once informed further about the position

4.3 Other items not currently listed to be dealt with in this agenda

- Nil

5. MDA CEO REPORT

5.1 CEO Summary Report from March of 2017 **emailed with agenda** – discussion

- CEO provided written report as Committee opted for this over video/phone link
- CEO can continue to provide written reports at meetings instead of video/phone link.
- Committee requests that CEO attends once a year or as invited (ad hoc)

Moved: I Oam

That we seek an update/further information from CEO in relation to MDA Boundary review and how it affects South Australia

Seconded: P Raison

CARRIED

- P Hunter to circulate information received prior to next meeting to allow for discussion

5.2 Summary of / issues from the Ministerial Council Meeting held in Mildura - March 2017

- Summary not received. P Hunter to receive an update from CEO and circulate to Committee as soon as possible

6. MDA NATIONAL AGM UPDATE

6.1 Renmark Paringa Council Update on actions for the MDA National Conference and AGM to be held Wednesday 11 October to Friday 13 October, based in Region 5

- RPC, CEO and Conference Organiser had a phone link on Friday 7 April which looked at the schedule for the three day AGM
- Committee supported the idea of social tours for partners to be organised with the conference as it has been in previous years

6.2 Discussion re input / broad assistance in relation to in the planning of the Conference and AGM.

- Committee was asked to consider a theme for the conference. Sharing as a key word was suggested:
Sharing our future;
One river – shaping our destiny; and

- One basin – one future
- Committee was asked to suggested presenters, suggestions as follows in order to put SA achievement on the table for the Basin to see:
 - State Politician instead of federal;
 - Ian Hunter;
 - DEWNR Staff member Dan Jordan;
 - NRM Water Management Senior Staff – water allocation plan;
 - DEWNR Major Project:
 - Coorong and Lower Lakes and what is happening down there and the outcomes to achieve what is in the plan;
 - Regulators / Fishways / Pike / Chowilla
 - Riverine Recovery Project Project Staff (Catfish Reach, Chowilla, Pike)
 - RIT CEWH RPC Wetlands & links with growers / CEWH / Council
- Social Study tour ideas as follows:
 - Food Safari;
 - History of Riverland Towns;
 - Rose related tour as it is a week prior to the festival – parks and gardens type tour;
 - Ideas for Loxton Waikerie districts to be in by Monday 17 April – P Raison to contact Ella Winnell from Berri VIC in relation to day tours ideas to replicate
- Formal study tours to link with conference theme / speakers ideas as follows:
 - RIT / CEHW / RPC 'Wetlands' Project (Renmark 20km);
 - DEWNR (Pike / Chowilla)
 - Calperum & Australian Landscape Trust
 - Irrigation Efficiencies & Alternate Crops (various – 100km)
 - Almond Co Tour (part of the food safari) & Water Efficiencies
- Action: Send requests to BBC and LWC to get request suggested ideas for tours in their areas

7. PLANNING & COORDINATION

7.1 MDA Board & Future Planning

- Plan and Coordination to be quarterly
- Report back to MRLGA and Report back to MDA Board but do not have their meetings set

7.2 Frequency / Location / Timing of Region 5 Meetings

- 10 April HELD;
- 10 July, 9:30am for 10am start at Berri NRM Office Wade Street
A Kassebaum to check on availability of room.
CEO to be invited to video conference
Agenda item to be a proposed motion to MDA Conference Oct)
- 11 Sept, 9:30am for 10am start at Morgan Council Chambers
P Raison and A Sakko to arrange meeting room
- 11 – 13 Oct National Conference, Renmark
- Dec TBA

7.3 Meeting Plan and Set of Actions for Region 5 in 2017

Please see attached Agenda Item 7.3

Members to fill out hard copy of Agenda Item 7.3 Table and return by 21 April to be summarised and relayed to Board. As items arise they will be documented in the action sheet and timing and responsibility to be determined by Committee in future meetings

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Links with Other Regions

- Covered in previous items

- 8.2 CEWH Portfolio Management Plan – Lower Murray-Darling. **Emailed with agenda**
- No comments, information only report for future topics

8.3 Any Other General Business

Urgent, Late Business
Nil

9. **NEXT MEETING**

Date: 10 July Time: 10am Location: NRM Office Wade Street Berri

Room Booking / Morning Tea / Set Up & Preparation Responsibilities: A Kassebaum

10. **CLOSE** 10:57pm

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
Loxton Waikerie Council for hosting this meeting of Region 5*

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What Can We / Should We Impact on?

a) Items Derived from: Council CEO & EM Input: NB NEEDS CLEAR MESSAGE	Priority	Action					Comments / Timing / Strategy ie Position Paper
	L-M-H	R5 & Councils	MRLGA	MDA Board	Special Project ?	CEWH MDBA	
MDB Plan delivered in full – consistent in timeframes & conditions previously agreed	H						
Ensure upstream state follow through & physically deliver on the plan – esp. in terms of infrastructure	H						Pressure to keep it up.
That river management strategies involve Social, Economic & Environmental outcomes	H						Relate to below
That a review of the Southern Basin, including social & economic impacts be conducted prior to 2019	H						Came up from all Councils
That an agreed solution be found for the management of the Lower Lakes & Coorong	H						Especially Barrages. State Gov. Issue/Federal. Regional
That a Lake Bonney / Barmera long term management plan be developed in regards to water quality	M/L						CEWH high priority
That the four lagoons located at Martin’s Bend (Berri) be included as an environmental watering site	M/L						Watching Brief. CEWH not MDA issues – through other avenues
That support be given to the further development of National Parks over Crown Land ie Paringa Paddocks / Berri Saleyards /....	L						State Government. Watching Brief. Localised issue – state crown land is state responsibility not an MDA issue.
That the Carp Eradication Plan has MDA and Local Input with strong, effective communication lines	M						Watching brief project direction. Watch program may become high. MDA issue to talk to community.
That ongoing, regular Cod Restocking programs be strongly supported	M/L						State project not MDA lead.
That Water Quality be a priority within all plans for the future	L						State issue. National Policy
That power prices & reliability of supply be included in all discussions re delivering on the agreed plan.	M						State issue with federal input. National Issue.
That strong links / information flow be established with the CEWH	H/M						State by state with CEWH. Offer comment through CEWH

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Issue Raised	Priority	Action					Comments / <u>Timing</u> / Strategy Ie Position Paper
	L-M-H	R5 & Councils	MDA Board	MRLGA	Special Project	CEWH MDBA	
That strong Links / information Flow be established with the MDB NRM Board Engagement Officer	H						Feedback important. Engagement!! Engagement with Officer to give guidance on what community needs
Higher priority given to the annual water allocation to irrigators and the use of the desalination plant to ensure equitable allocation	H/M						State Government Issue. Sorted by 2019, discussion RDA & DEWNR. Economics and social looking into. Triggers to turn on. Watching brief
The development of trigger points and conditions for the use of the desalination plant.	H/M						State Gov – DEWNR issue
Ensuring the continuity of quality and quantity of water for Region 5 and Region 6.	H/M/L						MDBA Plan objective State
Managing Uncertainty & diminished confidence that results from poor communication & understanding of the impacts of the plan.	M						Engagement Officer MDBA. Link with Engagement Officer to deliver the information out to community.
b) Other Issues Raised – but not from recent CEO request....					?		
Local Government to be able to have input into rules / changes regarding Water Trading	M/L						More issues with constraints than rules/changes. Massaging the rules. State Issue. Due restraints. Watching Brief – rule amendments
Develop agreements / processes to give greater certainty for growers re Carry Over Water	M/L						Watching Brief – State Gov & DEWNR
Flood Communications & Management to be more consistent & linked to social, economic and environmental issues – across all sectors of government	M/L						State Government. Send communication to R6 via email State regions to get together (LGA type meeting). First LG MLRM region communication to support MDA R5.
Contact & Liaison with other MDA Non River Regions	H/L						To be organised. Engage with Michelle Campbell. Invite her to speak with the group.
Direct links with the CEWH & options for input by Local Government to long term planning.	H/M/L						One to one engagement