



Murray Darling Association Inc.

Region 5

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Minutes

Region 5 - Ordinary Meeting

Berri Barmera Council Chambers
19 Wilson Street, Berri

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present:

Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
Cr Adrian Sakko	Mid Murray Council
Ian Mann	Mid Murray Private Member
Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Mark Ward	Loxton Waikerie Council
Cr Allan Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council - Chair
Peter Smith - OAM	Private Member
Naomi Prunckun	EO - Renmark Paringa Council

1.2 Apologies:

Neil Martinson	Mayor, Renmark Paringa Council
Stephan Knoll MP	Member for Schubert

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declaration – Material / Actual / Perceived
Nil

2. WELCOME

Our guest, Brad Hollis, who is the Project Manager for the RRP & SARFIIP Projects in our region, shared information about these two key funding sources & then focused on the Pike River Wetlands Rehabilitation.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Ian Mann

That the minutes of previous meeting of the MDA Region 5 held on the 10th April, 2017 be accepted as a true & correct summary of the meeting. It was noted that Peter Smith be recorded as an apology.

Seconded: Cr Mark Ward

Agreed

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 MDB NRM Board – Cr Andrew Kassebaum

- Monique White appointed as Engagement Officer, based in Murray Bridge
- Weir Pool Raising & Lowering
- Increased staff by 3.0

- Payments to state government continue
- Concern over budget
- Interesting to follow Mt Lofty Ranges & dam storage issues into the future

ACTION: Cr Hunter to invite Monique White to our September Meeting

4.2 CEO Update on Boundary Review – **Nil** report

ACTION: Cr Hunter to chase information for September Meeting

4.3 Ongoing Meeting Inputs:

- Agreed speaker / inputs of value & to continue for each meeting

ACTIONS: Cr Hunter to:

Invite CEWH (Michelle Campbell) to our September Meeting

Invite fisheries / carp management speaker to the December Meeting

Consider Mike Young / Jarrod Eaton and SA Water representatives for future meetings

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

Nil

5. MDA CEO REPORT

5.1 CEO Summary Report

- Acknowledge significant efforts to inform National Agenda by MDA exec members

MDA Board Meeting (365)

- MDA to MD LGA not supported by SA LGA Leadership
- Narrow mailing list to key membership with general information to broader 'interested parties'
- Finance positions on board more professional / new CEO support position created
- Membership via councils / regions & decisions endorsed by member councils very important
- National push for greater / more active membership – 10 of 12 regions active

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

Nil Discussion

6. MDA NATIONAL AGM UPDATE

6.1 Planning Update

- Update on program / conference / tours / options given
- Recommend early registration / Flavour Tour likely to be booked early
- Banners from each Council would be useful backdrop for AGM
- Need Welcome to Country included as a part of the program

ACTION/S: Andrew Kassebaum to contact David Beaton re the most appropriate Representative

Cr Hunter to contact Conference organisers re inclusion of welcome to country session

6.2 Other Input / Suggestions – awards / presentations

ACTION: Andrew Kassebaum to consult DEWNR re the generation of a list of volunteer groups working within our Region for recognition at the AGM

7. PLANNING & COORDINATION

- 7.1 MDA Board & Future Planning
- now locked into the first Thursday of the month.
- 7.2 Frequency / Location / Timing of Region 5 Meetings
- September Meeting moved to **Wednesday, 27th September @ Morgan**
 - 9:30am for 10:00am start
 - Guests as per item 4.3
 - 11th to 13th October – AGM & Conference in Renmark
 - December – Monday, 11th December in Renmark
- 7.3 Meeting Plan and Set of Actions for Region 5 in 2017
- Previous listing / Priorities
 - Need the list / priorities to be considered / re-molded to become our Region 5 position in relation to items listed

ACTIONS: Draft Priorities to be circulated to all councils with a request that each council consider the items listed / ranked & consider any omissions – then forward responses to individual council representatives of Region 5 (and / or chair) in preparation for September & December Meetings.

Cr Hunter to send individual information to all CEO's requesting it be listed for discussion at future council meeting & responses returned.

Cr Hunter to recirculate current list of priorities as a part of the agenda

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 Links with Other Regions
- Revisit potential joint meetings / sharing of priorities
- 8.2 CEWH Portfolio Management Plan – Lower Murray-Darling.
- September Invitation
- 8.3 One River & Murraylands & Riverland LGA Forum – River Councils
- SA River Councils as a focus. In Murray Bridge – 29th September.
- 8.4 Additional General Business
- Ian Mann endorsed as Delegate for Region 5.

9. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 27th September Time: 9:30 for 10am Location: Morgan

Room Booking / Morning Tea / Set Up & Preparation Responsibilities: Cr Hunter to contact Mid Murray CEO

10. CLOSE

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
Berri / Barmera Council for hosting this meeting of Region 5*