



Murray Darling Association Inc.

Region 5

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Region 5 – Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

Monday 26 October 2020

Mid Murray Council, Morgan & Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Meeting commenced at 10-00am

1. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Cr Peter Raison - Chair	Mid Murray Council
Cr Jeff Hall	Mid Murray Council
Ian Mann	Mid Murray Private Member
Cr Kym Webber	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Cr Peter Walker	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Yvonne Smith	District Council of Karoonda East Murray
Emma Bradbury	Chief Executive Officer, Murray Darling Association
Tim Smythe	Chief Executive Officer, Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association
Deana Mildren	Murray-Darling Basin Authority
Tracy Brophy	Minute Secretary, Mid Murray Council

Apology:

Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council
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2. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. MINUTES

Moved Cr Hall **Seconded I Mann**

That the Minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 5 Ordinary Meeting held on the 1 June 2020, are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

Emma Bradbury

The following was discussed:

- Basin Communities Leadership Program and its roll out
- Regional boundary realignment and the consultation process
- National Conference – can access all presentations online
- Preparing next years conference – Hybrid model
- Discussed the value of MDA membership and attendance at the MDA AGM

Deana Mildren

Opened with Acknowledgement of Country.

The following was discussed:

- Black Water events and blue-green algal bloom outbreaks. See the Murray Darling Basin Authority website for maps.
- Water storage across the Basin
- Basin Plan Evaluation 2020 – mid-point review
- New Chair of the Murray Darling Basin Authority – Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (ret)
- Basin Community Committee
- Minister Pitt's announcement of an additional \$37.5 million for the Riverland region

Tim Smythe

The following was discussed:

- Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association Water Position Paper Working Group
 - Regions 5 & 6 Chairs, 1 representative & 1 proxy from each of the Regions.
 - Meet at least 4 times over the lifetime of the project, maybe more.
 - Draft Scope
 - Seeking a representative from the Region 5 Committee
- Discussed changes in population between 2001-2016.

Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association Water Position Working Group

Moved I Mann Seconded Cr Kassebaum

That the Murray Darling Association Region 5 join the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association Water Position Working Group.

CARRIED

Region 5 Representative

Moved Cr Hall Seconded Cr Webber

That Cr Andrew Kassebaum be appointed as the Region 5 representative for the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association Water Position Working Group.

CARRIED

Region 5 Proxy

Moved Cr Kassebaum Seconded Cr Hall

That Cr Peter Walker be appointed as the Region 5 proxy for the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association Water Position Working Group.

CARRIED

6. MDA CEO / NATIONAL AGM

MDA CEO's Report

Moved Cr Kassebaum Seconded Cr Hall

That the MDA CEO's report for September 2020 be received.

CARRIED

MDA Ordinary Board Meeting & 76th AGM Minutes

Moved I Mann Seconded Cr Hall

That the MDA Ordinary Board Meeting held on the 19 October 2020 and 76th AGM Minutes held on the 16 September 2020 be received.

CARRIED

76th National Conference – links to recorded sessions

Moved I Mann Seconded Cr Hall

That the links to the 76th National Conference recorded sessions be noted.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING

Climate Variation Position Statement and Action Plan

- Cr Kassebaum discussed the need to have a Position Statement and has reviewed other Regions. Liked Region 9's with some amendments.
- Discussed what was relevant to Region 5
- Cr Smith also likes Region 9 with amendments relevant to Region 5.
- Discussed members providing input and creating a document for discussion at the next meeting. Email the Region 5 Secretariat thoughts and ideas.
- Cr Kassebaum discussed a document regarding climate adaption, will locate the document.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Sefton Report located at <https://www.mdba.gov.au/publications/independent-reports/independent-assessment-social-economic-conditions-basin> and RAMJO Position Statement <https://ramjo.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/> was discussed.

9. PLANNING & COORDINATION

Region 5 Meeting Dates / Time

- 14 December 2020 – 10 am – Karoonda (TBC)
- 08 March 2021 – 10 am
- 14 June 2021 – 10 am
- 13 September 2021 – 10 am

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Riverland Region - \$37.5 Million

Cr Walker asked if anyone knew what the \$37.5 million Deana mentioned earlier was going to be spent on. Cr Kassebaum to confirm what it will be spent on.

11. NEXT MEETING

Date: 14 December 2020
Time: 10am
Location: Karoonda (TBC) & Via Zoom Video Conferencing

12. CLOSURE

11.15am The Chair declared the meeting closed.