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## **Minutes**

*Murray Darling Association Region Eight Meeting  
Friday 26 June 2020, 2.30pm  
Via Zoom meeting*

### **1. Welcome by Cr Brian Lockyer – Chair**

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

### **3. Attendance**

Cr Brian Lockyer, Mayor Leonie Kerley and CEO Maree Wauchope (Barunga West Council), CEO Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) and Simon Millcock CEO Legatus Group as secretariat.

### **4. Apologies**

CEO MDA Emma Bradbury, Mayors Wayne Thomas (Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Phillip Heaslip (Mt Remarkable), Bill O'Brien (Light) and CEOs David Stevenson (Goyder) and Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton).

### **5. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Motion: That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 8 meeting held on the 28 February 2020 at the Valleys Lifestyle Centre Main North Road Clare be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Helen McDonald Seconded: Cr Brian Lockyer

**CARRIED**

### **6. Business Arising**

Nil

### **7. Presentations**

7.1 Cr Jane McAllister from Wentworth Shire Council and a MDA representative attended the meeting and provided an over view of MDA Region 4 and its intersection across NSW, Vic and SA. This included a need for active SA Local Govt voices on the MDA. Items discussed included the recent fish kills and growth of the almond industry and impacts to the Darling

River. Outlined the great value in having the Mayors across the MDA coming together and engaging in broader regional conversations. Cr McAllister promoted the upcoming MDA Conference which will be a virtual conference.

7.2 Richard Mintern Local Engagement Officer with the Commonwealth Environmental Office attended the meeting and provided a presentation titled Basin-scale Environmental Watering which can be found on the Legatus Group website:

<https://legatus.sa.gov.au/naturalenvironment/>

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 Chairman's Report**

Cr Lockyer provided a report with the agenda and he spoke to the report adding that a plaque had been presented to Mayor Denis Clark for his time as Chair of MDA Rgeion 8. Cr Lockyer encouraged topics from the region to be raised and sent through for consideration at meetings.

Motion:

That the Chairman's report be accepted.

Moved Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded Helen Macdonald **CARRIED**

### **8.2 CEO's Report**

The meeting noted that Emma Bradbury provided a copy of the Delegates report and National Conference Update with the agenda.

## **9. General Business**

Simon Millcock the Secretariat for MDA Region 8 provided a report in the agenda on the Future Drought Fund.

## **10. Other Business**

10.1 Water Security in MDA Region 8 - Cr Brian Lockyer outlined the topic of Water Security and conversations he had with MDA. Consensus from the meeting was that this would be an appropriate topic for the MDA to engage with the Yorke Mid North Alliance (RDA Yorke Mid North, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and Legatus Group) with reference to their Regional Plan and the Climate Change Sector Agreement.

10.2 The ONE Basin CRC Bid will be submitted in July 2020 was raised with limited knowledge from those in the meeting and recommended that if this progresses then to be agenda item for next meeting.

Nil

## **11. Close**

The meeting was closed at 3.40 pm date of next meeting to be confirmed.