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Region 8 – Ordinary Meeting 12/07/2019

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Chair Mayor Denis Clark

Cr Sue Scarman

Mayor Phil Heaslip

Cr Danny Keller

Wayne Hart CEO

Mayor Peter Matthey

Andrew Cole CEO

Dr Helen Macdonald CEO

Cr Cate Hunter

Mayor Brenton Lewis

Simon Millcock CEO

Emma Bradbury CEO (via Zoom)

Northern Areas Council

Region 8 Chair MDA

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Mount Remarkable Council

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Goyder Regional Council

Barunga West Council

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council

Region 6 Chair MDA

Legatus Group

Murray Darling Association

1.2 Apologies

Mayor Leonie Kerley

Jarrold Eaton

Barunga West Council

Manager, Water Resource Operations

Department for Environment and Water

2. WELCOME

Chair Denis Clark warmly welcomed those in attendance, including Region 8 members and guests. Mayor Clark emphasized that it has been six years since previous meeting and thanked Simon Millcock for help in organizing meeting.

Emma Bradbury CEO added,

“It has been quite a challenge to get the region re-organised and reconstituted. I’d really like to thank Mayor Clark for all his work with the MDA. It’s been a real exercise in engagement. Denis’ engagement with councils across region 8 has kept the councils in this area connected with MDA. It’s been a progressive journey for us at the Executive also to establish processes and systems that help the regions to deliver on our purpose and meeting arrangements, and those are continuously building and growing.”

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation that there are no previous minutes as the region has been inactive for the past few years.

5. REPORTS

5.1 CEO's report

5.2 MDA Board Meeting 387

Emma Bradbury CEO spoke briefly about the CEO's report, and the MDA Board Meeting 387. Emma Bradbury CEO also answered questions about the MDA's position on the Murry-Darling Basin Plan and explained the defining differences between the Murray Darling Association (MDA) and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA).

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Regional priorities in water – water security and economic development

6.2 MDA National Conference 2012 – bid for hosting rights

Chair Mayor Denis Clark raised that Clare and Gilbert Valley Council and Region 8 expressed an interest in placing a bid for the National Conference in 2021. The members proposed a motion to investigate further on placing a bid.

Motion:

That Region 8 investigate holding the MDA National Conference in 2021

Andrew Cole/Dr Helen Macdonald

6.3 Region 8 Region Executive Committee

Motion:

That Region 8 seek the support of Legatus group for Secretariat support

Andrew Cole/ Dr Helen Macdonald

6.4 Motions for MDA National Conference 2019

Emma Bradbury announced that motions for the MDA National Conference need to be submitted by August 22 2019

7. PRESENTATION

7.1 MDA Strategic Advisory Group – Mayor Brenton Lewis

Mayor Lewis, who has recently been appointed to the MDA Strategic Advisory Group, spoke to Region 8 about the MDA and its representation of local government in the Murray-Darling Basin space:

“Each region has its own set of issues, challenges and risks... (If you're a local council within the Murray-Darling Basin), you need to be around the table, you need to be having a say. You need to be heard. Your problems, issues and risks you face as a community can be much better represented within the MDA... We might not be able to agree on everything but we need to agree on the strategic principles of a healthy flowing river, and water availability across the Basin to those communities who are dependent on it.”

8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The next Region 8 meeting will be held on Friday August 30 2019.

9. CLOSE