



Minutes of R6 General Meeting

Murray Darling Association Inc. Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

Date: 18th August 2017

Venue

Coorong District Council Chambers
95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend SA 5260



Indigenous Acknowledgement

*"The Murray Darling Association acknowledges the traditional owners
of this land & the waters on which we meet"*

1. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Julie Barrie (Acting Chair)
Bill Bagley
Keith Loeser
Michael Scott
Vern Leng
Frank Tuckwell
Steven Wilkinson

Guests – Lesley Fischer
Mick Fischer
Peter Smith

Apologies

Clem Schubert, Simon Bradley, Barry Featherston (Chair)

2. WELCOME

2.1. Guest Speaker - Monique White, Murray Darling Basin Authority Regional Engagement Officer. Monique introduced herself and explained her new role as a Murray-Darling Basin Authority Regional Engagement Officer based in Murray Bridge. She outlined the current MDBA focus and outlined a number of community engagement opportunities that are scheduled for the near future.

2.2. Conflict of interest

3. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES ~

3.1. Moved. Keith Loeser, Sec. Bill Bagley

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

MINUTES ACTION LIST

012/17 Item 4.1 – Paton's Weir

005/17 Item 9.5 – AGM Action List

Moved Keith Loeser, Seconded Bill Bagley that Region 6 alerts the Murray Darling Association Board of Region 6's concerns regarding the lack of feedback/action in relation to last year's Murray Darling Association AGM motions.

CARRIED

022/16 Item 9.2 – Inter-Regional meeting Sept 20th – LGA House at 9:30am

Moved Keith Loeser, Seconded Bill Bagley that the five nominated representatives being Julie Barrie, Keith Loeser, Vern Leng, Michael Scott and Peter Smith attend the scheduled Inter-Regional meeting at the LGA House on 20 September 2017.

CARRIED

012/16 Item 3.4 – Board Governance Policy

Moved Vern Leng, Seconded Keith Loeser that the Murray Darling Association Region 6 Chair formally write to the Murray Darling Association Board and CEO to seek feedback on the following matters arising from the minutes of Board Meetings 365 and 366 of the Murray Darling Association:

1. In relation to Item 6.2 of Board Meeting 365, clarification is sought on whether GST has been applied appropriately to the 2017/18 membership fees for the Murray Darling Association, which were quoted exclusive of GST.
2. Also in relation to Item 6.2 of Board Meeting 365, clarification is sought regarding 2017/18 Organisation membership fees, which were omitted from Item 6.2's resolution.
3. Clarification is sought regarding the use of 'riparian' and 'non-riparian terms' in relation to fees from Item 6.2 of Board Meeting 365. It is believed that it was agreed at Board Meeting 348 that there would be no differentiation between the two terms and fees.
4. In relation to Item 5.1 of Board Meeting 366, Region 6 requests that the Board review Individual Membership within the 2016 Constitution. It is believed that under the Constitution Elected Members from non-member Councils should have the ability to become Individual Members of the Murray Darling Association.

CARRIED

006/15 Item 5.4 – Minutes Secretariat / Research Officer

Moved Vern Leng Seconded Michael Scott that the report from the Rural City of Murray Bridge regarding joint participation in establishing a part-time regional Executive Officer be accepted and that Region 6's appreciation be acknowledged for Rural City of Murray Bridge's support.

CARRIED

5. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

6. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE Nil

7. NOTICE OF MOTION Nil

8. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE Nil

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Chairman's Report

Moved Vern Leng, Seconded Bill Bagley that the Chairman's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

9.2 Appointment of Regional Delegates to attend 2017 Murray Darling Association National Conference and AGM

Moved Bill Bagley, Seconded Michael Scott that Keith Loeser and Bill Bagley be nominated as Region 6's regional delegates to the 2017 Murray Darling Association National Conference and AGM.

CARRIED

Moved Vern Leng, Seconded Keith Loeser that Region 6 proposes during the review of the Constitution that consideration be given to an appropriate clause be included entitling the regional Chair to be substituted by a proxy at Board meetings when the Regional Chair is unable to attend/participate.

CARRIED

Peter Smith's comment in relation to the 2017 Murray Darling Association Conference and AGM was taken on notice, with his motion to be put to Region 5.

9.5 National AGM Motions

Moved Keith Loeser, Seconded Bill Bagley that the Murray Darling Association support Region 6's request for a pipeline connector from Lake Albert to the Coorong (with supporting background data, which includes water saving and salinity levels).

CARRIED

Moved Michael Scott, Seconded Bill Bagley that within three months of the 2017 Murray Darling Association AGM, the Chair request that a report of the motions passed at the meeting in which the actions are completed and/or planned for each item, be circulated to the Regions for their information.

CARRIED

9.7 Item 5.2 April Board meeting – Change of Business Name

Vern Leng raised the concerns outlined by the Board in associating the Murray Darling Association with the Murray Darling Basin Authority. Vern Leng put to the members to consider alternative names.

9.8 Minutes Distribution

Vern Leng noted that Region 5 supplies copies of their minutes to the Murrylands & Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA), and the question had been raised why Region 6 does not also circulate their minutes to the MRLGA. The Chair noted that the minutes will stay in-house until they have been ratified.

9.9 MRLGA Murray River Forum September 29th – Murray Bridge RSL

For the information of members and guests, the MRLGA will be holding a Murray River Forum facilitated by the Hon. Karlene Maywald.

9.10 Executive Officers of Region 5 and Region 6 to meet regarding coordinating actions.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1. .NIL

11. NEXT MEETING

11.1. Date: AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 November 2017.

11.2. Venue:TBA

12. CLOSE Meeting closed at 2:33pm.