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**Region 4 Meeting
1.30pm - Thursday 27 September 2018
Midway Centre, Buronga**

MINUTES

MDA Region 4 meeting opened at 1.40pm

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

In Attendance:

Mayor Melisa Hederics - Chair	Wentworth Shire Council
Deputy Mayor Tim Elstone	Wentworth Shire Council
Mr Mark Jenkins	Mildura Rural City Council
Cr Jane MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council
Mr Ken Ross	Wentworth Shire Council

By Video Link:

Mayor Darriea Turley	Broken Hill City Council
Deputy Mayor Marion Browne	Broken Hill City Council
Mr James Roncon	Broken Hill City Council

By Telephone:

Ms Emma Bradbury	Murray Darling Association
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1.2 Apologies

Cr Anthony Cirillo	Mildura Rural City Council
Cr Jason Modica	Mildura Rural City Council
Gerard Jose	Mildura Rural City Council

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion:

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved: Cr Darriea Turley

Second: Cr Jane MacAllister

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Balranald inclusion to Region 4 – letter has been sent out, awaiting response; Emma Bradbury said Region 3 had a meeting earlier in the year, only 2 members; Strategic Advisory Group discussed; regional borders under review – State to State.

Motion:

That Region 4 write to Swan Hill Council, encouraging them to join with Region 4.

Moved: Cr Jane MacAllister

Second: Cr Tim Elstone

CARRIED

4.2 CC Letter to Executive MDA also, for record.

4.3 Gerard Jose was an apology for Strategic Advisory Committee meeting.

5 REPORTS

5.1 CHAIR REPORT

Due to being elected Chair of the Far South West Joint Organisation, Mayor Melisa Hederics stepped down as Chair Region 4 MDA, noting Wentworth Shire Council holds the chair until next AGM (May 2019). It was noted that both Cr Elstone and Cr Heywood had expressed interest in being endorsed by WSC as delegates on MDA.

Motion:

That Cr Jane MacAllister be appointed to take up position of Chair Region 4, noting she has been sitting as proxy on Board meetings and attended AGM.

Moved: Cr Melisa Hederics

Second: Cr Darriea Turley

CARRIED

As Cr MacAllister was taking minutes it was agreed that Mayor Hederics continue chairing the meeting.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Annual Report

AGM motions discussed (result and report from Emma Bradbury re: support for motion lost re: increased level of water held at Menindee)

Motion:

That the executive writes to Regions 4, 5, and 6, inviting them to a joint meeting in Renmark to discuss Menindee proposals and the impact downstream.

Moved: Cr Jane MacAllister

Second: Cr Tim Elstone

CARRIED

6.2 Web Page

Emma Bradbury reported that the web page for motion tracker has been updated weekly or so.

6.3 Submissions

Water Ombudsman motion submitted to Royal Commissioner, Bret Walker QC, at his request. MDA submission to Productivity Commission and presentation at hearing.

Meeting to present NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy upcoming.

Emma Bradbury meeting with NSW Department to back up Region 4 for proper consultation.

Draft letter to DOI through Emma

Motion:

That Region 4 request they are consulted as a Region in relation to all water policy.

Moved: Cr Tim Elstone

Second: Cr Darriea Turley

CARRIED

Board resolved on date and theme of 2019 AGM and Conference:

Regeneration for a healthy Basin – to be held 22-24 October 2019.

2020 hosting expressions of interest close 28 October 2018.

Motion:

That Region 4 put in an Expression of Interest to host the 2020 MDA Conference.

Moved: Cr Jane MacAllister

Second: Cr Darriea Turley

CARRIED

Broken Hill City Council reported they will hold a March for the Darling on 2 November 2018.

7 NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2pm