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Minutes

Region 5 - Ordinary Meeting

District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Strangman Road, Waikerie

Monday 10 October 2016 commencing at 10.00am

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Russell Peate	Mid Murray Council
Cr Mark Ward	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Cr Allan Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Jack Gibb	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
Peter Smith OAM	Mid Murray Private Member
Naomi Prunckun (from 10.36am)	Renmark Paringa Council
Emma Bradbury (from 10.15am)	Murray Darling Association
Kelvin Goldstone (Secretary)	Mid Murray Council

1.2 Apologies

Tony Pasin, MP	Member for Barker
Tim Whetstone MP	Member for Chaffey
Stephan Knoll MP	Member for Schubert
Ian Mann	Mid Murray Private Member
Cr Adriaan Sakko	Mid Murray Council

2. WELCOME

Russell Peate, Chief Executive Officer, Mid Murray Council welcomed everyone and advised the meeting that following the resignation of Cr Kevin Myers and after discussion with Murray Darling Association Chief Executive Officer, Emma Bradbury, it was agreed that as Chief Executive Officer of the host Council providing Secretarial and administration support for Region 5 he would Chair meetings until formal appointment (of Chairperson and Secretary) are made at the next meeting (Annual General Meeting) after the 2016 National Conference and Annual General Meeting.

Deputy Chairperson, Cr Mark Ward, confirmed he agreed with this approach following discussion with Murray Darling Association Chief Executive Officer, Emma Bradbury.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGION 5 MEETING

Cr Peter Raison moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2016 be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded Cr Mark Ward.

CARRIED.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Chairperson's Resignation

A copy of Cr Kevin Myers' resignation and response from Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer of the Murray Darling Association had been forwarded to all members.

Cr Mark Ward moved that Cr Kevin Myers' resignation be noted and a letter thanking Kevin for his input and work as Chairperson of Region 5 be sent.
Seconded Peter Smith.

CARRIED.

4.2 Appointment of Chairperson and Secretary

Cr Mark Ward moved that the positions of Chairperson and Secretary (including secretarial support) be filled by Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa Councils in accordance with Region 5 rotation policy.
Seconded Peter Smith.

CARRIED.

4.3 Expressions of Interest – MDA National Conference Host 2017

10.15 AM

Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer of the Murray Darling Association, joined the meeting via Skype.

Russell Peate welcomed Emma to the meeting.

Cr Mark Ward moved that the expression of interest lodged by Renmark Paringa Council to host the 2017 Murray Darling Association National Conference and Annual General Meeting be endorsed.
Seconded Cr Peter Raison.

CARRIED.

Murray Darling Association Chief Executive Officer, Emma Bradbury, confirmed the expression of interest had been received.

4.4 MDA 2016 AGM Motions on Notice

A copy of Motions on Notice for the National Conference and AGM had been forwarded to all members.

The meeting discussed each listed MDA 2016 AGM Motions on Notice. Considerable discussion ensued on Motion 7 – Recommendation of the Senate Select Committee. Emma confirmed the motion was prepared by Region 3 and accepts concern of SA Regions. Emma confirmed all available information will be provided to allow members to make an informed decision.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS CONT'D

4.5 Region 5 Delegates – MDA 2016 National Conference and AGM

It was noted that Cr Peter Raison, Ian Mann and two representatives from Renmark Paringa Council would be delegates to the 2016 National Conference and AGM.

4.6 Any Other General Business

Cr Jack Gibb raised the following issues:

- a) Wastewater from houseboats including cost, future of system and concerns re Environment Protection Authority requirements/advice.
- b) Continuing problems at Settlers Bend needs further investigation/action.
- c) River flows, querying regular advice possibly to be provided by the Murray Darling Association. Emma confirmed flow rates etc. could be listed on the MDA website, recognising information provided by Bureau of Meteorology, SES and Government agency departments.

Peter Smith wished Emma success with the 2016 National Conference and AGM.

11.00 AM

Russell Peate thanked Emma for her attendance.

Emma Bradbury thanked Region 5 members for their continued support and endeavours. The Skype session concluded.

5. NEXT MEETING

To be held at the Renmark Paringa Council, 61 18th Street, Renmark on a date to be confirmed in early 2017, commencing at 10.00am.

6. CLOSE

11.12 AM The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
the District Council of Loxton Waikerie for hosting this meeting of Region 5*