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Minutes

Region 5 - Ordinary Meeting

District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Strangman Road, Waikerie

Monday 6 June 2016 commencing at 9.47am

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr Kevin Myers (Chairperson Region 5)	Mid Murray Council
Cr Mark Ward	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Cr Allan Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Jack Gibb	Renmark Paringa Council
Malcolm Wilksch	Berri Barmera Private Member
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
Peter Smith OAM	Mid Murray Private Member
Cr Andrew Kassebaum (from 9.50am)	Berri Barmera Council
Ian Mann (from 10.18am)	Mid Murray Private Member
Melissa Marschall (Minute Secretary)	Mid Murray Council

1.2 Apologies

Tony Pasin, MP	Member for Barker
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2. WELCOME

Cr Kevin Myers, Chairperson Region 5 and representing Mid Murray Council, welcomed all in attendance.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGION 5 MEETING

Cr Peter Raison moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2016 be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded Cr Jack Gibb.

CARRIED.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Murray Darling Association Strategic Plan 2016-19 (Draft)

9.50 AM Cr Andrew Kassebaum entered the meeting.

General discussion ensued on the Strategic Plan 2016-16 (Draft).

Cr Andrew Kassebaum moved that Region 5 support the Northern Basin Review as noted in the Strategic Plan by Regions 11 and 12 but request the Murray Darling Association provide a copy of the Terms of Reference and any information resulting from the Review.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

10.18 AM Ian Mann entered the meeting.

The following points were also noted and it was resolved that correspondence be forwarded to the Murray Darling Association detailing the concerns of Region 5:

- Draft Strategic Plan appears to be a “fair” Plan;
- Additional locks, weirs and infrastructure is required for water security;
- 2015 Conference and the way it was ran;
- Membership and concerns from previous members of where the Association is heading;
- Lack of communication - response to correspondence/matters, Regions not being represented properly by the Executive.

4.2 Murray Darling Association Constitution 2016 (Draft); and

4.4 Chief Executive Officer’s Report to the Regions

10.35 AM

Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer of the Murray Darling Association, presented her report via Skype.

Emma discussed a range of issues including the following:

- Constitution 2016 (Draft) – feedback welcome, document needs to be owned by the Regions and its members;
- Meeting with Federal election candidates;
- Northern Basin Review;
- Membership, including confirming that Individual Members need to be delegated by Regions i.e. 3 delegates per region.
- 2017 National Conference to be held within Region 5. Council contact should be completed this week. Suggested that Emma write to each Council requesting they discuss at the next Local Government Forum.

Cr Andrew Kassebaum moved that each Council representative advise their respective Chief Executive Officer that the 2017 National Conference is to be held within Region 5 and request discussion at the next Local Government Forum regarding the preferred location.

Seconded P Raison.

CARRIED.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS CONT'D

4.2 Murray Darling Association Constitution 2016 (Draft); and

4.4 Chief Executive Officer's Report to the Regions cont'd

- Cr Jack Gibb suggested a guest speaker for 2016 National Conference in Dubbo - Dr Michael Sierp. Details to be forwarded to Emma.
- Concern raised regarding the cut throughs at Settlers Bend. Emma suggested that a briefing paper including proposed solution be prepared by the Renmark Paringa Council and that it be forwarded to Region 5 for endorsement prior to forwarding to the Association.

Emma also answered a range of questions posed by Region members.

11.10 AM

The Chairperson thanked Emma for her presentation.

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

4.3 Kio Herpes Virus

General discussion ensued on the Kio Herpes Virus.

5. NEXT MEETING

To be held at the Renmark Paringa Council, 61 18th Street, Renmark on Monday, 1 August 2016, commencing at 10.00am.

6. CLOSE

11.30 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*