



Murray Darling Association Inc.

Region 5

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Minutes

Region 5 - Ordinary Meeting

Monday 19 March 2018 commencing at 10.00am,
at Berri Council Chambers,
Wilson Street, Berri

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present:

Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council - Chair
Neil Martinson	Mayor, Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Allan Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Mark Ward	Loxton Waikerie Council
Malcolm Wilkes	Visitor - previously a member
Myles Fauser	EO - Renmark Paringa Council
Sandy Edmonds	Administration Support – Renmark Paringa Council
Emma Bradbury	MDA CEO – Via phone link

1.2 Apologies:

Cr Adriaan Sakko	Mid Murray Council
Cr Jack Gibb	Renmark Paringa Council
Ian Mann	Mid Murray Private Member
Peter Bond	Murraylands Riverland LGA
Kym Webber	Loxton Waikerie Council
David Waterman	Berri Barmera Council

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declaration – Material / Actual / Perceived – Nil

2. WELCOME

10.10am – 10.40am

Our guest, Glenn Shimmin, who is the Project Leader of Riverine Recovery & SARFIIP - Major Projects Branch, DEWNR and Jodie Woof, Engagement officer, Major Projects DEWNR, now based in Berri.

Topics covered included:

- Riverine Recovery wetlands projects
\$90m projects – with 10 local (within Region 5) sites approved by Australian Government through the Riverine Funding deed primarily for construction of regulators. Fulton Hogan as contractor & proposed to be finished by the end of 2018.
Purpose: To introduce wetting and drying phases of the wetlands, to improve the health of the wetland by consolidating the muds that have been turned up constantly by water movement and carp, also helping the growth of vegetation.
- Weir pool manipulation, raising and lowering.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Cr Raison

That the minutes of previous meeting of the MDA Region 5 held on the 6th July, 2017 be accepted as a true & correct summary of the meeting.

That the summary of the previous meeting, held in December be received.

Seconded: Cr Kassebaum

Agreed

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 SA / Regional Cooperation

- Joint Meeting/s with Region 6 / SA Regions – Nothing finalised at present, for discussion at a future meeting of Region 5.
- Region 6 have appointed a paid officer to attend to their business.

Action: Peter Hunter to continue to contact Region 6 in regards to having joint discussions / sharing

5. MDA Region 5 Update

5.1 Correspondence to members:

- 12th December, 2017 –
 - Region 5 Meeting Summary
 - MDBA REO Presentation Notes
- 9th January – Meeting Summary & reminder re AGM & Nominations
- 19th January – Invitation to attend MDBA Socio Economic Information Session
- 25th January - Ernst & Young Report Summary
- 6th February –
 - Murray Darling Declaration
 - Disallowance information
 - SDL – Victoria / NSW
- 13th February –
 - Resent information to CEO's re nominations
 - Ernst & Young Report Information
 - Disallowance – MDA Information
- 16th February – Disallowance Talking Points
- 24th February – MDA Newsletter – in new format!
- 6th March – Region 5 Update / Reminder re AGM
- 9th March –
 - Southern Review Socio Economic Info
 - Media Statement re Elections
 - Media Statement re MDBA Socio Economic Info
- 14th March – NSW Water Reform Action Plan (sent to members since agenda published).

5.2 Region 5 Annual General Meeting – Nominations Received

Berri Barmera: Cr Kassebaum / Cr Waterman – **Proxy**:

Loxton Waikerie: Cr Ward / Cr Webber – **Proxy**:

Mid Murray: Cr Sakko / Cr Raison – **Proxy**:

Karoonda East Murray: Cr / Cr / **Proxy**: To be advised / Region 6

Renmark Paringa: Cr Maddocks / Cr Gibb - **Proxy**: Mayor Martinson & Mark Chown

Renmark Paringa as Chair – Nom Peter Hunter & Secretarial – Sandy Edmonds

These have been confirmed / forwarded from MDA CEO, Emma Bradbury

Moved: Cr Kassebaum

That the nominations submitted by member councils be ratified as representatives for Region 5 of the Murray Darling Association.

Seconded: Mayor Martinson

Agreed

Private Members Continuing:

- TBC

- Need to resolve rules regarding voting delegates for National Meetings.
Discussion next Meeting

6. MDA CEO / NATIONAL AGM

- 6.1 Emma Bradbury – MDA CEO – Update on recent activities / future planning
Socio Economic Study with CSIRO / Canberra University
450gig and Neutrality
Water Reform Action Plan

- 6.2 MDA National Conference to be held in Leeton, NSW - 29th & 30th August, 2018
Registrations page went live 17-18 March with first draft program being available prior to Easter.

7. PLANNING & COORDINATION

- 7.1 Frequency / Location / Timing of Region 5 Meetings
 - Future Meetings – to be decided -
 - Mid May – Monday, 14th May @ Waikerie
 - Late July – Monday, 30th July – (follows Board Meeting & planning for AGM - discuss items for Aug AGM) @ Morgan
 - 29th & 30th August – National AGM in Leeton
 - Monday, 19th November @ Renmark
 - Monday, 18th March 2019 Region 5 AGM – Berri Barmera

Moved Cr Ward

That the proposed dates be accepted.

Seconded Cr Raison

Agreed

- 7.2 Topics / Guest Speakers:
 - CEO Phone Link for each meeting / every second meeting?
 - Guest Speakers? – What topic/s is/are next?
 - Meeting with Region 6
 - Fisheries & PIRSA
 - Carp Update/s
 - Mike Young
 - Jarrod Eaton & DEWNR
 - MDBA Representative – Monique White – follow up
 - CEWO – follow up

Action: Emma Bradbury to arrange a guest speaker to provide a carp update at the next Region 5 meeting on Monday 14 May meeting at Waikerie Council Chambers.

- 7.3 Future MDA Dates:
○ Potential Canberra based AGM in 2019 – to be finalised.
- 7.4 Our Priorities - Agreed Actions for Region 5 in 2017 / 2018 - reminder

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 SA Royal Commission Input / Discussion – **attached** are key areas for comment
- Summary suggestions to councils for potential ratification / adoption / modification & then for councils to forward by 30th April, 2018.
See separate document with comments as discussed.
- 8.2 Region 5 View on the Recovery of 450gig / SDL Adjustment – Discussion held
- Importance to SA / River Health as per priorities
 - Acknowledge Legislation?
 - Neutrality Test – Social & Economic Impact?
- Action: Cr Hunter and Cr Kassebaum to work together and word a response.
- 8.3 NRAR Feedback – Discussion Paper - noted
- 8.4 Future Position Papers
- National Carp Control Plan – potential input at next meeting
- 8.5 Any Other General Business
- Effectiveness of the implementation of the basin plan and the productivity commission – Public Forum in Renmark 17 April and Goolwa 16 April.
Further details to be emailed, as they are known.

9. NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday, 14th May
Time: 9:30 for 10am
Location: Waikerie Council Chambers

Room Booking / Morning Tea / Set Up & Preparation Responsibilities:
Cr Mark Ward to arrange

10. CLOSE 12.10pm

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
Berri Barmera Council for hosting this meeting of Region 5*