



Board Meeting 408 MINUTES

10:33am

Monday 10 May 2021

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1. Attendance

1.1 Present

Delegate	Council	Region
Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council	Region 1
Cr Bronwyn Thomas	Federation Council	Region 2
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council	Region 5
Cr Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council	Region 6
Cr Andrew Tilley	City of Mitcham	Region 7
Cr Brian Lockyer	Barunga West Council	Region 8
Emma Bradbury	MDA	CEO
Sharolyn Taylor	MDA	Minute taker

1.2 Apologies

Delegate	Council	Region
Peter George	M&S Group	Treasurer
Cr Craig Davies	Narromine Council	Region 10A
Mayor Samantha O'Toole	Balonne Shire Council	Region 12
Cr Paul Maytom	Leeton Shire Council	Region 9
Cr John Campbell	Gunnedah Shire Council	Region 11
Cr Jane MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council	Region 10

MOTION

Cr Thomas /Cr Lockyer

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

1.3 Declarations

Nil

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOTION

Cr Raison /Cr Lockyer

That the minutes of MDA Board Meeting 407 held on 19 April 2021 be accepted as an accurate record.

CARRIED

3. National Conference

3.1 Annual General Meeting Agenda

The Annual General Meeting agenda was reviewed by the Board.

The CEO advised that this is the strongest agenda for an MDA National Conference ever presented, with the entire Commonwealth water family in attendance.

ACTION: A list of attending Commonwealth delegates to be provided to the Board.

Flood plain harvesting licencing disallowance provisions

The Chair advised that the MDBA has rejected all water resource plans submitted, and further clarification is being from the MDBA on the reasons why they were rejected. MDBA initial advice is that they do not meet regulatory requirements

The CEO has had extensive discussions with department regarding this complex issue. Regulation and a flood plain harvesting framework are needed to deliver a healthy river system that is fair and equitable at a community level.

Motions Review

The Chair requested the Board carefully review the motions, so they are well informed for the AGM.

Motions discussed included:

Minister Pavey presentation - Clarification was sought and provided no opportunities for a Q&A session. Most session formats consist of a 20 minute presentation and 10 minute Q&A. However, the Minister can determine the format of her allotted time. The Minister has opted for a combined presentation with Jim Bentley.

Motion 5.8 Sustainable Diversion Limits

Mildura requested their motion 5.15 be presented separately as adopted by their council.

Motion 5.2 Lake Mejum / Lake Coolah Feasibility

Cr Maytom has requested Mr David Farley present at the AGM, with the CEO advising that no provisions have been made for Mr Farley to present at the conference.

ACTION: CEO to email to the board information provided by Mr Farley.

Motion 5.10 First Nations Representation in Local Government

This motion was initiated by the BCLP Cunnamulla workshop graduates and was taken up by Greater Shepparton City Council.

The CEO expressed thank you to the staff for their work in preparing the Annual report, motions, and audit, and advised that Jessica Maher's last day with the MDA is this Thursday, 13 May.

The Board expressed a thank you to the CEO and the team for their efforts in preparing for this year's conference.

MOTION

Cr Lockyer/Cr Rebbeck

That the Board extended a thank you to Jessica Maher for all her effort and work during her time with the MDA. **CARRIED**

MOTION

Cr Thomas/Cr Raison

That the Board receive and note the agenda for the 77th MDA Annual General Meeting including:

1. 2020/21 Financial Statements
2. 2020/21 Annual Report
3. Motions

CARRIED

4. Meeting Close

The Chair to declare the meeting closed at 11:01am