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Ordinary Board Meeting 358
1.00pm Tuesday 21 June, 2016
Derwent Room, National Convention Centre, CANBERRA

MINUTES - MEETING No. 358

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1

Cr David Thurley	Chair R1, National President
Cr Stephen O'Halloran	Balranald Shire Council delegate R3, (guest)
Cr Peter Jamieson**	Chair R7, Treasurer
Cr Bill Wheeldon	Wentworth Shire Council delegate R4, (guest)
Mr Gerard Jose	(Acting/share) Chair R4
Emma Bradbury	CEO MDA
Jackie Kruger	CEO Leeton delegate R9, (guest)
Cr Leigh Byron	Chair R3
Cr Barry Featherston	Chair R6, Vice President
Cr Paul Maytom	Chair R9
Mr Peter Kozlowski	(Acting/share) Chair R4
Mr Aaron Drenovski	CEO Balranald R3, (guest)
Mr Philip Clyde	CEO MDBA – Guest presenter

** Via telephone

1.2 Apologies

Des Bilske Region 2
Murray Wood Region 10
Cr Kevin Myers Region 5

1.3 Declaration of Interests

None declares

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Meeting 357 – held via Skype

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held Friday 20 May 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Cr Leigh Byron/Cr Barry Featherston

Carried

3. GUEST PRESENTATION

Mr Philip Glyde – Chief Executive Officer of the Murray Darling Basin Authority attended the meeting and presented on

- Surprised that very few ppl/orgs had taken up funding opportunities made available under MDBP related programs

- Acknowledged challenges in communication and culture between MDBA and the community
- Noted challenges inherent in different approaches of state governments

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Action Items arising from Meeting 357

Action Items	Meeting	Notes
Write to invite R5 councils to submit expressions of interest to host 2017 National Conference	357	Not done
Establish committee to resolve Dubbo Conference format	357	Discussions with Murray
Notify the Mayor and CEO of MRCC of Resolution 4.1	357	Done. Subsequently, at the R4 meeting in Wentworth, it was resolved that Gerard Jose, CEO Mildura Rural City Council, and Peter Kozlowski, GM Wentworth Shire Council will share the Chair until elections are held in R4.
Distribute 2016/17 Draft Budget to the Board	357	Done
Notify WRI of board approval to peruse Evaluation Framework project	357	Done, with Project Proposal and TOR now complete.
Distribute draft of the revised constitution to members and stakeholders for comment	357	Done. Feedback commencing.
Prepare media and update webpage as above	357	Done
Notify NSW region chairs and member councils of motion 5.6	357	Done. Working with regions to set new dates for AGMs.
Email board re meeting times and technology.	357	Not done.
Reminder to board members to provide signed Code of Conduct	357	Please!

4.2 Letter from Adrian Wells – decision and response

The board noted that invitation to Adrian re attendance at the 2018 National Conference.

4.3 Strategic Plan 2016-19

Review feedback, review changes made to the MDA Strategic Plan 2016-2019

Motion: That the Strategic Plan 2016-2019 be adopted, and that the board review and update the Plan annually to ensure continued relevance.

Cr Leigh Byron/Cr Barry Featherston **Carried**

4.4 Constitution re-Draft

Good feedback has been received. Continue the discussion at the regional level, and changes will be incorporated in consultation with Russell Kennedy.

4.5 Appointment to the Chair Region 3

Following the resolution of the Balranald Shire council in June to Chair Region 3, Mayor of Balranald Shire Cr Leigh Byron was duly confirmed in the role. Cr Byron, Chief Executive Officer Aaron Drenovski, and long serving member and delegate Cr Steve O'Halloran – all from Balranald Shire were warmly welcomed and thanked for their active support of the purpose and objectives of the MDA in driving strong regional leadership on Basin related issues.

Motion: That Balranald Shire Council, represented by the Mayor Cr Leigh Byron be confirmed Chair of Region 3 and appointed to the MDA Board of Management.

Cr David Thurley/Cr Barry Featherston **Carried**

4.6 **Candidate Forums**

Candidate forums were held in Murray and Albury, allowing candidates to outline their vision for working with local government on basin related issues.

5. **REPORTS**

5.1 Region Reports – Carried forward

5.2 Chief Executive Officer's report

- Stakeholder engagement – NSW meeting and calendar.
- Region 4 meeting
- Invoices and memberships
- Dubbo 2016

Motion: For an Annual Conference planning workshop to be convened
Cr Paul Maytom/Cr Barry Featherston **Carried**

5.3 Finance Reports

5.3.1 May Financial accounts

5.3.2 Operational reports

5.3.3 Budget 2016/17

Motion: That the board
a) accept the finance reports, and
b) adopt the Budget 2016/17

Mr Gerard Jose/Cr Paul Maytom

Carried

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 **Fee increase**

Fees to increase effective 01 July 2016 as detailed in the following table. Rates here do not include GST.

Category	Current	Increasing to
Member Council	\$0.05 per head, capped at	\$0.10 per head, capped at
LGA – Non-riparian	\$2,750	\$3,000
LGA – Riparian	\$0.24 per head, capped at	\$0.275 per head capped at
	\$5,500	\$6,000
Organisation Member	Various, \$180 to \$550	\$250
Life Members	No charge	No charge
Individual Member	\$60	\$75

It was noted that the impact on Member Councils will be as follows:

- Below the capped rate, fees for Non-riparian Council members would increase by 100%;
- For example, fees for Adelaide City Council would increase from \$1,114.00 to \$2,228.00. Fees for Whyalla City Council would increase from \$1,004.40 to \$2,008.80
- Below the capped rate, fees for Riparian Councils would increase by 14.6%;
- The fee increase for both Non-riparian and Riparian Councils will be 9% where they are already at the capped rate.

The Non-riparian fee increase equates to a substantial proportional increase, although the actual dollar increase may not be a significant value. Non-riparian members require the association's advocacy skills to a greater degree than Riparian members and there is a strategic need to better-reflect this in the fee

structure.

Motion: That the fee increases outlined in the report be adopted.
Cr Paul Maytom/Mr Gerard Jose **Carried**

6.2 **Basin Plan Evaluation Framework project.**

Terms of Reference is an external/marketing document.

The Project Proposal is an internal/confidential document.

Discuss project and consider budget and required funding strategies.

Motion: That the Basin Plan Evaluation Framework Project Proposal and Terms of Reference be adopted.

Cr Peter Jamieson/Cr Leigh Byron **Carried**

6.3 **Budget for staff increase**

The board requested that the budget be reviewed in an effort to find resources for a part time assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.

7. MEETING CLOSE 3.10pm