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MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL
Minutes for Ordinary Meeting of Council
at Shire of Mount Magnet Council Chambers,
Lot 163 Hepburn St, Mount Magnet
8 November 2011

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In accordance with Local Government Act, Schedule 2.3(3), the Chief Executive Officer is to preside at the meeting prior to the President being elected.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Geoff Brooks (Chief Executive Officer) declared the meeting open at 10:00am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Member	Cr Murray McQuie
Member	Cr Greg Scott
Member	Cr Harvey Nichols
Member	Cr Terry Iturbide
Member	Cr Laurence Hodder
Member	Cr Carol Hodshon
Member	Cr Jason Homewood
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Geoff Brooks
MRVC Project Officer	Mr Jorgen Jenson
Shire of Mount Magnet Finance Assistant	Ms Tracey Biggs
Observer – CEO Cue Shire	Mr Peter Money

3. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

CEO Geoff Brooks advised that Cr Greg Scott had nominated Cr Murray McQuie for the position of MRVC President.

There being no other nominations received, Cr McQuie was declared elected as MRVC President for the period to October 2013.

The CEO handed the meeting over to President McQuie.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

President McQuie advised that Greg Scott had nominated Cr Harvey Nichols for the position of MRVC Deputy President.

There being no other nomination received, Cr Nichols was declared elected as MRVC Deputy President for the period to October 2013.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (maximum 15 minutes)

Nil

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11 October 2011.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Iturbide

Seconded: Cr Nichols

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11 October 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings, subject to the inclusion of the apologies for Cr C Hodshon.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-01

CARRIED 7/0

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

8. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil

9. FINANCE

9.1 Cash Position Statement

File: MRVC
Officer: Senior Finance Officer
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date: 31 October 2011

Comment

The Cash Position Statement is as stated below:

MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2011

Balance of Cash Position 01 July 2011	\$ 2,119.51
Plus: Receipts – 01 July 2011 to 31 October 2011	1,781,632.80
Less: Payments – 01 July 2011 to 31 October 2011	11,562.51
Less: CLGF Grant – Term Deposit	1,713,653.70
Less: Bank Fees - 01 July 2011 to 31 October 2011	39.55
Cash Balance as at 31 October 2011	\$ 58,496.55

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Nichols

That the Cash Position Statement as at 31 October 2011 be received.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-02

CARRIED 7/0

9.2 Accounts for Payment

File: MRVC
Officer: Senior Finance Officer
Amended By: Nil
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date: 31 October 2011

Comment

The accounts for payment list for October 2011 is attached for consideration.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Hodder

That accounts totalling \$16.15 represented by direct payment be authorised.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-03

CARRIED 7/0

9.3 Debtors

File: MRVC
Officer: Senior Finance Officer
Amended By: Nil
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date: 31 October 2011

Comment

Outstanding - Fence Rental	\$5,138.05
Balance Due	\$5,138.05

Details of outstanding debtors are available to Councillors on request.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Iturbide

That the outstanding Debtors Report be received

RESOLUTION 2011-11-04

CARRIED 7/0

In discussion it was requested that a separate document detailing outstanding debtors be presented at all future meetings as a standalone article, not to be included in public documents.

9.4 Financial Reports

It was discussed at the last meeting that the Financial Reports only need to be submitted on a quarterly basis, however, bank balances, creditors and debtors are to be submitted at every meeting.

9.5 Investment Register

File: MRVC
Officer: Senior Finance Officer
Amended By: Nil
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date: 31 October 2011

Comment

Funds Invested	\$1,713,653.70
Interest Earnt (as at 14 October 2011)	\$691.64
Balance (as at 14 October 2011)	\$1,714,345.34

Consultation

Jeff Boog - CBA

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Iturbide

Seconded: Cr Hodshon

That the Investment Register be received.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-05

CARRIED 7/0

MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL

INVESTMENT REGISTER

Total Investments as at 31 October 2011

Account	Institution	Account Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Opening Balance	Interest Earned to 14.10.11	Transfers to Investments	Transfers from Investments	Closing Balance 14.10.11
36558508	CBA	Term Deposit	14.11.11	5.650%	150,000.00	691.64			150,691.64
	CBA	Term Deposit	14.11.11	5.640%	300,000.00				300,000.00
	CBA	Term Deposit	14.12.11	5.680%	1,263,653.70				1,263,653.70
TOTALS					1,713,653.70	691.64	-		1,714,345.34

10. MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

10.1 Tender MRVC/01 - Clearing and Grading - No 1 Vermin Fence

File:	MRVC
Officer:	Geoff Brooks - CEO
Amended By:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	8 November 2011

Application

To consider tenders for clearing and grading on both side of the No1 Vermin Fence for a length of approximately 147.3 km.

Background

On 22 October 2011 by way of an advertisement in the West Australian tenders were sought for clearing and grading based on the following scope of works:

- Start: Intersection Sandstone/Paynes Find Roads.
- Finish: 80 mile peg.
- Distance: 147.3 km approximately.
- Two cuts east side.
- One cut west side.

The following tenders were received.

TENDERER	VALUE (GST excl)
Porky's Enterprises	\$38,580.00
M & B Geier & Sons Contracting	\$56,780.00
Dynamic Earthmoving & Hire Pty Ltd	\$64,000.00
Murchison Aviation & Machinery Hire	\$94,000.00
Timberden Plant Hire	\$98,181.81
JPB Contractors	\$118,400.00
Canaan Contractors	\$162,700.00
G & G Contractors Pty Ltd	\$254,016.00
Wajarri Holdings	\$383,519.50
THEM Earthmoving Pty Ltd (grader & loader hourly rate each)	\$165.00
GS Hobbs Contracting	Invalid tender (late)

Recommended Tenderer

As indicated above the lowest tender is from Porky's Enterprises for an amount of \$38,580 excluding GST. An analysis of the tender and knowledge of work carried out by the contractor indicates that Porky's enterprises have the equipment and expertise to complete the work in a satisfactory and timely manner. Reference checks with the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Water Corporation confirm the capability of the contractor.

It is on this basis that it is recommended that contact MRVC/01 be awarded to Porky's Enterprises.

Consultation

Mr Jorgen Jensen – Project Officer

Statutory Environment

Regulations governing procurement.

Local Government Act 1995.

Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Funds are available for the amount of \$38,580 excluding GST to grade and clear the fence line and the expenditure falls within the budgeted allocation.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Hodder

That tender MRVC/01 be awarded to Porky's Enterprises for the clearing and grading of approximately 147.3 km of the No. 1 Vermin Fence at a tender price of \$38,580 excluding GST.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-06

CARRIED 7/0

10.2 Quotes for Fencing Materials

File: MRVC
Officer: Jorgen Jensen - Project Officer
Amended By: Nil
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date: 31 October 2011

Comment

Southern Wire has submitted quotes for the mesh fencing Council requested at the 11 October 2011 meeting. In accord with Council requirements a second quote has also been obtained, however, the specification requested could not be matched.

Description (200m rolls excluding GST)	Southern Wire	Direct Trade Supplies
8/115/15 Farm Lock		\$515.00
3/30/15 Hinge Joint		
12/115/15 Farm Fence with Hinge Joint attached	\$615.50	

Approximately 80 rolls of mesh are required for this section of the fence, which, on the basis of the Southern Wire quote will cost approximately \$49,240.

Consultation

Southern Wire and Direct Trade Supplies.

Statutory Environment

Regulations governing procurement.
Local Government Act 1995.
Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Funds are available for the amount of \$49,240 excluding GST to supply the mesh for this particular section of the fence.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Homewood

That the quote of \$615.50 per roll, excluding GST, from Southern Wire be accepted on the basis that this product meets the requirements of the specification.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-07

CARRIED 7/0

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Comment

The following correspondence is available at the meeting for the information of Councillors.

11.1 OUTWARD:

- 11.1.1 E-Mail – Pastoral Lands Board – Re: Caveats on Pastoral Leases.
- 11.1.2 E-Mail – WA Signs – Order kilometre signs as per quotation provided by Jorgen Jensen.
- 11.1.3 E-mail – Jason Signmakers – Order R4R signage to be displayed on the Sandstone/Mount Magnet Road in accordance with the AFF of the Grant.
- 11.1.4 Advertisement – Western Australian – 22 October 2011 – MRVC/01 Clearing & Grading No.1 Vermin Fence notification.
- 11.1.5 Letter – Jorgen Jensen – Project Officer Appointment.
- 11.1.6 Letter – Ross Howden – Repairs to No.2 Vermin Fence.

11.2 INWARD:

- 11.2.1 Invoice – Mt Magnet Bakery – Lunch for meetings held on 11 October & 8 November 2011.
- 11.2.3 Austral Mercantile Collections – Invoice – Debt Collection - \$77.00.
- 11.2.4 Invoice – WA Signs – Kilometre markers - \$3966.82.
- 11.2.5 Invoice – Jason Signmakers – R4R Signage - \$209.00.
- 11.2.6 E-Mail – Southern Wire – Quotation for Posts.
- 11.2.7 E-Mail – Southern Wire – Quotation for Mesh as per Council Specifications.
- 11.2.8 E-Mail – Direct Trade Supplies – Quotation for Mesh as per Council Specifications.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Iturbide

Seconded: Cr Hodshon

That the Outward and Inward Correspondence be received.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-08

CARRIED 7/0

In discussion it was requested that the MRVC should liaise with the Pastoral Lands Board on a monthly basis to ensure a reply on the question of caveats on Pastoral Leases. Jorgen Jensen will provide the CEO with contact details.

12. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

13. OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Andrea and Tony Seivwright, the Fence Maintenance Contractors, have not received price increases for the last three years. The CEO will follow up with the Seivwright's. It was noted that a contract was not in place.

Cr Hodshon asked if the fence maintenance contractors could dispense 1080 baits as they went along the fence. Jorgen Jensen advised that Seivwrights will not take 1080 baits with them when they camp out.

Jorgen Jensen presented for discussion his recommendations for the materials to be purchased to upgrade and replace fence netting.

Materials for purchase from Southern Wire

- 12/104/50 farm lock mesh with 300mm hinged foot netting (500m rolls).
- 1650mm galvanised posts.
- 10mm galvanised rod to tie foot netting down where required.
- Short star pickets to tie foot netting down at gates and strainers.
- 80mm Tubular box and angle strainers/struts, with joiner clamps.
- 3.6m vertical braced weld mesh gates, with hinges and latches.
- Wire crimps
- Crimping tools.
- Strainer bars.

It was agreed that Jorgen would contact Mark Clarence of Southern Wire to ascertain quantities/costs and place an order for the above.

It was noted that the 80mm struts are too big to use in hard country areas where a rock drill will be needed, as the standard drill is 75mm.

Jorgen Jensen is to source 40mm drill steels from which struts will be made by welding lugs to attach stays.

It was agreed to place conveyor belting under gateways, cut out around the strainer and anchored with pegs, as opposed to concrete or steel pipes. Jorgen Jensen is to liaise with Cr McQuie and Cr Homewood to obtain required amount of conveyor belting and will allow for pegs in the materials order placed with Southern Wire.

It was agreed that signage for the access roads and gateways, (outlining ownership, rules, fines, poisons, etc) based on those used by the Department of Environment and Conservation be purchased and displayed.

Jorgen Jensen presented for discussion the specification to be stipulated in the Tenders for Replacing Fence Netting.

1. Existing section of the old fence, including all pickets, must be rolled or pushed up out of the way of the existing easement and where required utilised to prevent/minimise water erosion.
2. 1650mm galvanised steel pickets are to be placed at 7 metre intervals.
3. Box strainers are to be used at the end of each renewed section and either side of gateways.
4. Angle strainers at 500 metre centres along the fence line or as required depending on terrain, i.e.: at the top of ridgelines; bottom of troughs in undulating country; and in areas prone to flooding regardless of length.
5. All strainer holes to be a minimum of 150mm x 900mm deep, with strainers and angle struts cemented into the ground.
6. No Rapid Set concrete permitted. Traditional cement to be used and MRVC will have aggregate (blue metal and cracker dust) on hand at Mount Magnet Shire Depot.
7. Fence netting is to be 12/104/15 Farm Fence fabricated vermin fencing with a single top barb.
8. Each line wire of fabricated fence to be tensioned at 1.4kn (300lbs).
9. Fabricated fence to be clipped to post 4 times (2nd top hole, then 6th from top, 5th from bottom and bottom).
10. Wire to be joined with crimps.
11. Steel posts to be driven 450mm into ground or rock drilled in hard country.
12. Fabricated wire and barb to be hung on Eastern or Northern side of fence.
13. Foot netting to be pegged where required or as requested by Project Officer.
14. All consumables including meals, accommodation, fuel, adequate communications (SAT phone), cement and sundries to be supplied by Tenderer.
15. All steel fence components supplied by MRVC, to be housed at the Mount Magnet Shire Depot and collected/signed out by tenderer.
16. The MRVC strongly recommends tenderer's undertake site visit to ascertain terrain and country prior to submitting tendered price.

It was noted that Jorgen Jensen, Tracey Biggs and the CEO would prepare the tender for the Upgrade and Replacement of No.1 Vermin Fence. The timeline for materials to be made and delivered to Mount Magnet will guide works commencement date.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 6 December 2011.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The President declared the meeting closed at 12:15pm.