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**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**7 MAY 2012**



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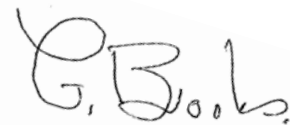
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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Dear Elected Member,

A Special Meeting of the Murchison Regional Vermin Council will be held on 7 May 2012 in the Shire of Mount Magnet Council Chambers, Lot 163 Hepburn St, Mount Magnet commencing at 10.00 am.



**Geoff Brooks**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**4 MAY 2012**

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No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the MRVC for any act, omission, statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.

It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.

**MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL**  
**Agenda for Special Meeting of Council at Shire of Mount Magnet**  
**Council Chambers, Lot 163 Hepburn St, Mount Magnet, 7 May 2012**

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

Nil

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Present

President

Cr Murray McQuie

Member

Cr Greg Scott

Member

Cr Jason Homewood

Member

Cr Laurence Hodder

Member

Cr Terry Iturbide

Member

Cr Carol Hodshon

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Geoff Brooks

Project Officer

Mr Jorgen Jensen

Apologies

Member

Cr Dustin Clinch

Member

Cr Fred Spindler

Deputy President

Cr Harvey Nichols

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1 Tender MRVC/05 – Supply of fencing materials for the upgrade of 100 – 140 kilometres of the No.1 Vermin (dog) Fence.

**File:** MRVC  
**Officer:** Geoff Brooks - CEO  
**Amended By:** Nil  
**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil  
**Date:** 7 May 2012

#### Application

To consider tenders for the supply of fencing materials for the upgrade of 100 – 140 kilometres of the No.1 Vermin (Dog) Fence.

#### Background

On 13 April 2012 tenders were advertised for the supply of fencing materials for the upgrade of 100 – 140 kilometres of the No.1 Vermin (Dog) Fence. The following materials were specified:

#### Per Kilometre Rate

1. 1650mm hot dipped galvanized pickets; 143 pickets per kilometre.
2. 12/104/15 fastlock, griplock or hinge joint; 245gms/m<sup>2</sup> galvanized; 2.5mm galvanized high tensile (900Nm) line wires; 2.8mm galvanized high tensile (900Nm) top and bottom wires; and 2.5mm high tensile stay wire (700Nm); made into 200 metre rolls; 5 rolls per kilometre.
3. 5/32.5/15 footer section (either as a separate 200 metre roll or machine attached (hinged joint)); 245gms/m<sup>2</sup> galvanized; 2.5mm galvanized high tensile (900Nm) line wires; 2.8mm galvanized high tensile (900Nm) top and bottom wires; made into 200 metre rolls; 5 rolls per kilometre.
4. 1.8mm high tensile galvanized barbed wire, made into 500 metre rolls on wooden spools, 2 spools per kilometre.
5. Waratah fence post clips, galvanized, 4 per post, 572 per kilometre.
6. HC2 crimp sleeves to suit fabricated fence 2.5mm and 2.8mm, 100 per kilometre.
7. 80/40 galvanized angle stay strainer assemblies, including caps and brackets, minimum 2.1 metres total length, 900mm in ground and 1200mm above, 1 per 500 metres.

#### Lump Sum Rate

8. 50/40 galvanized angle stay strainer assemblies, including caps and brackets, minimum 2.1 metres total length, 900mm in ground and 1200mm above, 100 total.
9. 80/40 box strut strainers, including caps and brackets, cross brace a minimum 3 metres in length, 40mm NB, posts minimum 2.1 metres long, 900mm in ground and 1200mm above, 50 total.
10. 3600 x 1200 galvanized heavy duty gates, 150mm x 100mm weld mesh filling, welded to frame (correctly), vee brace or two vertical braces, hinges and gate latches to suit 80/40 box strut strainer assemblies, 20 total.
11. 2.5mm soft galvanized wire, 1 x 1500 metres.
12. 2.5mm galvanized HT wire, 2 x 1500 metre rolls.

At the time of closing on 27 April 2012 the following tenders were received:

<b>TENDERER</b>	<b>Price \$ (excluding GST)</b>
Southern Wire – Items 1 - 7	3,496.63
Southern Wire – Items 8 - 12	17,310.00
<b>Southern Wire Total for 100 km</b>	<b>366,973.00</b>
<b>Southern Wire Total for 140 km</b>	<b>506,838.20</b>
Landmark Midvale – Items 1 - 7	4,043.30
Landmark Midvale – Items 8 - 12	9,315.69
<b>Landmark Midvale Total for \$100 km</b>	<b>413,645.69</b>
<b>Landmark Midvale Total for \$140 km</b>	<b>575,377.69</b>
Landmark Midvale – Items 1 – 7 (Alternate Tender – Replacing at no cost Item 6 crimp sleeves with Waratah Gripples)	3,870.96
Landmark Midvale – Items 8 – 12 (Alternate Tender – as for conforming tender)	9,315.69
<b>Landmark Midvale Total for \$100 km</b>	<b>396,411.69</b>
<b>Landmark Midvale Total for \$140 km</b>	<b>551,250.09</b>
*Great Northern Rural Services – Items 1 - 7	4227.11
*Great Northern Rural Services – Items 8 - 12	25,328.01
<b>*Great Northern Rural Services – Total for 100 km</b>	<b>448,039.01</b>
<b>*Great Northern Rural Services – Total for 140 km</b>	<b>617,123.41</b>

\* Denotes invalid tender due to late submission.

### **Tender Selection Criteria**

As indicated in the tender documents the following selection criteria applies:

- Best value for money
- Compliance Criteria – compliance with conditions of tender, specifications and delivery date.
- Qualitative Criteria – relevant experience (30%), key personnel skills and experience (15%), tenderers resources (35%), and demonstrated understanding (20%).

### **Assessment of Tenders**

Tender MRVC05 was an agenda item at the Ordinary Meeting on 30 April 2012 at which it was determined to defer consideration of the matter pending further clarification of the information provided by the tenderers. The necessary clarification was obtained by way of a meeting with Landmark Midvale representatives following the Ordinary Meeting and a number of telephone discussions with representatives from Southern Wire.

Assessment of the tenders has been conducted by the MRVC Project Officer, Council CEO and the Shire of Mount Magnet, Administration Manager.

Both Landmark and Southern Wire have products that comply with Council's specification and they both have the experience and personnel to fulfil the requirements of the tender. At the Ordinary Meeting in December 2011 approval was given to purchase 16Km of fencing materials from Southern Wire to enable a trial of Council's fencing design to be conducted. Installation of this 16 km length of fencing is currently in progress and the design has proved to be a success.

Other than price, the key difference between the two tenderers products is that Landmark's heavy galvanised fabricated fencing mesh has an additional "Long Life Blue" coating that, on the basis of accelerated corrosion testing in a salt spray chamber, is said to increase the life of the mesh by up to 50%.

Both tenderers products have been quoted on the basis of pick up in Perth.

### Recommended Tender

As indicated above, the lowest cost tender is from Southern Wire Pty Ltd. It is this offer that is recommended on the basis of the following comments:

- The Gripples proposed by Landmark in their non conforming bid are considered inferior to the crimp sleeves specified as Item 6 in the tender documentation and on this basis the Landmark alternative is not supported.
- The advantages of the "Long Life Blue" coating in a non coastal environment are questionable bearing in mind a price differential of some \$68,000 for 140km of fencing material utilising the preferred crimp sleeve method of joining.

### Recommended Length to be Ordered

It is recommended that 140 km of fencing material is ordered.

Estimated project expenditure is as follows:

Item	Expenditure (excluding GST) \$
Total Clearing and Grading (full length of fence line including No 2 Spur)	180,000
Materials/Erection of 16 km trial section	125,000
Total Project Supervision/Markers/Freight etc	65,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>370,000</b>
Grant Funding (rounded down)	1,557,000
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>1,187,000</b>

Based on the contracted rate of \$3000 per kilometre for the initial 16 km length of trial fencing, installation of 140 km is estimated to cost \$420,000, with fencing materials estimated to cost \$507,000, making a total of \$927,000. On the basis of the above figure this leaves a contingency of some \$260,000, plus accrued interest.

### Consultation

Mr Jorgen Jensen MRVC Project Officer

### Statutory Environment

Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations Part 4

### Policy Implications

Nil

### Financial Implications

Nil

### Strategic Implications

Nil

### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

## COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

**Moved:** Cr Scott

**Seconded:** Cr Homewood

*That tender MRVC05 is awarded to Southern Wire Pty Ltd with an initial order of 140km of fencing material as specified at a cost of \$506,838.20 excluding GST.*

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*In discussion it was agreed:*

- *That the wire spacing on the foot netting should be reduced.*
- *Netting roll length should be increased to 250 metres.*
- *Gate width should be increased to 4 meters.*

*It was noted that the above variations could be achieved without additional cost.*



**5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

**6. ELECTED MEMBER MATTERS**

The President advised that he was concerned that there was potential for erosion on the recently cleared Windsor section of the No.1 Vermin Fence and that following the meeting an inspection would be carried out to identify the remedial work required.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

10:00am Tuesday 5 June 2012.

**8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 11:05am.