



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
18 OCTOBER 2017

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson brought the meeting into order and advised members present that the meeting be adjourned to 10.45 am due to a lack of a quorum.

The Chairperson opened the Special Meeting of Council at 10.30 am, as a quorum was achieved and welcomed all to the meeting.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present: Cr Neil Grinham (Chairperson) Cr Eliz Morris
 Cr Bethel Walton Cr Robert Grinham
 Cr Carol Hodshon

Apologies:

Cr Jason Homewood (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Les Price, Cr Ross Pigdon and Cr Harvey Nichols

Leave of Absence:

Nil

In Attendance:

Dominic Carbone MRVC CEO, Silvio Brenzi Shire of Yalgoo CEO, Harry Hawkins Shire of Sandstone CEO, Cr Jorgen Jensen Shire of Mt Magnet President and Adam Majid Shire of Mt Magnet CEO.

Members of the Public:

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

5. REPORTS

The Chairman Cr Neil Grinham in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 on 15 October 2017 in a notice to the Chief Executive Officer called a Special Meeting of Council for the following purpose.

- To update Council members and respective Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of the respective participating Local Governments of the MRVC in relation to:
 1. Possible funding for the unconstructed section of the Vermin Cell fence.
 2. Outcomes of meeting with the Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development; Agriculture and Food the Hon Alannah Mac Tiernan MLC.
 3. Outcome of meeting with Representatives of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Mr Malcom Kennedy A/Director of Invasive Species and Mr Barry Davies Community Engagement Officer.

As the above may have an impact on the Participating Local Governments an invitation be extended to all Presidents and Chief Executive Officers to attend the Special Meeting.

In relation to the above matters members are requested to give consideration to the following report:

The Chairperson requested that the matter be debated behind closed doors as some of the information was of a confidential nature. It was moved by Cr Carol Hodshon and Seconded Cr Bethel Walton that the meeting proceed behind closed doors at 10.31 am. There being no further debate the Chairperson put the motion to the vote which was carried 5/0.

5.1 Funding of the Unconstructed Portion of the Murchison Regional Vermin Cell Fence

The Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal update at the meeting and after subsequent debate Cr Bethel Walton moved the following motion.

- (1) That the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to prepare a funding application for the Rangeland Cell Fence Program 2017 for the contested portion of funding on the basis as outlined at the meeting.
- (2) That the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to progress a funding agreement with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for the uncontested portion of funding on the basis as outlined at the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Cr Robert Grinham, there being no further debate, the Chairperson put the motion to a vote, Carried 5/0.

Cr Carol Hodshon proposed that the meeting proceed with open doors and moved accordingly, which was Seconded by Cr Bethal Walton, there being no further debate the Chairperson put the motion Carried 5/0.

Cr Eliz Morris left the meeting at 10.31 and returned at 10.32.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.45am.