



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
15 NOVEMBER 2017

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting at 1.00 pm.

1.1 Election of Chairperson

The Chief Executive Officer advised of nominations received for the position of Chairperson.

As only one nomination was received the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Jason Homewood as the Chairperson Elect.

Pursuant to Section 2.2.9(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 the Chairperson elect to made the following declaration.

I Robert Jason Homewood of Wondinong Station, Mount Magnet having been elected to office of Chairperson of the Murchison Regional Vermin Council declare that I take the office upon myself and will duly, faithfully, honestly, and with integrity, fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of my judgement and ability and will observe the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007.

1.2 Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chief Executive Officer advised of nominations received for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

As only one nomination was received the Chairperson declared Cr Robert Grinham as the Deputy Chairperson elect.

Pursuant to Section 2.29(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 the Deputy Chairperson elect made the following declaration.

I Robert Grinham of Meka Station Yalgoo having been elected to the office of Deputy Chairperson of the Murchison Regional Vermin Council declare that I take the office upon myself and will duly, faithfully, honestly, and with integrity, fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of my judgement and ability and will observe the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:

Cr Jason Homewood (Chairperson)
Cr Eliz Morris
Cr Greg Payne
Cr David Lefroy
Cr Ross Pigdon

Cr Robert Grinham (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Carol Hodshon
Cr Bethel Walton
Cr Les Price
Cr Frederick Spindler

Apologies:

Nil

Leave of Absence:

In Attendance:

Dominic Carbone MRVC CEO, Silvio Brenzi Shire of Yalgoo CEO, Harry Hawkins Shire of Sandstone CEO, Eddie Piper Shire of My Magnet Acting CEO, Rob Madson Shire of Cue CEO, Cr Jorgen Jensen Shire of Mt Magnet President, Cr Joanne Kanny Shire of Yalgoo President.

Members of the Public:

Mr Connor Jones

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

5. REPORTS

At least 1/3 of the Councillors in accordance with Section 5.4 (a)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1995 on 15 November 2017 in a notice to the Chief Executive Officer called a Special Meeting of Council for the following purpose.

1. The election of a Chairperson.
2. The election of a Deputy Chairperson.
3. Consideration of a Draft Financial Agreement in relation to the un-contestable grant.
4. Consideration of the Draft Funding Application – Rangeland Cell Fencing Program 2017.

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

In relation to the above matters members gave consideration to the following reports:

5.1 Murchison Regional Vermin Council Fencing Grant Agreement

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 November 2017
Attachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Draft Murchison Regional Vermin Council Fencing Agreement- Murchison Region Cell Vermin Proof Fence Construction

Matter for Consideration

That Council approve of the Grant Agreement for the Construction of Stage 2 of the Murchison Regional Vermin Council Cell Fence (Incontestable Grant).

Background

The MRVC has prepared a business plan, revitalization program and an economic feasibility analysis on the implementation of the Murchison Regional Vermin Cell and has been lobbying the Federal and State Governments for funding.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Strategic Implications

The funding received will allow the MRVC to attain its objective of enclosing the vermin cell.

Financial Implications

The \$550,000 grant received from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) will require a dollar for dollar contribution in cash or/in kind by the MRVC via its participating member local governments and the pastoralists benefiting from the creation of the vermin cell.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

The Chief Executive Officer has requested that a draft copy of the funding agreement be provided by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for Council consideration.

The key elements in the agreement are:

- Insurance; the MRVC to provide cover for the project of:
 - (i) Public liability insurance of \$10M per occurrence.
 - (ii) Workers compensation insurance as required by law.
- Acquittal; the MRVC to submit Acquittal Reports by each reporting date.
- Access to Land and Agreements; the MRVC to enter and has in place legally binding, written legal agreements with all parties holding legal or equitable interests in all land to which the project is being undertaken.
- Purpose of Grant; to construct state 2 of the MRVC cell fence by completing a minimum of 108 kilometres in length and meet the minimum fencing requirements.
- Project Completion Date; 31 March 2020.
- Grant Amounts and Other Contributions; Grant funding of \$550,000 excluding GST subject to recurring of other funding of \$550,000 by way of cash and/or in kind.
- Special Conditions of Grant, aiming for a target of 50% local Aboriginal employment, MRVC to undertake monitoring and recording of wild dog management actions and any sighting of live or dead wild dogs or signs of wild dogs from project commencement date and for a period of no less than ten (10) years after completion of the fence and submit online through the WildDogScan application. The MRVC to undertake monitoring and maintenance of the entirety of the fence at regular intervals and to ensure the fence is effective at excluding wild dogs, for a period of no less than ten (10) years after the date of completion.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Eliz Morris

- (1) That Council approves of entering into financial agreement with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for the purpose of constructing a minimum of 108 kilometers vermin cell fence.
- (2) Subject to (1) above Council authorize the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer to sign the agreement and affix the common seal if required.

CARRIED 8/0

5.2 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Rangeland Cell Fencing Program 2017 – Grant Application

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 November 2017
Attachment	Draft Grant Application and MRVC Vermin Proof Fence Cell Construction and Maintenance Plan

Matter for Consideration

That Council authorize the submission of a grant application with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Rangeland Cell Fencing Program 2017.

Background

The MRVC has prepared a business plan, revitalization program and an economic feasibility analysis on the implementation of the Murchison Regional Vermin Cell and has been lobbying the Federal and State Government for funding.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Statutory Implications

The funding if received will allow the MRVC to attain its objective on enclosing the vermin cell.

Financial Implications

The grant application amounts to \$754,000 and will require a dollar for dollar contribution in cash or/in kind by the MRVC via its participating member local governments and the pastoralists benefiting from the creation of the vermin cell.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

A Draft Grant Application has been prepared for Council consideration.

The proposal involves the construction of 188.5 Km of the 326 Km representing the balance of the fence to fully enclose the vermin cell. The cost is estimated at \$1,508,000 to be funded as follows:

- Grant Funding	\$ 754,000
- Loan borrowings	
- (Member Local Governments)	\$ 554,000
- Pastoralists Contributions	\$ 100,000
- Funds Held by MRVCV for	
• Shire of Cue	\$ 37,500
• Shire of Mount Magnet	\$ 37,500
• Shire of Yalgoo	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
	<u>\$1,508,000</u>

The cost of maintaining the 326 Km unconstructed portion of the fence is estimated on average at \$27,400. An annualized cash provision of \$26,200 is required to attain the full replacement cost of the fence of \$2,954,790 at the end of the 50 year period.

Participating member local governments additional annual contributions inclusive of loan repayments (principal and interest) maintenance costs and sinking fund contributions are as follows:

- Shire of Yalgoo	between \$28,010 and \$31,360 per annum over 5 years
- Shire of Mount Magnet	between \$42,016 and \$47,041 per annum over 5 years
- Shire of Cue	between \$42,016 and \$47,041 per annum over 5 years

Member Local Governments and offset the additional costs by imposing a specified area rate on the pastoralists within the vermin cell.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Greg Payne

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That Council submit the Grant Application with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Rangeland Cell Fencing Program 2017 with the following amendments.

- (i) Contestable Grant be increased by \$150,000 to \$904,000
- (ii) Pastoralists Contribution be increased by \$150,000 to \$250,000

CARRIED 8/0

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2.25pm.