



MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
12 DECEMBER 2017

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MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL



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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson opened the Ordinary Meeting of Council at 10.07 am and welcomed all to the meeting.

Cr Harvey Nichols was not present at the meeting and therefore did not make a declaration in relation to the Office of Member of the Murchison Regional Vermin Council

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:

Cr Jason Homewood (Chairperson)
Cr Robert Grinham (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Eliz Morris
Cr David Lefroy
Cr Carol Hodshon
Cr Frederick Spindler
Cr Les Price

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

Nil

Also in Attendance:

Dominic Carbone MRVC CEO, Roy McClymont Shire of Meekatharra CEO, Eddie Piper Acting Shire of Mount Magnet CEO, Cr Norm Trenfield President Shire of Meekatharra, Ben Blomfield, Mia Blomfield and Sarah Hyde.

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question received from Neil Grinham in writing –

“Pastoralist’s that are contributing in-kind or with cash for the construction of the final section of the fence, will the MRVC be giving them exemption from fence rental or rates for a period of time to compensate the financial up front contribution being made by the 3 of 53 Pastoralist’s with-in the cell.”

7.3 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 15 November 2017

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 15 November 2017 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

10. BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

11. REPORTS

12.1 Reports of the Audit Committee

12.2 Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

12.2.1 Financial Activity Statement for the Period 1 July 2017 to 30 November 2017

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 5 December 2017

Attachment 1

- Financial Activity Statement for the Period 1 July 2017 to 30 November 2017
- Summary of Current Assets and Liabilities as at 30 November 2017
- Detailed Worksheets

Matter for Consideration

Adoption of the monthly financial statements.

Background

The Local Government Act and Regulations require local governments to prepare monthly reports containing the information that is prescribed.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4-Specifies that a local government is to prepare such other financial reports as are prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 34 states:

- (1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget regulation 22(1)(d) for that month in the following detail:
 - (a) Annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
 - (b) Budget estimates to the end of month to which the statement relates;
 - (c) Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
 - (d) Material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c);
 - (e) The net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Sub regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 prescribe further details of information to be included in the monthly statement of financial activity.

Strategic Implications

Provision of timely accounting information to inform Council of the financial status and financial affairs of local government.

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

- (d) the general management of, and the authorisation of payments out of —
 - (i) the municipal fund; and
 - (ii) the trust fund,of a local government.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

- 13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.
 - (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —
 - (a) the payee's name; and
 - (b) the amount of the payment; and
 - (c) the date of the payment; and
 - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
 - (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —
 - (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —
 - (i) the payee's name; and
 - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction;and
 - (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
 - (3) A list prepared under subregulation (1) or (2) is to be —
 - (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment:

The list of accounts paid for the period 1 September 2017 to 30 November 2017 are as follows:

**MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL
LIST OF ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLE
FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2017**

DATE PAID	PAYEE No.	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT \$
1/9/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	5.00
1/10/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	5.00
23/10/2017	CAROL HODSHON	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	ROBERT GRINHAM	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	CAROL HODSHON	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	ELIZ MORRIS	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	ROBERT GRINHAM	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	NEIL GRINHAM	MEETING FEE, REIMBURSEMENT TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION	1,965.28
23/10/2017	ROSS PIGDON	REIMBURSEMENT ACCOMMODATION	388.00
23/10/2017	SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET	REIMBURSEMENT ADVERTISING	1,953.20
23/10/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE AND ASSOCIATES	REIMBURSEMENT PRINTING OF BUSINESS PLAN ETC	142.23
23/10/2017	BETH WALTON	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	ROBERT GRINHAM	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	ELIZ MORRIS	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	ANDERSON MUNRO WYLLIE	AUDIT FEES CLGF GRANT ACQUITTAL	1,375.00
23/10/2017	NEIL GRINHAM	MEETING FEE, REIMBURSEMENT TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION	1,525.26
23/10/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE	SALARY	3,718.00
23/10/2017	ELIZ MORRIS	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET	ADMINISTRATION FEE 2016-17	6,600.00
23/10/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE	SALARY	1,258.00
23/10/2017	MT MAGNET MEAT SUPPLY	CATERING COUNCIL MEETING	180.00
23/10/2017	LES PRICE	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	NEIL GRINHAM	MEETING FEE	300.00
23/10/2017	CAROL HODSHON	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	JASON HOMEWOOD	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	JASON HOMEWOOD	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	BETH WALTON	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	KERRY KEY	MEETING FEE	150.00
23/10/2017	MT MAGNET MEAT SUPPLY	CATERING COUNCIL MEETING	225.00
1/11/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	5.00
14/11/2017	FLAT EARTH MAPPING	SUPPLY MAP IN SHAPEFILE AND GOOGLE EARTH	704.00
14/11/2017	SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET	REIMBURSEMENT ADVERTISING	192.60
14/11/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE AND ASSOCIATES	REIMBURSEMENT PURCHASE OF BLACKVUE VIDEO CAMERA	410.35
14/11/2017	CONNOR JONES	TAKE VIDEO AND INSPECTION OF FENCE	1,980.00
28/11/2017	LCIS	INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR FENCE	10,041.94
28/11/2017	ATO	BAS FOR JUNE 2017 QUARTER	1,438.00
30/11/2017	SMALL BUSINESS SUPER CLEARING HOUSE	SUPER CONTRIBUTIONS	700.00
30/11/2017	JASON HOMEWOOD	MEETING FEE	300.00
30/11/2017	ELIZ MORRIS	MEETING FEE	150.00
30/11/2017	CAROL HODSHON	MEETING FEE	150.00
30/11/2017	ROBERT GRINHAM	MEETING FEE	150.00
30/11/2017	FLAT EARTH MAPPING	SUPPLY MAP IN SHAPEFILE AND GOOGLE EARTH FOR SECTIONS	308.00
30/11/2017	FRED SPINDLER	MEETING FEE	150.00
30/11/2017	MT MAGNET MEAT SUPPLY	CATERING COUNCIL MEETING	225.00
30/11/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE	SALARY	1,299.00
30/11/2017	LES PRICE	MEETING FEE	150.00
	TOTAL		40,243.86

Voting Requirement:

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Eliz Morris

That Council approve the list of accounts paid for the period 1 September 2017 to 30 November 2017 amounting to \$40,243.86 and the list be recorded in the minutes.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.3 Debtors – Outstanding as at 30 November 2017

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	5 December 2017
Attachment	Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the Debtors Outstanding Report as at 30 November 2017.

Background

Council be informed of debtors outstanding

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment:

The outstanding debtors as at 30 November 2017 are detailed below:

Fence Rental	\$ 1,246.37
Total	<u>\$ 1,246.37</u>

Details of Outstanding debtors are available to members under a separate document.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That Council Receive the Outstanding Debtors Report as at 30 November 2017.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.4 Investments as at 30 November 2017

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	5 December 2017
Attachment	Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the Investment Report as at 30 November 2017.

Background

Money held in the Municipal Fund of a Regional Local Government that is not required for the time being may be invested under the Trustee Act 1962 Part III.

Local Government Act 1995

Statutory Environment

6.14. Power to invest

- (1) Money held in the municipal fund or the trust fund of a local government that is not, for the time being, required by the local government for any other purpose may be invested as trust funds under the *Trustees Act 1962* Part III.
- (2A) A local government is to comply with the regulations when investing money referred to in subsection (1).
- (2) Regulations in relation to investments by local governments may —
 - (a) make provision in respect of the investment of money referred to in subsection (1); and
 - [(b)deleted]*
 - (c) prescribe circumstances in which a local government is required to invest money held by it; and
 - (d) provide for the application of investment earnings; and
 - (e) generally provide for the management of those investments.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

19. Investments, control procedures for

- (1) A local government is to establish and document internal control procedures to be followed by employees to ensure control over investments.
- (2) The control procedures are to enable the identification of —
 - (a) the nature and location of all investments; and
 - (b) the transactions related to each investment.

19C. Investment of money, restrictions on (Act s. 6.14(2)(a))

- (1) In this regulation —

authorised institution means —

 - (a) an authorised deposit-taking institution as defined in the *Banking Act 1959* (Commonwealth) section 5; or

(b) the Western Australian Treasury Corporation established by the *Western Australian Treasury Corporation Act 1986*;

foreign currency means a currency except the currency of Australia.

- (2) When investing money under section 6.14(1), a local government may not do any of the following —
- (a) deposit with an institution except an authorised institution;
 - (b) deposit for a fixed term of more than 12 months;
 - (c) invest in bonds that are not guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government, or a State or Territory government;
 - (d) invest in bonds with a term to maturity of more than 3 years;
 - (e) invest in a foreign currency.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

The worksheet below details the investments held by the MRVC as at 30 November 2017.

MRVC INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 November 2017								
INSTITUTIONS	SHORT TERM RATING	INVESTMENT TYPE	ACCOUNT NO.	TERM	DATE OF TRANSACTION	DATE OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE	PRINCIPAL
Commonwealth Bank	N/A	Operating A/c	65210311201	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	0.50%	10,708.63
Commonwealth Bank	N/A	Cash Deposit at Call	36558508	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	1.66%	281,390.31
TOTAL								292,098.94

INVESTMENT REGISTER

01 JULY 2017 TO 30 November 2017

Commonwealth Bank of Australia - Cash Deposit Account Number 36558508

Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Opening Balance	Interest Earned to 30.11.2017		Investment Transfers	Closing Balance 30.11.2017
At Call	2.16%	328,625.16	2,765.15		50,000.00	281,390.31
TOTAL		328,625.16	2,765.15		50,000.00	281,390.31

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

The Chairperson invited the CEO to present the report and duly responded to questions from members.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That the Investment Report as at 30 November 2017 be received.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.5 Vermin Fence Report as at 30 November 2017

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 5 December 2017

Attachment: Connor Jones – Fence Condition Report

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive an update from the CEO on the condition of Vermin Fence.

Background

The MRVC engaged the services of a co-ordinator to undertake an inspection of the Vermin Fence in order to determine what maintenance needs to be undertaken by the Maintenance Contractors. Two contractors have been engaged to undertake the maintenance.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultant

Nil

Comment

The maintenance contractor Darren Cousens on 5 July 2017 advised in part in relation to the maintenance work carried out on the No. 2 Fence.

“I have had discussions with Jorgen and others involved with the construction and think that 100 m need to be reinforced to the east of the mill. (Reference is made in relation to the No. 2 Fence).

As to the design there are a few thoughts as to make it cattle proof.

I believe that if we put in 50 mm pipe post at the same spacing at the current star pickets spacing and then put weld mesh to them and barb on top it will be more than dog proof and would stand up to the cattle punishment.”

Darren Cousens supplied a quote to undertake the maintenance of the fence at “Marsh Bore”. The quotation is inclusive of labour and materials. A purchase order has been issued for \$4,288.50 (including GST). It is expected that Darren Cousens will undertake the works shortly.

The CEO has purchased a Blackvue video camera for \$399 which was duly authorised by the Council. The MRVC other maintenance contractor Connor Jones was engaged to take a video of the whole length of the fence and undertake an inspection this report is attached for member information. Connor Jones expects the repairs to take him 3 to 4 days and will undertake them shortly.

The CEO has finalized the insurance in relation to the fence.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Eliz Morris

That Council receive the report of the CEO in relation to the maintenance of the Vermin Fence.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.6 Shire of Meekatharra Possible Withdrawal from the Murchison Regional Vermin Council (MRVC)

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	5 December 2017
Attachment	Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council meet with the Shire of Meekatharra representatives at the MRVC Council meeting scheduled for 12 December 2017.

Background

Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 March 2017 resolved as follows:

That the Shire of Meekatharra be informed as follows:

- (1) That the Shire has long association with the vermin fences and a founding member of the MRVC.*
- (2) The MRVC acknowledges that only a small portion of the Shire boundary lies within the vermin fences however a large portion of the fences are within its boundary.*
- (3) The Shire will continue to have ongoing financial obligations in relation to the fences whether or not it remains a participant in the MRVC.*
- (4) The Shire has an obligation to represent its community on a regional basis and its continued role in the membership of the MRVC allows that to be fulfilled.*
- (5) The MRVC requests a meeting with the Council of the Shire of Meekatharra to better understand issues and concerns of the Shire.*

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 13 June 2017 resolved as follows:

That Council inform the Shire of Meekatharra as follows:

- 1. That the MRVC Council Members meet with the Shire of Meekatharra representatives at the next MRVC Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 10.00 am or at a Special Ordinary Council Meeting to be arranged.*
- 2. That the following meeting dates, times and locations are listed for the Shires consideration.*

- Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 10.00 am Shire of Mount Magnet Council Chambers.
- A Special Council Meeting be called for a date to be determined subject to feedback received from the Shire of Meekatharra and to be held at the Shire of Mount Magnet Council Chambers.

3. That Cr Harvey Nichols attendance at the Scheduled Meeting is welcomed.

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on the 19 September 2017 resolved as follows:

“That Council note that the meeting with the Shire of Meekatharra representative will be held at the MRVC Ordinary Meeting of Council for the 12 December 2017.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 3.65 Dissolution or partial dissolution of regional government

- (1) A participant may, in accordance with the establishment agreement, withdraw from the regional local government and cease to be a participant.

The Murchison Regional Vermin Council Constitution dated 14 October 1985 does not address the withdrawal of constituent local governments (Municipalities).

Section 329 (2a) of the Local Government Act 1960 (no longer in force) allows the Governor on application by a Regional Council or the Council of a constituent municipality to remove a constituent municipality.

Financial Implications

Will impact on the precepts levied on the Shire of Meekatharra.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

It is expected that the Shire of Meekatharra Council representatives will be in attendance.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

The Chairperson welcomed Cr Norm Trenfield the President of the Shire of Meekatharra and Roy McClymont the CEO of the Shire of Meekatharra and invited the President to make a presentation stating that the Shire of Meekatharra wished to withdrawal from the MRVC but that it would continue to pay contributions towards the maintenance of the fence. Further discussion took place between the members with the Chairperson thanking the representatives and they duly left the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Eliz Morris

Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

That Council:

- (1) Receive the Shire of Meekatharra Council Representatives and thanked them for their presentation.

CARRIED 7/0

Cr Eliz Morris at 11.25 am moved that the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes which was duly seconded by Cr Carol Hodshon. The Chairperson put the motion which was duly carried 7/0.

At 11.40 am the meeting reconvened and Cr Carol Hodshon moved that the meeting resume, which was duly seconded by Cr David Lefroy. The Chairperson put the motion which was carried 7/0.

12.2.7 Permission to Install a Grid – Central Murchison Gold Project

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	6 December 2017
Attachment	Letter dated 7 th July Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd

Matter for Consideration

That Council endorse the actions of the CEO to grant approval for the installation of a grid, 100 metres west on the Great Northern Highway on Annean Station to Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd.

Background

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

A letter dated 7 July 2017 received from Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd stating that Westgold Resources Limited, Central Murchison's Gold Project has been granted DMP approval to mine the Aladdin open pit which is situated to the north west of Nannine.

Part of the approval granted was to use a pre-existing haul road that runs on the west side of the GNH connecting the Bluebird mine site to Nannine.

The Company requested approval to install a 8 metre grid in the MRVC fence approximately 100 meters to the west of the GNH on Annean Station formerly Norrie Station. At the completion of the mining operations at Aladdin the Company will remove the grid and reinstate the fence and gate to its original design.

The CEO on 3 October 2017 sent an email to Council members seeking a response to the request and no objections were received to the grid being installed. Accordingly the CEO on the 9th October 2017 granted approval to Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd to install the grid.

The CEO is now seeking endorsement from Council for his actions.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That Council:

Endorse the actions of the CEO in granting approval to Big Bell Operations Pty Ltd to install a grid in the MRVC fence located approximately 100 meters to the west of the GNH on Annean Station.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.8 Alignment of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell Fence Through Madoonga Station

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 6 December 2017

Attachment
- MRBA letter dated 21 March 2017
- MRBA letter dated 13 August 2017
- Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Ltd Email dated 6 October 2017

Matter for Consideration

That Council confirms the final route of the unconstructed portion of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell Fence.

Background

Council at its ordinary meeting held on 13 June 2017 resolved as follows:

“That the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association be advised as follows:

- (1) That the report on the alignment of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell Fence through Madoonga Station be deferred.*
- (2) Subject to (1) above the CEO be requested to further investigate the matter and report to Council”.*

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association, Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Limited.

Comment

Letter dated 13 August 2017 received from the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association (MRBA) stating as follows:

“A further important consideration is my understanding that there is an agreement between Sinosteel (the lessee of Madoonga Station) and Morrie Seirwright (the lessee of Glen Station) regarding the rebuilding of parts of the boundary fence between Madoonga and Glen Stations. It is this boundary that the MRBA believe the vermin cell fence should follow”.

The CEO provided the letters received from the MRBA to Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Limited for comment. An email dated 6 October 2017 received states the following:

For the record:

- 1. SMC has participated in wild dog bait preparation, sending two staff representatives to Glen Station during Sept 2016.*
- 2. SMC have instructed MRBA to distribute baits on Madoonga Through the dogger in subsequent bait preps.*
- 3. SMC has provided accommodation (a house on Madoonga Station) for the dogger to operate from.*
- 4. There have been cattle from Glen Station grazing and being tended to by the owner of Glen Station up until recent mustering in August 2017.*

5. *There have been 3 serious approaches for sub-leasing Madoonga in the last 6 months.*
6. *There is a sub-lessee discussion presently with the potential purchaser of Kalli station*
7. *Madoonga will be sub-let for stock or SMC will run its owe stock.*
8. *SMC wants the vermin cell to include Madoonga as is the original plan.*
9. *SMC is the owner of Madoonga and has the same rights as all other land holders.*
10. *The originally agreed alignment is the best option for a successful outcome in our opinion.*
11. *The originally agreed alignment is the one that was granted funding and should continue as the preferred option.*
12. *There is NO agreement on the rebuilding sections of the southern boundary fence with Glen Station but there have been discussions (like there always are between pastoral station neighbours eg in 2015-16 a section of the Madoonga/Mileura Station boundary fence was rebuilt).*
13. *SMC remains committed to doing our part in controlling wild dogs that pass through Madoonga station.*

Council at its Ordinary Meeting in December 2015 adopted the following resolution.

“That (subject to adjustments to minimize the risk of future maintenance cost burdens) the final route for the fence required to complete the Murchison Region Vermin Cell be as follows: Across the northern end of Madoonga Station, across Meka Station, around the western boundary of Jingermarra Station to the State Barrier Fence.”

Voting Requirement

Simple majority.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr David Lefroy

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That Council:

Confirms that the alignment of the unconstructed portion of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell to be as follows:

“That (subject to adjustments to minimize the risk of future maintenance cost burdens) the final route for the fence required to complete the Murchison Region Vermin Cell be as follows: Across the northern end of Madoonga Station, across Meka Station, around the western boundary of Jingermarra Station to the State Barrier Fence.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.9 Murchison Regional Vermin Council Fencing Grant Agreement

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to declare
Date:	6 December 2017
Attachment	- Funding Agreement Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the MRVC

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the report on the Grant Agreement between DPIRD and the MRVC.

Background

Council at its Special Meeting held on 15 November 2017 adopted the following resolution.

- (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.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

The funding agreement has been duly finalized and signed by the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, copy attached for members information. The Agreement together with an invoice for \$412,500.00 representing the upfront portion of the grant has been forwarded to the DPIRD.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Eliz Morris

Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

That Council received the report on the Grant Agreement between the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the MRVC.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.10 Building Better Regions Fund – Funding Application for the Unconstructed Portion of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell Fence (Host Council Being the Shire of the Mount Magnet)

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to declare
Date:	7 December 2017
Attachment	- Draft Funding Application

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the report on the Funding Application to be lodged by the Shire of Mount Magnet on behalf of the Shires of Cue, Sandstone and Yalgoo to the Building Better Regions Fund.

Background

The Department of Industry, Innovation and the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has launched round two of the Building Better Region Fund.

The Infrastructure Project Stream of the fund will provide organizations with grants of between \$20,000 to \$10 million to support projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

- Who can apply, A legal entity having an ABN and be one of the following entities.
- A Local governing body
- A not for Profit Organization

The MRVC being a regional local government cannot apply:

Applications opened on 7 November 2017 and close on 19 December 2017.

Project grant funding will be up to 50 percent or up to 75 per cent of the eligible project costs.

The project to be eligible must

- Be located in Australia and in an eligible area
- Provide evidence confirming all co-funding contributions
- Have not started
- Be ready to commence with 12 weeks of executing the grant agreement
- Be completed by 31 December 2020.

Selection criteria is based on

- Economic benefits to the region and beyond
- Value for money
- Capacity, capability and resources to carry out the project.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Financial Implication

If successful the grant funding will allow for the vermin cell fence to be completed and pastoralists can begin to rebuild viable operations.

Consultation

Barbara Thompson – Regional Development Co-Ordinator Regional Development Australia – Mid West Gascoyne provided the following comments

“I have read your application and attachment and thought in my humble opinion that it is a well – constructed, well written and well presented application”.

Comment

A draft funding application has been prepared which has been forwarded to the Ms Barbara Thompson for comment. As the MRVC is not an eligible organization the funding application will be lodged by the Shire of Magnet on behalf of the other MRVC member local governments.

It is anticipated that the MRVC will be involved with project management.

The draft funding application (copy attached) is based on the following:

- (1) That Stage 2 of the project has already been funded to the extent of \$1.1 million by the DPIRD \$550,000 member shire contributions \$450,000 and pastoralists in kind contributions of \$100,000.
- (2) Based on the contributions stated in (1) above \$2.4 million to be sourced via the Building Better Regions fund on the basis that for every dollar up to three dollars will be received by way of grant funding.
- (3) The funding application is based on the information and costing detailed in the Business Plan.
- (4) Should the member local governments be successful with their funding application to the Building Better Regions Funds its proposed that the unconstructed portion of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell Fence amounting to 326kms will be funded as follows:

FUNDING SOURCE	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Incontestable Grant - DPIRD	\$0	\$550,000	\$550,000
Building Better Regions Fund - DIIS	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$2,400,000
Shire of Cue Contribution	\$0	\$139,600	\$139,600
Shire of Mount Magnet Contribution	\$0	\$139,600	\$139,600
Shire of Sandstone Contribution	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Shire of Yalgoo Contribution	\$0	\$120,800	\$120,800
Pastoralists In-Kind Contributions ¹	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$2,400,000	\$1,100,000	\$3,500,000

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr David Lefroy

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That Council:

- (1) Receive the report on the funding application to the Building Better Regions Fund.
- (2) That the Shire Mount Magnet be thanked for being the host local government for the project.

CARRIED 7/0

13. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Nil

15. ELECTED MEMBER MATTERS

Cr Les Price stated that a Council Member undertake an inspection of the fence before the next meeting.

16. NEXT MEETING - 14 March 2018

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.09 pm