



**MINUTES OF
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
12 JUNE 2018**

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MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL



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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 10.05am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:

Chairperson Cr Jason Homewood, Deputy Chairperson Cr Robert Grinham
Cr Carol Hodshon, Cr Eliz Morris, Cr Fred Spindler and Cr Les Price.

Apologies:

Cr Gregory Payne, Cr Bethal Walton

Leave of Absence:

Nil

Also in Attendance: Mr Dominic Carbone CEO MRVC

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 13 March 2018

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 March 2018 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED 6/0

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDING MEMBER WITH DISCUSSION

Nil

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Robert Grinham declared an interest on Report No. 12.2.11 and 12.2.7. The CEO declared an interest on Report No. 13.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Review.

11. BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

12. 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 31 May 2018

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 4 June 2018

Attachment 1

- Financial Activity Statement for the Period 1 July 2017 to 31 May 2018
- Summary of Current Assets and Liabilities as at 31 May 2018
- 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

Accordingly the Chief Executive Officer has produced the above mentioned financial statements in order that the MRVC meets its statutory compliance.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION	
Moved: Cr Robert Grinham	Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon
<i>That Council adopts the Financial Activity Statement for the period ending 31 May 2018..</i>	
CARRIED 6/0	

12.2.2 Accounts for Payment 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018
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File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	4 June 2018
Attachment	Nil

Matter for Consideration

Council approve the Accounts for payment list for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018 as detailed in the report below.

Background

The Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a list of accounts paid and/or payable to Council and such to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

6.10. Financial management regulations

Regulations may provide for —

- (a) the security and banking of money received by a local government; and
- (b) the keeping of financial records by a local government; and
- (c) the management by a local government of its assets, liabilities and revenue; and
- (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 March 2018 to 31 May 2018 are as follows:

**MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL
LIST OF ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLE
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MAY 2018**

DATE PAID	PAYEE No.	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT \$
3/1/2018	COMMONWEALTH BANK	BANK FEES	5.00
3/1/2018	COMMONWEALTH BANK	BANK FEES	0.45
3/16/2018	YOWERAGABBIE CONTRACTING	FENCE INSPECTION	2,409.00
3/16/2018	ATO	BAS FOR DECEMBER 2017 QUARTER	2,041.00
3/16/2018	BETHAL WALTON	MEETING FEE	268.00
3/16/2018	ROBERT GRINHAM	MEETING FEE AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON ALLOWANCE	449.75
3/16/2018	LES PRICE	MEETING FEE	268.00
3/16/2018	FRED SPINDLER	MEETING FEE	268.00
3/16/2018	DAVID LEFROY	MEETING FEE	268.00
3/16/2018	PLATINUM PASTORAL COMPANY	FENCE MAINTENANCE NO 2 FLOOD	8,580.00
3/16/2018	GREGORY PAYNE	MEETING FEE	418.00
3/16/2018	ANDERSON MUNRO AND WYLLIE	AUDIT FEES	2,131.60
3/16/2018	DOMINIC CARBONE	SALARY AND TRAVEL	1,593.00
3/16/2018	ELIZ MORRIS	MEETING FEE	268.00
3/16/2018	MOUNT MAGNET MEAT SUPPLY	REFRESHMENTS COUNCIL MEETING	120.00
3/16/2018	SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET	RENTAL SATELITE TELEPHONES	100.00
3/16/2018	CONNOR JONES CONTRACTING	FENCE MAINTENANCE NO 2 ASSIST DARREN COUSENS	2,640.00
3/16/2018	SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET	RENTAL SATELITE TELEPHONES \$700 AND ANNUAL SECRETARIAL	7,300.00
3/28/2018	DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES	CHEMICAL PERMIT	77.00
3/28/2018	DOMINIC CARBONE	SALARY AND TRAVEL	2,631.00
4/1/2018	COMMONWEALTH BANK	BANK FEES	5.00
4/13/2018	LES PRICE	TRAVEL TO PERTH MEETING WITH MINISTER	1,374.26
5/1/2018	COMMONWEALTH BANK	BANK FEES	5.00
5/15/2018	CONNOR JONES CONTRACTING	FENCE MAINTENANCE NO 1	3,960.00
5/15/2018	WA SUPER	SUPER CONTRIBUTION FOR CEO	985.42
5/15/2018	ATO	BAS FOR MARCH 2018 QUARTER	6,492.00
	TOTAL		44,657.48

Voting Requirement:

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Fred Spindler

That Council approve the list of accounts paid for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018 amounting to \$44,657.48 and the list be recorded in the minutes.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.3 Debtors – Outstanding as at 31 May 2018

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 4 June 2018

Attachment Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the Debtors Outstanding Report as at 31 May 2018.

Background

Council be informed of debtors outstanding

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment:

The outstanding debtors as at 31 May 2018 are detailed below:

Fence Rental	<u>\$ 3,372.50</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,372.50</u>

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

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon Seconded: Cr Les Price

That Council Receive the Outstanding Debtors Report as at 31 May 2018

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.4 Investments as at 31 May 2018

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	4 June 2018
Attachment	Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the Investment Report as at 31 May 2018.

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 31 May 2018.

MRVC INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2018								
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%	418,495.72
Commonwealth Bank	N/A	Cash Deposit at Call	36558508	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	2.28%	283,469.39
Commonwealth Bank	N/A	Cash Deposit at Call	36558508	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	1.45%	64,430.60
Commonwealth Bank	N/A	Term Deposit	36558508	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	2.31%	350,000.00
TOTAL								1,116,395.70

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultant

Nil

Comment

Fence No. 1

The Councils fence maintenance contractor, Connor Jones undertook the maintenance of the fence between 13-16 April 2018 and reported as follows:

travelled to 80 mile peg

7km cut down fallen tree

27km install 2 pickets

36km cut fallen tree off fence and install 1 picket, repair mesh

74km install new box strut

102km cut tree from fence, install picket in fence

122km patched hole in fence

139km patch hole in fence

150km install 5 pickets

151km install 2 pickets

155km cut down tree

167km clean out flood gate, patching hole under fence, repair broken barb, install 1 picket

232km install 2 pickets

244km install 1 picket

245km straighten 12 pickets

246km straighten pickets

264km repair sagging fence

267km repair sagging fence

269km put rocks on netting

274km straighten 6 pickets

278km install 3 pickets

281km install 3 pickets

282km install 5 pickets

install 5 pickets

install 5 pickets

install 6 pickets

install 10 pickets

install 6 pickets

292km install 4 pickets

300km install 2 pickets

325km install clean out flood gates

330km install 3 pickets, patch 4 holes, repair flood damage, install 30m of netting

331km install 20m of netting, strainer leaning (not stayed against flow of wash)

352km flood gates north and south of youno downs rd need welding up next run

383km patch fence install netting on hole in fence

travel home

Fence No. 2

As reported at the March 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting heavy rain caused flooding in the area of the No. 2 fence.

An insurance claim has been lodged with the insurer who have accepted the claim. Jorgen Jensen is currently preparing a quotation for the insurer.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

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

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.6 Murchison Regional Vermin Council Fencing Grant Agreement

File:
Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to declare
Date: 5 March 2018
Attachment

Matter for Consideration

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

Background

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 13 March 2018 adopted the following resolution.

“(1) That Council approves entering into a financial agreement with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for the purpose of constructing the balance of the vermin cell fence.

“(2) Subject to (1) above Council authorize the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer to sign the agreement and affix the common seal if required.”

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

The Agreement has been duly signed by the DPIRD and the MRVC. An invoice for \$356,400 representing 60% of the grant was sent to DPIRD which was duly paid to the MRVC on 23 May 2018.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Eliz Morris

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

(1) That Council receive the report on the Grant Agreement between the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the MRVC.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.7 Request for Quotation – Engagement of Fence Inspector

Cr Robert Grinham declared an interest on the matter and left the chambers.

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to declare
Date:	4 June 2018
Attachment	

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the report on the engagement of the fence inspector.

Background

The Council at its meeting held on 13 March 2018 resolved as follows: in part

“3. That the Council delegate the appointment of the Fence Inspector to the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer.”

Statutory Environment

Compliance with the MRVC Purchasing Policy.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

Four (4) contractors were invited to submit quotations for the fence inspector and the following quotations were received.

- Neil Grinham
- Ashley Dowden

As a quotation was received from Neil Grinham the Deputy Chairperson Cr Robert Grinham withdrew from the selection process.

Neil Grinham’s quotation was considered the most advantageous to Council by the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer which resulted in Neil Grinham being appointed.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Les Price

Receive the report on the engagement of the Fence Inspector.

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Robert Grinham returned to the chambers at 11.44 am.

12.2.8 Review of Delegations

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to declare

Date: 4 June 2018

Attachment Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the delegations to the Chief Executive Officer and other persons.

Background

The delegations were last reviewed on 13 June 2017. Council is required to review the delegations at least once every financial year.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.46 (2)

At least once every financial year, delegations under this Division are to be received by the delegator.

Strategic Implications

Maintaining proper governance and administration of the Local Government.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

As previously mentioned Council last reviewed Delegations on 13 June 2017 however it's required to undertake the task at least once every financial year.

The following Delegations were adopted by Council in June 2017:

1. *Hire contractors, plant or machinery necessary to proceed with authorized or designated works or service provision subject to compliance with Council direction and rules under the Local Government Act (Functions and General) Regulation 1996.*
2. *Dispose of scrap material no longer required by Council.*
3. *Negotiate the entering into contracts or leases on Council's behalf that will require acceptance or otherwise by Council.*
4. *Payments of accounts – to be able to authorize electronic funds transfers, in accordance with the bank authority to creditors whose accounts require payment. This is to be done on the basis that any two (2) Officers, being the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Manager can jointly sign the transfer of funds electronically. Endorsement of cheques for payment (signature of the Chairperson or one Councillor also required).*
5. *Act as an authorized person and appoint authorized persons under the following legislation:*
 - *Control of Off Roads Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978*
 - *Local Government Act 1995*
 - *Litter Act 1979*
 - *Bush Fires Act 1954*
6. *Power to approve writing off debts that are less than \$100.00 and that are considered uncollectible.*
7. *Purchase goods and services to the value of \$10,000 (excluding GST) providing that it is a budgeted expense.*

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Robert Grinham

Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

That Council delegates the following powers and duties to the Chief Executive Officer and in relation to Delegation 4. also to the Chairperson and the Finance Manager Shire of Mount Magnet.

1. Hire contractors, plant or machinery necessary to proceed with authorized or designated works or service provision subject to compliance with Council direction and rules under the Local Government Act (Functions and General) Regulation 1996.
2. Dispose of scrap material no longer required by Council.
3. Negotiate the entering into contracts or leases on Council's behalf that will require acceptance or otherwise by Council.
4. Payments of accounts – to be able to authorize electronic funds transfers, in accordance with the bank authority to creditors whose accounts require payment. This is to be done on the basis that any two (2) Officers, being the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Manager can jointly sign the transfer of funds electronically. Endorsement of cheques for payment (signature of the Chairperson or one Councillor also required).
5. Act as an authorized person and appoint authorized persons under the following legislation:
 - Control of Off Roads Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978
 - Local Government Act 1995
 - Litter Act 1979
 - Bush Fires Act 1954
6. Power to approve writing off debts that are less than \$100.00 and that are considered uncollectible.
7. Purchase goods and services to the value of \$10,000 (excluding GST) providing that it is a budgeted expense.

CARRIED 6/0
Passed by absolute majority

12.2.9 Elected Member Remuneration

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to declare
Date:	4 June 2018
Attachment	Salaries and Allowance Tribunal – 10 April 2018

Matter for Consideration

To adopt the allowable elected members' fees as a result of the Western Australian Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 Determination of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members on 10 April 2018 with the reviewed fees and allowances for elected members to apply from 1 July 2018.

Background

Elected members of a Regional Council are entitled to payment for attending Council, Committee and other designated meetings. The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson are also entitled to an annual payment for the additional services provided to the Regional Council.

The setting of the fees is prescribed in the Local Government Act and Administration Regulations and are reviewed each year by the Salaries Allowances Tribunal (SAT). The fees and allowances referred to in this report are those approved in the SAT Determination in April 2018 to apply from 1 July 2018.

Statutory Environment

WA Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 Section 7B(2)
SAT Determination 10 April 2018
Local Government Act S5.98
Local Government (Administration) Reg. 30, 31 and 32.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

Listed below is the determination of meeting fees and allowances from SAT in April 2018 for Level 4 Local Governments.

Meeting	Minimum	Maximum	MRVC Current Fees
Council Meeting/Council	\$90	\$236	\$150
Council Meetings/Chairperson	\$90	\$485	\$300
Committee Meetings and prescribed meetings – all elected members	\$45	\$118	\$118
Chairperson Allowance	\$508	\$19,864	\$508
Deputy Chairperson Allowance 25% of the Chairperson Allowance			

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

That Council set the following fees and allowances for the 2018-19 financial year.

- | | |
|--|-------|
| - Council Meetings/Council | \$150 |
| - Council Meetings/Chairperson | \$300 |
| - Committee Meetings/All Elected Members | \$118 |
| - Chairperson Allowance | \$508 |
| - Deputy Chairperson Allowance | \$127 |

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.10 Insurance Policies Renewal for 2018-19

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to declare

Date: 4 June 2018

Attachment

Matter for Consideration

That Council renew its insurance policies for the 2018-19 Financial Year.

Background

Council for the 2017-18 Financial Year authorized the following insurance cover for the MRVC.

Vermin Fence Insurance for the period 28 November 2017 to 30 June 2018.

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| - Limit of Liability | \$4M |
| - Sub-limits of Liability | |
| - Accidental Damage Flood | \$100,000 |
| - Flood | \$75,000 |
| - Deductible | \$5,000 |
| - Premium | \$10,041.94 (inclusive of GST \$830.82) |

Workers Compensation for the period 30 June 2017 to 30 June 2018

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|-----------|--|
| - Premium | \$2,266.00 (inclusive of GST \$206.00) |
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Public & Products Liability – Public Liability for the period 30 June 2017 to 30 June 2018

- Limit of Liability \$20M
- Sub-limit of liability (Property under MRVC ownership or control) \$250,000
- Deductible \$100
- Premium \$557,52 (inclusive of GST \$47.81)

Association Liability – Members and Association for the period 30 June 2017 to 30 June 2018

- Limit of Liability \$5M
- Sub-limit of Liability – Fines and Penalties \$100,000
- Policy Covers – members, fraud and dishonesty, assets and property public liability and volunteers
- Premium \$385.28 (inclusive of GST \$32.75)

Statutory Environment

Nil

Business Implication

Nil

Consultation

Local Community Insurance Services (LCIS)

Comment

The Following insurance policy renewals have been received for the period 20 June 2018 to 30 June 2019.

- Products and Products Liability, Premium \$567.52 (inclusive of GST \$47.81) no increase in premium.
- Association Liability, Premium \$385.28 (inclusive of GST \$32.75) no increase in premium.
- Vermin Fence Insurance
- LCIS has received advice from QBE stating that they are unable to offer renewal.
- Workers Compensation – no renewal proposal yet received.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION:	
Moved: Cr Robert Grinham	Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon
That Council Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to renew the MRVC insurance policies for the 2018-19 Financial Year as detailed in the report.	
CARRIED 6/0	

12.2.11 Vermin Fence Alignment – Meka Station

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to declare
Date:	4 June 2018
Attachment	

Cr Robert Grinham declared his interest on the matter that he is the Manager of Meka Pastoral Station and requested that Council make a ruling on his interest. Moved Cr Carol Hodshon that Cr Robert Grinham be permitted to participate in debate and leave the chambers when the vote is taken. The motion was seconded by Cr Les Price. There being no further debate the Chairperson put the motion to the vote which was carried 5/0

Matter for Consideration

That Council give consideration to the re-alignment of the proposed vermin cell fence.

Background

Proposed construction of the 326 Km fence to fully enclose the vermin cell.

Council at its ordinary meeting held on 12 December 2017 gave consideration to another proposed re-alignment, that through Madoonga Station and resolved as follows:

“That Council confirms that the alignment of the un-constructed portion of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell be as follows:

Across the northern end of Madoonga Station, across Maka Station, around the western boundary of Jingermurra Station to the State Barrier Fence”.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Financial Implications

Re-alignment may result in additional cost of construction

Consultation

Nil

Comment

The following letter dated 5 May 2018 was received from Mr Kerry Wark from the Meka Pastoral Co.

Report on Field Visit to Northern 'Top End' of meka station.

With respect to location of Dog Proof Fence (DPF)

5th May 2018

Kerry R Wark

Meka Pastoral Co

Commenced inspection of possible routing of Dog Proof Fencing around the current boundary fence-line instead of the DPF running direct from South-West corner of Carters paddock to the Calamity Bore on the North-East corner of the old Stone Hut paddock.

One of the earlier fence line proposals followed the 'existing boundary' route I am strongly in favour of, however it was altered to the routing mentioned above when Ashley Dowden did his 'on ground' routing survey. The reason for the change was explained to me as the difficulty and cost of constructing the DPF where it crosses the Meka western fence where it adjoins Boolardy Station. As you will see following, I cannot see any river crossing cost, as there is no Roderick River crossing of the boundary as it is an 'open flood plain' at that point, with *no visible signs of channeling or scouring*. I was advised at the time that there would be opportunity later to finesse the routing of the fence to best suit all perspectives.

The Meka Pastoral Co objects strongly to the change as it puts approx. 25,000 hectares of our lease outside of the Dog Proof Cell, and at our stocking rate in this area of 10-12 Ha per sheep, we give up stocking capacity of 2,000 sheep.

My physical inspection on Saturday May 5th had me commence boundary inspection at the S-W corner of Carters paddock. The western 8.8 Km boundary fence is of varying condition, the minor part being wooden posts and the remainder steel, all of 4 plain wires with the 2nd wire barbed, and 1.2m overall height. The access road is easily driven and will provide a clear survey line without clearing.

The Roderick River is shown on the plans as crossing at approx. 1 km and 3.3 Km. As mentioned above, there are no visible signs of the river, as it is in that area, a very wide flood plain with signs of channeling or scouring. I do note that the Roderick river, 7km upstream near Carters well is 20-30 metres wide and 2-4 metres below general ground level.

In addition to the review of the Western portion of boundary fence, I further inspected the first 6.5 km of the Northern boundary fence, which I found to be of much older construction, and comprising of mainly wooden posts. The vehicle access is again very good and it will provide clear survey lines. If the DPF is run say

Background

The Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association makes an annual contribution of \$28,000 to the MRVC for the purpose of maintaining the No. 1 and No. 2 Vermin Fences.

The MRVC Constitution was amended on 14 October 1985 and in part reads as follows:

“Contributions

(b) Matching monies from Agricultural Protection Board, via R.A.C. (Agricultural and Related Resource Protection Act) on a Dollar for Dollar basis.”

Statutory Environment

- Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976
- Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Regulations 2011
- Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007

Financial Implications

Potential loss of funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the Vermin Fences.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

Letter dated 13 March 2018 from the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association states the following:

Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association

13 March 2018

Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc
Challa Station
MOUNT MAGNET WA 6638

Mr Dominic Carbone
Chief Executive Officer
Murchison Regional Vermin Council
d.carbone@bigpond.com

Dear Dominic

Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association (MRBA) Annual Financial Contribution

As you are aware the MRBA has contributed for many years funding of approximately \$28,000 pa to the MRVC. This funding has been reviewed by the MRBA Committee of Management in the context of the organisations Declared Pest Account 2018/2019 budget and it has been determined to cease the contribution with effect from 01 July 2018. In making this decision the MRBA acknowledges the good work of your organisation and in particular the efforts being put into securing funding to complete the Murchison Region Vermin Cell.

With completion of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell getting closer the 2018/2019 MRBA budget has been formulated to provide an expanded baiting and trapping program within the area of the proposed vermin cell. In particular an additional dogger has been funded for 100 days to work on ten stations surrounding Mount Magnet, thus filling a gap that was left when the AWI funded dogger program concluded at the end of last year. Further bait meat quantities have been increased at racks within the cell area and to the north with the aim being to intensify baiting activity prior to the completion of the cell.

Please do not hesitate to call me to discuss this matter further if required.

Yours Sincerely



Ashley Dowden
Chairman
Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc
Phone: (08) 9963 5361 Email: ashley.dowden@bigpond.com

Section 138 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 states the following in part:

138. Use of funds in Declared Pest Account

Money may be debited to the Declared Pest Account for the following purposes.

- (a) To carry out measures to control declared pests on an in relation to areas for which the rates were collected under Division 1.*
- (b) To promote public awareness of the measures being taken or required to be taken to control declared pests.*
- (f) For any purpose authorized under this Act or another written law.*

Section 125 of the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976 states the following in part.

125. Funds in, or payable to, former account

- (3) Moneys referred to in subsection (2) may be applied –*
 - (b) Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 section 138.*
- (5) If in an agreement, instrument or other document there is a reference to the former account, that reference is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be read and have effect on and after the closure day as if it were a reference to the Declared Pest Account.*

Further research is required to confirm as to whether the annual Contributions made by the MRBA are funded from the Declared Pest Account, if so then the contribution must continue.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That Council:

- (1) Receive the report on Annual Contributions – Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the matter further and report to Council.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.13 Survey Costs - Outstanding

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to declare
Date:	5 June 2018
Attachment	- MRVC Purchase Order

Matter for Consideration

That Council give consideration to compensate Agnew & Machin Pty Ltd, Licensed surveyors for the work undertaken as detailed in the MRVC purchase order No. 0095.

Background

Purchase Order No. 0095 dated 11 September 2015 was issued to Agnew & Machin Pty Ltd to undertake the following works:

“Survey Vermin Cell Fence – new section in Nannine area – for easement application

As per quotation	\$13,300.00	
GST	\$ 1,330.00	
Fees to Landgate	<u>\$ 266.00</u>	\$14,896.00

The purchase was signed by the former CEO Warren Olsen.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Financial Implications

Additional expenditure not budgeted for.

Comment

The information received by Agnew & Machin, Land and Engineering Surveyors is as follows:

- (1) The work involved obtaining accurate co-ordinates for the bends in the R12 section of fence constructed by Yowergabbie Contracting.
- (2) Subject to (1) above liaise with Department of Lands to enable the easement to be created under the land administration Act.
- (3) The survey component is complete.
- (4) The easement approval have yet to be completed, the Lands Departments have raised a number of issues one of which is Native Title. The granting of easements has not progressed further.

- (5) Agnew & Machin advise that it is feasible to combine the R12 survey with the R2, R3 and R5 sections in the current contract for the purpose of creating the easement and are willing to provide the necessary information to allow for the creation of the easement for the R12 section.

Agnew & Machin have requested that Council inform them as to whether they are able to invoice the MRVC for the work completed.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That Council authorise the CEO to negotiate an outcome with Agnew & Machin Pty Ltd, Land and Engineering Surveyors in relation to the outstanding surveyors fees.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.14 Member Local Government Contribution to Fund the Unconstructed Portion of the Vermin Cell Fence – 326 Kilometers

File:
Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to declare
Date: 5 June 2018
Attachments

Matter for Consideration

To inform member local governments of their contribution towards the construction of the unconstructed portion of the Vermin Cell fence. – 326 kms.

Background

The following funding applications have been lodged by the MRVC and the Shire of Mount Magnet on behalf of the MRVC member local governments for the purpose of constructing the unconstructed portion of the Vermin Cell Fence approximately 326 kms in length.

- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD)

Description	Grant	Local Governments	In-kind	Total
	\$			
Contestable	594,000	654,000	250,000	1,498,000
Incontestable	550,000	450,000	100,000	1,100,000
	1,144,000	1,104,000	350,000	2,598,000

The MRVC has been successful in the above mentioned funding applications.

- Building Better Region Fund \$2,400,000

The notification has yet to be received by the Shire of Mount Magnet on the funding application. The \$1,100,000 detailed above has been used to leverage the \$2,400,000.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Financial Implication

Being successful in the Building Better Region Fund application will result in a lower contribution of member local governments and pastoralists.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

Member Local Governments are currently preparing their 2018-19 annual Budget and this report has been prepared on the basis of informing them of their contributions in the 2018-19 financial year towards the project based on option 1 and 2.

Option 1 - Grants of \$1,144,000 to be received from DPIRD

The Member Local Government contributions in the 2018-19 financial year will be as follows:

Shire	Contribution	Less Member Contributions held by MRVC	Balance of Contribution Due
	\$	\$	\$
Cue	357,583	56,250	301,333
Mount Magnet	357,583	56,250	301,333
Sandstone	50,000	0	50,000
Yalgoo	338,834	37,500	301,334
TOTAL	1,104,000	150,000	954,000

Pastoralists will make an inkind contribution of \$350,000

Option 2 – Grants of \$550,000 DPIRD and Building Better Regions \$2,400,000

The Member Local Governments contributions in the 2018-19 financial year are estimated as follows:

Shire	Contribution	Less Contribution Paid	Balance of Contribution Due
	\$	\$	\$
Cue	139,583	56,250	83,333
Mount Magnet	139,583	56,250	83,333
Sandstone	50,000	0	50,000
Yalgoo	120,834	37,500	83,334
TOTAL	450,000	150,000	300,000

Pastoralists will make an inkind contribution of \$100,000.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Fred Spindler

That Council inform the member Local Governments that their contributions for the 2018-19 financial year for the construction of the balance of the vermin fence will be as follows:

Option 1 - Grants of \$1,144,000 to be received from DPIRD

The Member Local Government contributions in the 2018-19 financial year will be as follows:

Shire	Contribution	Less Contribution Paid	Balance of Contribution Due
	\$	\$	\$
Cue	357,583	56,250	301,333
Mount Magnet	357,583	56,250	301,333
Sandstone	50,000	0	50,000
Yalgoo	338,834	37,500	301,334
TOTAL	1,104,000	150,000	954,000

Pastoralists will make an in-kind contribution of \$350,000

Option 2 – Grants of \$550,000 DPIRD and Building Better Regions \$2,400,000

The Member Local Governments contributions in the 2018-19 financial year are estimated as follows:

Shire	Contribution	Less Contribution Paid	Balance of Contribution Due
	\$	\$	\$
Cue	139,583	56,250	83,333
Mount Magnet	139,583	56,250	83,333
Sandstone	50,000	0	50,000
Yalgoo	120,834	37,500	83,334
TOTAL	450,000	150,000	300,000

Pastoralists will make an in-kind contribution of \$100,000.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.15 Progress Report – Stage 2 of the Vermin Cell Fence \$1,100,000

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to declare

Date: 5 June 2018

Attachments: Nil

Matter for Consideration

Council to receive a progress report on stage 2 of the construction of the Vermin Cell Fence.

Background

Council has appointed licensed surveyors to survey the alignment of the proposal vermin cell fence. A fence inspector has also been appointed to assist in the construction process.

Financial Consideration

Nil

Consultation

Rob Agnew – Licenced Surveyor
Neil Grinham – Fence Inspector

Comment

In order that the surveyor may commence the surveying of the proposed fence alignment it was necessary for the Fence Inspector to carry out an inspection of the fence tracks to ensure that it were suitable for traveling.

The fence inspectors report states the following:

MRVC Fence Inspector's Report.

19th April—30th May.

The first few weeks consisted of numerous emails and phone calls with Dominic, Madoonga, Meka and Jingemarra seeking written permission to be able to access the properties to check the fence lines for accessibility for the surveyors.

03-05-18.

I with Bob and Kerry Wark following started at the Mt Wittenoom road and headed south along the Meka boundary to aero motor mill in the Sth/west corner.

Along this 30km stretch there was no bush except a bit of regrowth over the last 2km which needs grading.

There is numerous ridges of lumpy granite which we will have to pick our way through and a few small creeks.

This took 2hrs.

We turned west along Jingemarra nth boundary 2.5km we ran into lumpy granite hill, large breakaway, creeks and gutters for the next 8km. this is not an option for fencing.

The next 7km has not been driven by a vehicle for years.

This 17.5km took a bit under 5 hrs.

The owner is going to discuss with Murgoo about the line of the fence and swapping pdks.

Overall 8hrs.

04-05-18.

I with Bob and Kerry Wark following started at the Mt Wittenoon road and headed north along the Meka boundary to four troughs mill.

The first 32km is good one little section were the creek goes out through the fence and back into Meka in Airport Pdk we will divert the fence around this.

The next 6km was washed out, over grown, granites and a breakaway.

The next 30km has regrowth and some wash-outs needs grading.

When we arrived at the nth/west corner Kerry Wark raised the question about the fence going north following all of the Meka station boundary, as this is a decision for the MRVC, I have not gone any further than four troughs.

Overall 9.5hrs.

I find out after that at the 32km mark the new fence goes east 2km and back on an angle south of Thors mill. I inspected this on the 19-05-18. Regrowth and odd wash-out needs grading.

Overall 3hrs.

15-05-18.

Myself and Mayne drove around Jingemarra inspected the remaining fence line on Jingemarra, this needs clearing either with a grader or bulldozer. he has a bulldozer waiting on mechanic to service.

Overall 9hrs

23-05-18.

Met with Mayne to discuss a number of things as he is new to the area.

Met with Craig Robins discussed the joining of the 2 fences. Re-enforcing the corners Ect.

My thoughts are that Yuin have ringlock vermin fence 2 either side nothing special about these where they join.

Overall 3hrs.

Through out the month of May I have done numerous phone calls and emails.

Neil Grinham.

The fence inspectors report reveals fence tracks in some instance are not suitable for traveling with regrowth, wash outs and in need of grading. This has hampered the surveyor from completing his survey work. The fence inspector has been meeting with the pastoralists in order that a suitable track can be built.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Eliz Morris

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That Council receive the progress report on the construction of stage 2 of the Vermin Cell Fence.

CARRIED 6/0

The Chairperson asked that the meeting be adjourned for lunch. Moved Cr Eliz Morris seconded Cr Carol Hodshon that the meeting be adjourned at 12.20 pm, there being no debate the Chairperson put the motion to vote which was carried 6/0.

At 12.53 pm Cr Les Price moved that the adjourned meeting be reconvened which was duly seconded by Cr Carol Hodshon there being no debate the Chairperson put the motion to the vote which was duly carried 6/0.

13. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED.

Moved by Cr Fred Spindler that the meeting go behind closed doors which was duly seconded by Cr Carol Hodshon. There being no debate the chairperson put the motion to the vote which was duly carried 6/0.

13.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Confidential Report.

The CEO declared an interest on the matter and left Chambers at 12.56 pm.

Council considered the report behind closed doors it was moved.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Eliz Morris

Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

Confidential Report on Chief Executive Officer – Performance Review

That Council

1. In accordance with Section 5.38 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Clause 8 of the Chief Executive Officer Contract of Employment has conducted a performance review by undertaking an assessment.

CARRIED 6/0

It was moved by Cr Eliz Morris that the meeting proceed with open doors which was duly seconded by Cr Les Price. There being no debate the chairperson put the motion to the vote which was duly carried 6/0.

The CEO returned to the Chambers at 1.20 pm and was informed of the motion passed by Council.

14. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

16. ELECTED MEMBER MATTERS

17. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 18 September 2018

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.28pm.