



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
13 NOVEMBER 2018

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MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL



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Murchison Regional Vermin Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council – 13 November 2018 at 11.00am
In Council Chambers, 90 Hepburn Street, Mount Magnet

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11.00 am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:

Chairperson Cr Jason Homewood, Cr Robert Grinham, Cr Eliz Morris, Cr Les Price, Cr Carol Hodshon, Cr Fred Spindler, Cr David Lefroy

Apologies:

Cr Gregory Payne

Leave of Absence:

Nil

In Attendance:

Members of the Public:

Mr Dominic Carbone CEO, Cr Bethal Walton, Cr Jorgen Jenson and Mr Rob Madson CEO Shire of Cue.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

5. REPORTS

The Chairperson in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 on Monday 5 November 2018 in a notice to the Chief Executive Officer called a special meeting of Council for the following purpose.

1. Consideration of the Building Better Regions Funding Application.
2. Claim by Barrambie Station.
3. Progress Report on Stage 2 of the Construction of the Cell Fence.

5.1 Building Better Regions Fund – Round Three 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:	8 November 2018
Attachment	- Draft Funding Application - Construction and Maintenance Plan

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 three 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 close on 15 November 2018.

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 2021.

Selection criteria is based on

- Economic and Social Benefits to the region.
- Project delivery.
- Impact of grant funding.

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

Senator Dean Smith.

Comment

A draft funding application has been prepared for members consideration and to be referred to the Shire of Mount Magnet for lodgment on behalf of the other MRVC member local government.

The MRVC is not an eligible organization in terms of making a funding application in its own right.

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	TOTAL
Contestable Grant - DPIRD	\$594,000	\$0	\$594,000
Incontestable Grant - DPIRD	\$0	\$550,000	\$550,000
Building Better Regions Fund - DIIS	\$1,650,000	\$0	\$1,650,000
Shire of Cue Contribution	\$52,000	\$133,334	\$185,334
Shire of Mount Magnet Contribution	\$52,000	\$133,333	\$185,333
Shire of Sandstone Contribution	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Shire of Yalgoo Contribution	\$52,000	\$133,333	\$185,333
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 DECISION:

Moved: Cr Fred Spindler Seconded: Cr Les Price

That Council:

- (1) Receive the report on the funding application to the Building Better Regions Fund Round Three and the Funding Application to the Shire of Mount Magnet for consideration and lodgment on behalf of the Shire's of Cue, Mount Magnet, Sandstone and Yalgoo subject to amendments.
- (2) That the Shire Mount Magnet be thanked for being the host local government for the project.

CARRIED 7/0

Cr Eliz Morris left the meeting at 11.55 am.

At 12.47 pm Cr Carol Hodson moved that the meeting be adjourned for lunch which was seconded by Cr David Lefroy. There being no further debate the Chairperson put the motion to the vote which was carried 6/0.

At 1.20 pm Cr Les Price moved that the adjourned meeting re-commence which was duly seconded by Cr Carol Hodshon there being no further debate the Chairperson put the motion to the vote which was carried 6/0.

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

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to declare
Date:	9 November 2018
Attachment	- Surveyors Report (Yet to be received)

Matters for Consideration

Council to receive a progress report on stage 2 of the construction of the Vermin Cell Fence and adopt the Surveyors recommendation with or without amendment.

Background

The MRVC appointed Agnew and Machin Pty Ltd Land and Engineering Surveyors to survey the alignment of the proposed construction of the vermin cell fence.

Financial Consideration

Nil

Consultation

Robert Agnew – Agnew and Machin Pty Ltd.

Comment

The CEO requested that the Surveyors undertake the survey of the proposed fence alignment for the first 108 km commencing from the State Barrier Fence north via Jingemarra and Meka Stations. The Fence Inspector provided support to the surveyor as and when requested. The Surveyor indicated that he will provide a report for Council consideration however at the time of preparing this report it was not received. It's proposed to make the report available prior to or at the meeting. It has been arranged that the surveyor will make himself available via teleconference when Council gives consideration to the Report.

The Surveyor's report was duly provided to the members at the meeting and the surveyor Mr Robert Agnew joined the meeting via teleconferencing. The Chairperson welcomed Mr Agnew to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation. Questions were duly asked by the members with Mr Agnew providing the responses. The chairperson then thanked Mr Agnew for his contribution.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Cr Fred Spindler

Seconded: Cr David Lefroy

That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare the tender documentation for.

- Construction and Improvements of 72 kms of Fencing.
- Supply of Fencing Materials.

CARRIED 6/0

6. MATTER FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED.

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

6.1 Claim by Barrambie Station – Joy Marie Valle and Lance Charles Sherlock

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: (to be confirmed)

Seconded: (to be confirmed)

That Council

- (1) Receives the Solicitors Legal Advice.
- (2) Subject to (1) above the Chief Executive Officer and Solicitors instigate the recommendations contained in Legal Advice.

CARRIED 6/0

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2.40pm.