

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL  
held at TEMORA OFFICE on 22 January 2024**

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The meeting commenced at 10.01am

**PRESENT**

Cr Stadtmiller, Cr B Callow, Cr A McAlister, Cr L McGlynn, Cr G Sinclair, Cr A White, Cr J Piper.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Miss S Jung (Engineering Manager), Mrs M Carr (Corporate Services Manager), Miss A Burnett (Executive Assistant).

**1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**24/001 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and White that a leave of absence be granted to Crs Kevin Morris.**

**2. ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**24/002 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs White and Piper that the Board permit the following Councillors to attend this Extraordinary meeting by Audio-Visual Link: Cr A McAlister.**

**3. WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that;

- a) The meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on Council's website, and
- b) Persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

**4. STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS**

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation of office they have taken under section 233A of the Act.

The governing body of a county council is responsible for managing the affairs of the county council. Each councillor as a member of the governing body has a responsibility to make considered and well-informed decisions to ensure that the exercise of the functions of Goldenfields Water are performed to benefit the whole of the area of operations of Goldenfields Water.

In addition, Councillors are reminded of their obligations under council's code of conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

**5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

**6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil.

**7. DECLARATION OF NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**8. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**8.1. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**8.1.1. Election of Chairperson**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**24/003 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sinclair and White that:**

**Nominations for the position of Chairperson is called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.**

**The elected Chairperson shall hold office from this date until September 2024 when the polling day of the ordinary election of their member council is held.**

The General Manager conducted the election.

Signed nomination form was received for Cr Matthew Stadtmiller.

Cr Matthew Stadtmiller was declared Chairperson until September 2024.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

**COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That nominations for the position of Chairperson is called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.

The elected Chairperson shall hold office from this date until September 2024 when the polling day of the ordinary election of their member council is held.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

07 Efficient Operations

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with section 391 of the Local Government Act (1993) the position of Chairperson becomes vacant the polling day of the ordinary election of councillors of which

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the person is a councillor. An election for chairperson of the council must be held at the first meeting after the term of the chairperson has ended. The Chairperson holds office for 2 years, subject to the Act.

As per advice from the Office of Local Government provided to the April 2022 Board Meeting, the Chairperson elected at the meeting today will serve until September 2024 when their civic office expires on the polling day of the ordinary election of their member council.

## **REPORT**

The Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 clause 395, Schedule 8 provides the following:

- The general manager of the county council in respect of which an election is being held (or a person appointed by the general manager) is the returning officer.
- A Member of a county council may be nominated without notice for election as Chairperson of the county council
- The nomination is to be made in writing by two or more Members of the county council (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.
- The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the Returning Officer
- The Returning Officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the county council meeting at which the election is to be held
- If only one member of the county council is nominated, that Member is elected
- If more than one Member is nominated, the county council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary or by open voting
- The election is to be held at the county council meeting at which the county council resolves on the method of voting.

Appropriate nomination forms have been circulated to all Councillors.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil

### **8.1.2. Election of Deputy Chairperson**

#### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

**24/004 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Stadtmiller and Piper that:**

**Nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson is called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.**

**The elected Chairperson shall hold office from this date until September 2024 when the polling day of the ordinary election of their member council is held.**

The General Manager conducted the election.

Signed nomination form was received for Cr Bob Callow.

Cr Bob Callow was declared Deputy Chairperson until September 2024.

### **Report prepared by General Manager**

#### **COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson are called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

07 Efficient Operations

#### **BACKGROUND**

There are no provisions within the Local Government Act or Regulations formalising the role of Deputy Chairperson. Council has traditionally elected a Deputy Chairperson from amongst its members to this role.

#### **REPORT**

The position of Deputy Chairperson is an optional position. If the Chairperson is prevented from exercising their functions by illness, absence or otherwise, the Deputy Chairperson will be called upon in the first instance to assist.

The election for Deputy Chairperson has traditionally occurred utilising the same process as that of the Chairperson election.

The tenure of this role will align with the two-yearly time frame of the Chairperson, subject to the Act.

Appropriate nomination forms have been circulated to all Councillors with their Business Papers.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil.

**TABLED ITEMS:** Nil.

10:05am - Cr Stadtmiller took the Chairpersons Chair.

### **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held Thursday 22 February 2023 at 10.00am.

**10. CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business requiring the attention of council the meeting was declared closed at 10:06am.