



WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

2 DECEMBER 2015

The Committee Recommendations contained within these Minutes
were adopted at the Council meeting on 8 December 2015.

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**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 12.39PM**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**12:39PM**

THAT in accordance with s267(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and s14(2)(4) Council Meeting Procedures, the Mayor, Councillor Margaret Strelow be appointed Chairperson of the Water Committee Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

1 OPENING**2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor N K Fisher

Observer:

Councillor C E Smith

In Attendance:

Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services (Executive Officer)
Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr J Plumb - Acting Fitzroy River Water
Mr A Russell – Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure
Ms C Steinberger – Media and Communications Officer
Ms L Leeder – Senior Governance Support Officer
Ms S Friske – Governance Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence for the meeting was previously granted to Councillor Greg Belz.

12:40PM Councillor Rutherford attended the meeting

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes of the Water Committee held on 4 November 2015 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE
 AGENDA**

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR WATER COMMITTEE

File No: 10097
Attachments: 1. Business Outstanding Table for Water Committee
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Water Committee is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Water Committee be received.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher
MOTION CARRIED

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 ENSURING LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY SECURITY FOR ROCKHAMPTON

File No: 2830

Attachments: 1. Table 2 Summary of Actions for Maintaining or Increasing the Long Term Water Supply Security for Rockhampton

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Jason Plumb - Acting Manager Fitzroy River Water
Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

SUMMARY

According to the recently completed Regional Water Supply Security Assessment (RWSSA), at the current level of demand the Council's water supply is relatively secure. As demand increases with future population growth or increased industrial or agricultural use, the level of water supply security in the Barrage storage is expected to decrease. There are a number of options for Council to pursue to maintain and/or increase the water supply security to underpin the future growth and development of our region. This report identifies and compares some of these options with respect to their cost, timeframe and potential risks. Based on the options presented, a number of actions are recommended to be pursued to maximise the water supply security for our region. A number of the actions include discussions and negotiation with key stakeholders in the Fitzroy Basin including the regulator, to ensure that Council continues to operate within and benefit from the existing legislation. Together, the feasibility and effectiveness of these actions will form the basis of a long term water supply strategy for the Rockhampton region and ensure an abundant water supply is secured for the future.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the action plan as outlined in this report be endorsed for implementation, towards ensuring long term water supply security for Rockhampton, including:

- Exploring options to increase the Barrage storage volume via increasing operating set-point controls and potential augmentation of the barrage sill and/or gates;
- Promoting urban and industrial water use efficiency and reduction of distribution system losses;
- Revising Drought Management Plans, including discussions with the Stanwell Corporation on a shared approach to demand management;
- Assessing alternative water source options, including potential groundwater, desalination, off-stream storage and Barrage dredging; and,
- Making an initial in-principle and conditional commitment to involvement in Lower Fitzroy River Infrastructure Project and support the current proponents in seeking and securing Federal funding for the project.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Williams

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 STRATEGIC REPORTS

9.1 FRW MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - OCTOBER 2015

File No: 1466

Attachments: 1. FRW Monthly Operations Report - October 2015

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Jason Plumb - Acting Manager Fitzroy River Water

SUMMARY

This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 31 October 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the FRW Monthly Operations Report for October 2015 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 FRW ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN - 2015/16

File No: 1466
Attachments: 1. FRW Annual Performance Plan - 2015/16
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Jason Plumb - Acting Manager Fitzroy River Water

SUMMARY

The Local Government Regulation 2012 section 175 requires commercial business units to prepare an Annual Performance Plan for inclusion in the Rockhampton Regional Council Operational Plan. The 2015/16 Annual Performance Plan for Fitzroy River Water is submitted for consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the 2015/16 Annual Performance Plan for Fitzroy River Water as submitted be adopted.
2. That the Community Service Obligations totalling \$441,975 as detailed in this report and identified in the 2015/16 Annual Performance Plan be received.

Moved by: Councillor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1:40pm.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE