

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 14 December 2023

Council Chambers, Playford Civic Centre – 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Ian Baldwin formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members, Observers and the Executive Officer and opened the 146th meeting of the Board.

Mr Ian Baldwin thanked Cr Bruce Preece for chairing the October meeting in his absence.

1.2 Present

- Mr Ian Baldwin, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member (attended via Zoom video conferencing)
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Mr Ashley Curtis, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder, Light Regional Council, Board Member (attended via Zoom video conferencing)
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member (attended via Zoom video conferencing)
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

Mr Ian Baldwin acknowledged Jake McVicar and noted this is Jake's first Board meeting.

GRB 95/23 Board Service Acknowledgement

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That the Board recognises Mr Martin McCarthy's time and contributions to the Board during his term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Apologies

- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

GRB 96/23 Appointment of Observers
Moved: Cr Paul Koch
Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

*That Cr Brian Sambell, Town of Gawler, Deputy Board Member
be appointed as Observer.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GRB 97/23 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

*That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting
held 19 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Actions on Previous Resolutions

The actions were noted.

2.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

Ms Cate Hart (Executive Director, Environment, Heritage and Sustainability, Department for Environment and Water) and Katharine Ward, (Gawler River Flood Management Project Officer, Department for Environment and Water) provided a presentation on the Business Case – also refer Agenda item 8.1.

GRB 98/23 Defer Formal Agenda
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That agenda item 10.3 be brought forward.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:51am Ian Baldwin left the meeting.

10.3 GRFMA Chairperson

GRB 99/23 GRFMA Chairperson
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

That Cr Malcolm Herrmann assume the position of Chair for Item 10.3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRB 100/23 GRFMA Chairperson
Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson
Seconded: Mr Ashley Curtis

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.*

in order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.3 GRFMA Chairperson pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of: containing information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

2. *This matter is confidential because the information herein provides information regarding the position of GRFMA Chairperson.*
3. *On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Committee consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:52am confidential session commenced.

GRB 101/23 GRFMA Chairperson
Kept in confidence

11:14am James Miller left the meeting.

GRB 102/23 GRFMA Chairperson
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item 10.3 GRFMA Chairperson be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to section 90(3) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999:*
 - *Minutes for item 10.3*

- *Report for Item 10.3*
- 2. *This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:15am confidential session concluded.

11:15am Ian Baldwin returned to the meeting.

6. Audit Committee

6.1 Audit Committee Minutes – 7 December 2023

GRB 103/23 Audit Committee Minutes – 7 December 2023

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit Committee meeting held 7/12/2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRB 104/23 Audit Committee Minutes – 7 December 2023

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Ashley Curtis

That Dean Newbery Pty Ltd be reappointed as GRFMA's external auditor for a term of three years with a two year option, effective 1 July 2024, with the requirement that the Lead Audit Partner be rotated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRB 105/23 Audit Committee Minutes – 7 December 2023

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the title of the GRFMA Audit Committee be changed to the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee as from 1 April 2024 and that current terms of reference remain unchanged.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting received advice that there are new figures for the value of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.

GRB 106/23 Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam

Moved: Cr Malcolm Merrmann

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the figures for new valuation figures for the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam be included in the minutes of this Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The now completed 2023/2024 revaluation report advises the Current Valuation for the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam is \$54,036,053 based on 2023/2024 market conditions and the Written Down Value is \$43,313,042

As of 30 June 2023, the current value of the Dam was recorded as \$25,836,879 and the Written Down Value was \$21,153,695.

A material adjustment will be required to be made to the Authority's 2023/2024 financial statements to account for the increased value of the asset.

Additionally, depreciation of the Dam, which is unfunded, will increase from the current value of \$322,961 to \$675,450.

7. Technical Assessment Panel

7.1 Technical Assessment Panel – Appointment of Constituent Council Representative

GRB 107/23 Technical Assessment Panel – Appointment of Constituent Council Representative

Moved: Mr Ashley Curtis

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA endorses the appointment of Mr Shaun Fielding, City of Playford, as Constituent Council representative to the Technical Assessment Panel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation, Department for Environment and Water – Business Case

GRB 108/23 Gawler River Flood Mitigation, Department for Environment and Water – Business Case

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

That the GRFMA receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 GRFMA Schedule of Meetings

GRB 109/23 GRFMA Schedule of Meetings

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the Schedule of ordinary GRFMA meetings for 2024 be:

- *Thursday 15 February 2024, Light Regional Council*
- *Thursday 18 April 2024, Adelaide Hills Council*
- *Thursday 20 June 2024, The Barossa Council*
- *Thursday 15 August 2024, Town of Gawler*
- *Thursday 17 October 2024, Adelaide Plains Council*
- *Thursday 12 December 2024, City of Playford*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Financial Report and Budget Review 1

GRB 110/23 Financial Report and Budget Review 1

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the financial report as of 30 November 2023 showing a cash at bank balance of \$39,052.16.*
2. *Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$182,740.*
3. *Adopts the GRFMA 2023/2024 Budget Review 1 documents November 2023, and the variances contained as its amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2024.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:32am Cate Hart and Katharine Ward left the meeting.

8.4 Executive Officer Report

GRB 111/23 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA receives the GRFMA Executive Officer report which includes Annual Business Plan achievements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRB 112/23 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA Executive Officer be authorised to investigate application to Light Regional Council for the GRFMA to undertake rental of Kemp Road Kingsford, and that a further report on the matter be provided to the February 2024 GRFMA meeting.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Confidential

10.1 Draft Funding Advocacy Plan

GRB 113/23 Draft Funding Advocacy Plan

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.*

In order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.1 Draft Funding Advocacy Plan, pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) (i) (II) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the GRFMA.

2. *This matter is confidential because the information herein provides information regarding proposal to secure funding of considered works.*
3. *On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Committee consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:41am the confidential session commenced.

Draft Funding Advocacy Plan

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder

That the GRFMA:

1. *Directs the GRFMA Executive Officer to seek a copy of the final report of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case from the Department for Environment and Water and that a copy of the report be then provided to all GRFMA Board Members.*
2. *Establishes a Funding Advocacy Management team to work with State and Federal Governments to facilitate delivery of suitably agreed funding arrangements of achievable flood mitigation measures identified in the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan and Gawler River Flooding Business Case.*
3. *Notes a draft funding advocacy plan has been drafted by the Funding Advocacy Working Group and requests the Funding Advocacy Management team to further refine the draft funding advocacy plan in context of recommendations in the final report of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case and the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.*
4. *Receives a further report on the Funding Advocacy Plan and recommendation of future actions at the February 2024 GRFMA meeting.*

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GRB 114/23 Draft Funding Advocacy Plan

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Paul Koch

That the GRFMA:

1. *Directs the GRFMA Executive Officer to seek a copy of the final report of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case from the Department for Environment and Water and that a copy of the report be then provided to all GRFMA Board Members.*
2. *Establishes a working group to progress the issues identified arising from the Infrastructure SA's review of the Business Case.*
3. *Receives a report presented to either an Ordinary Board meeting or a Special Board meeting once a considered approach has been finalised.*
4. *Notes the draft funding advocacy plan that has been drafted by the Funding Advocacy Working Group.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRB 115/23 Draft Funding Advocacy Plan

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

That membership of the Funding Advocacy Working Group be:

1. *Mr Greg Pattinson*
2. *Mr James Miller (subject to his acceptance)*

3. Cr Paul Koch

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRB 116/23 Draft Funding Advocacy Plan

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item 10.1 Draft Funding Advocacy Plan be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) (i) (II) of the Local Government Act 1999:*
 - *Report for Item 10.1.*
 - *Attachments for item 10.1.*
2. *This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:59am the confidential session concluded.

12:00pm Sean Fielding returned to the meeting.

10.2 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

GRB 117/23 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.*

in order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.2 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan, pursuant to Section 90(3)(k) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of consideration of tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works.

2. *This matter is confidential because the information herein provides information regarding tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works.*
3. *On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Committee consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12:01pm confidential session commenced.

GRB 118/23 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Kept in confidence

GRB 119/23 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item 10.2 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to section 90(3) (k) of the Local Government Act 1999:*
 - *Minutes for item 10.2*
 - *Report for Item 10.2.*
 - *Attachments for item 10.2*
2. *This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12:10 confidential session concluded.

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 15 February 2024, 9:45am

Host: Light Regional Council

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions, wished members a happy festive season and closed the meeting at 12:12pm.

Chair _____ Date _____