

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 02 February 2026

11:30am
MS Teams

1. Present

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member, Chairman
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer
- Mr Daniel Phillips, Audit Manager, CA, Dean Newbery attended to talk to the External Audit Plan Item 5.1

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

GAC26/01 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved: Cr M Herrmann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the minutes of the previous GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 25 November 2025, as per copies supplied to Members, be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business arising from the Minutes

4.1 Actions on Previous Resolutions

The GRFMA Executive Officer advised that an application has been made to the LGA Asset Mutual Fund for the consideration of insuring the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam. Discussion is ongoing currently. Noted that any premium cost will impact the 2026/2027 GRFMA Budget considerations. Executive Officer to check the SA State Government insurance processes for major Dams.

5. General Business

5.1 External Audit Plan 2025/2026

GAC26/02 External Audit Plan 2025/2026

Moved: Mr G Pattinson

Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee receives and endorses the External Audit Plan 30 June 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:45am following his presentation, Mr Daniel Phillips left the meeting.

5.2 GRFMA 2025/2026 Budget Review 2

GAC26/03 GRFMA 2025/2026 Budget Review 2

Moved: Mr G Pattinson

Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

- 1. Notes GRFMA 2025/2026 Budget Review 2.*
- 2. Requests that the Executive Officer provide the documents to the next GRFMA Board meeting (12 February 2026) for adoption as the current budget for the period ended 30 June 2026.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Intermediate Surveillance Inspection of Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam

GAC26/04 Intermediate Surveillance Inspection of Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam

Moved: Cr M Herrmann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

- 1. Recommends that the expenditure provision of \$100,000 for a Dam Safety Review, as recommended in the Intermediate Surveillance Inspection of Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam 2025 Report (GHD), be included in the draft 2026/2027 GRFMA Budget and 2026/2027 Annual Business Plan.*
- 2. Endorses the remaining report recommendation items, as below, be funded from the programmed funding outlined in the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032 (Chris Sale Consulting, 26th July 2022):*
 - Develop a Dam Safety Management Plan (DSMP) for the Dam. P2a Consultant \$5,000 - \$10,000.*
 - Undertake a comprehensive update to the Dam Safety Emergency Plan (DSEP) in consideration of the recommendations made in the 2025 Intermediate Surveillance Report. P2a Consultant \$10,000 - \$20,000.*
 - Undertake a comprehensive update to the Operations Maintenance Manual (OMM) P2a in consideration of the recommendations made in the 2025 Intermediate Surveillance Report. Consultant \$10,000 - \$15,000.*
 - Site based maintenance and minor repairs. P1 and P2a GRFMA facilitate \$5,000 - \$10,000.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members recorded the importance of undertaking the Dam Safety Review on the basis that:

- The Safety Review will document the overall performance of the dam assessed against contemporary dams' guidance for Australia and summarise recommended actions to address any potential deficiencies.
- A Safety Review is typically completed at 20-year intervals after construction, which is timely for the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam, which was constructed approximately 20 years ago.
- The completion of a Safety Review progresses toward GRFMA, demonstrating that works are being undertaken to maintain and operate the dam in accordance with ANCOLD (2003). In South Australia, other dam owners (like SA Water) complete Safety Reviews for their dams at 20-year intervals.

5.3 Draft 2026/2027 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2026/2027 Budget

GAC26/05 Draft 2026/2027 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2026/2027 Budget

Moved: Cr M Herrmann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

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 - *Site-based maintenance and minor repairs. P1 and P2a GRFMA facilitate \$5,000 - \$10,000.*
3. *Endorses the Draft 2026/2027 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2026/2027 Budget as amended above items 1 and 2.*
4. *Notes following receipt of feedback from Constituent Councils, adoption of the amended GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget will be considered at the June 2026 GRFMA Board meeting.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Confidential Items

Nil

7. Other Business

Nil

8. Next Meeting

TBC 31 March 2026

9. Schedule of Meetings

February 2026	- Budget Review 2 variations consideration - External Audit Plan - GRFMA 2026/2027 draft Budget and Annual Business Plan	Completed
March/ April 2026	Budget Review 3 variations consideration	
August 2026	Annual Financial Statements – Audit report; 2025/2026 – Auditor to attend	
October 2026	Budget Review 1 variations consideration	
December 2026	- Operation of the Regional Subsidiary – Business Plan progress - GRFMA Insurances	

10. Closure

The Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and contributions.
The meeting closed at 12:25pm.

Chair _____ Date _____