

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 16 February 2024
Light Regional Council – 93 Main Street, Kapunda SA

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 147th meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Ian Baldwin, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Dante Mazzeo, Adelaide Plains Council, Deputy Board Member
- Mr Ashley Curtis, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Ms Natalie Armstrong, Adelaide Hills Council, Deputy 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
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

1.3 Apologies

- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Brian Sambell, Town of Gawler, Deputy Board Member
- Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder, Light Regional Council, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

GRB 1/24 **Observers**
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen
Seconded: Mr James Miller

That Cr Dante Mazzeo, Adelaide Plains Council, Deputy Board Member be appointed as Observer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Mr Greg Pattinson advised a material conflict of interest for item 6.2 Committee Members Term of Appointment and confirmed he will not be present for the item.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB 2/24 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 14/12/2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 GRFMA Confidential Meeting Minutes

GB 3/24 **GRFMA Confidential Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the Minutes of the Confidential Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 14/12/2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Actions on Previous Resolutions

The Board noted the actions with the following verbal updates:

- Motion 80/23: Reappointment of Auditor – written advice has been received from the auditors that they are pleased to resubmit an offer this year + 3.5% or CPI whichever is higher. The audit for the previous financial year was at a cost of \$5,085 and this year it is quoted at \$5,630. The Audit Committee has agreed to reappoint the auditors under the terms they have provided.
- Motion 112/23: Rental of Kemp Road Kingsford – discussions with staff at Light Regional Council are progressing. Access on the other side of the river, The Barossa Council, is worth a conversation to restrict the access subject to the landowners being comfortable.

2.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Audit Committee

6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

GB 4/24 **Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen
Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 5/02/2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Committee Members Term of Appointment

9:56am Mr Greg Pattinson left the meeting.

GB 5/24 **Committee Members Term of Appointment**
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen
Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the Committee Members to the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee be reappointed for a further two years from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2026:

1. *Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member and Chair*
2. *Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council*
3. *Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:01am Mr Greg Pattinson returned to the meeting.

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

GB 6/24 **Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case**
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

That the GRFMA Board receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB 7/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Paul Koch

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 8.1. Late Report Gawler River Flood Management Business Case, 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 consideration of flood mitigation infrastructure and to 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

10:04am confidential session commenced.

GB 8/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Kept in confidence

GB 9/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA makes provision of \$150,000 in the draft 2024/2025 Annual Budget to support further development of the Business Case, as recommended by the Infrastructure SA, Assurance Review Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB 10/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Moved: Mr Richard Dodson

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA requests the GRFMA Chairperson writes to the CEO, Department for Environment and Water advising the GRFMA:

1. *Acknowledges the hard work by all parties, and the leadership of the Department for Environment and Water, in progressing the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case.*
2. *Supports the merits of Option 8 (Modifications (10 mtr raise) Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam – Enhanced Planning controls – Flood Awareness campaign) as identified in the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case, noting that Constituent Councils have not yet been engaged with this at this time.*
3. *Will seek support of Constituent Councils for provision of funding to support further development of the Business Case, in partnership with the State Government.*
4. *In recognition of the complexity of working relationships across a number of government agencies and Councils, seeks continuation of the existing governance arrangements and support in further development of the Business Case.*
5. *Will now prepare, in consultation with Constituent Councils, a suitable investment strategy with a view to working with the South Australian Government, to facilitate informed funding and investment decisions.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB 11/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Moved: Mr Richard Dodson

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

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 8.1 Late Report Gawler River Flood Management Business Case 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 8.1.*
 - *Attachments for item 8.1.*
 - *Motion GB 8/24 except for release to the Constituent Council CEOs.*
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

10:43am confidential session concluded.

8.2 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

The Executive Officer provided a verbal update on discussions with the Stormwater Management Authority and is facilitating a further response from Water Technology .

GB 12/24 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to convey anticipation of an expedient completion of the draft Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan to the Stormwater Management Authority.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Financial Report

GB 13/24 Financial Report

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the financial report as of 31 January 2024 showing a cash bank balance of \$59,648.90.*
2. *Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$182,740.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB 14/24 Financial Report
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen
Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA appoints Cr Bruce Preece as an authorised person with authority to facilitate payment of tax invoices pursuant to GRFMA business banking protocols.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Executive Officer Report

GB 15/24 Executive Officer Report
Moved: Ms Whendee Young
Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA Board receives the GRFMA Executive Officer report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Draft GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget

GB 16/24 Draft GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Endorses the Draft 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2024/2025 Budget as amended.*
- 2. Following receipt of Constituent Council feedback considers adoption of the GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget at the June 2024 meeting.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

Department for Environment and Water (DEW), refer agenda item 8.1.

10. Confidential

10.1 GRFMA Chairperson

GB 17/24 GRFMA Chairperson
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Mr James Miller

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 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

11:04am confidential session commenced.

GB 18/24 GRFMA Chairperson

Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the verbal update from Mr David Hitchcock be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB 19/24 GRFMA Chairperson

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Ms Natalie Armstrong

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 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:*
 - *Report 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

11:07am confidential session concluded.

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 18 April 2024, 9:45am

Host: Adelaide Hills Council, Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial Park – 57 Glover St, Kersbrook, SA 5231

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the host Council and members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11:09am.

Chair _____ Date _____