

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 28 August 2025

The Town of Gawler, Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street, Gawler

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Lino Di Lerna formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members, Observers and the Executive Officer and opened the 158th meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lerna, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Ms Sharon Leith, Adelaide Hills Council, Deputy Board Member
- Cr Tony Hurn, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Brian Sambell, Town of Gawler, Deputy Board Member
- Mr Ashley Curtis, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Mayor Bill Close, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

1.3 Apologies

- Ms Jade Ballantine, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

GB34/25 **Observers**
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen
Seconded: Mr James Miller

That Cr Mel Lawrence of Adelaide Hills Council be appointed as Observer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB35/25 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Clint Marsh
Seconded: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 19/6/2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Actions on Previous Resolutions

GB36/25 **Actions on Previous Resolutions**
Moved: Cr Clint Marsh
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA Board accepts the Actions on Previous Resolutions report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

5.1 Deputation – Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council

Response to Complaint made under the Behavioural Standards for Council Members.

GB37/25 **Deputation – Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council**
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA Board:

- 1. Notes the deputation provided by Cr Bruce Preece of The Barossa Council and acknowledges the apology in response to the complaint made under the Behavioural Standards for Council Members.*
- 2. Would like the deputation sent by email included in the minutes of this meeting.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputation:

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to express my sincerest apologies to the board in regards to the context of the conversation on the disparity of punishment between two issues namely that Port Adelaide Player was given 6 match suspension for a slur and a player can sling tackle a player and get only one or two match suspension causing serious injury and highlighted the number of times he had been personally branded with the slur while playing sport, while making a sticks and stones type argument. I submit that the pursuit of the argument was not appropriate to the context and I apologise for any offense caused.

I have no intention to cause embarrassment or offense to the board as I hold the GRFMA in high regards and appreciates the hard work the board members are undertaking. These remarks occurred approximately 16 months ago.

Going forward, I wish the GRFMA board every success in its future endeavours.

Kind regards,

Councillor Bruce Preece

6. Audit and Risk Committee

6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

GB38/25 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

Seconded: Mr Jake McVicar

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 12/8/2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel

7.1 Technical Assessment Panel Membership

GB39/25 Technical Assessment Panel Membership

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA seek expressions of interest from relevant Constituent Council staff for appointment to membership of the GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

GB40/25 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA Board notes the report and receives a verbal update on progress with the Business Case.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 GRFMA 2024/2025 Financial Statements and Audit Report

GB41/25 GRFMA 2024/2025 Financial Statements and Audit Report

Moved: Mr Richard Dodson

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That:

- 1. The audited Financial Statements for the year 2024/2025 be adopted for the purposes of Part 4 Financial Statements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.*
- 2. The 'Certification of Auditor Independence' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairman.*
- 3. The 'Certification of Financial Statements' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairman and Executive Officer.*
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council be requested to sign the 'Certification of Auditor Independence'.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 GRFMA Annual Report 2024/2025

GB42/25 GRFMA Annual Report 2024/2025

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That GRFMA 2024/2025 Annual Report be adopted and that a copy be distributed to Constituent Councils.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Concordia Code Amendment

GB43/25 Concordia Code Amendment

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA receives and endorses the GRFMA submission regarding the Concordia Code Amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Financial Report

GB44/25 Financial Report

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Cr Bill Close

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the financial report as of 31 July 2025 showing a cash at bank balance of \$12,974.85.*
- 2. Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$326,185.00.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Executive Officer Report

GB45/25 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Mr Richard Dodson

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB46/25 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

Seconded: Cr Bill Close

That subject to ratification by Adelaide Plains Council, that James Miller be appointed GRFMA Deputy Chairperson to act in the event the Chairperson is absent or unable for whatever reason to act as Chairperson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence

Letter from Hon Joe Szakacs, MP, Minister for Local Government regarding Adelaide Hills Council's application to withdraw from the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority.

GB47/25 Correspondence

Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:05am formal meeting procedures were suspended to allow for a short break.

11:28am formal meeting procedures resumed.

10. Confidential

10.1 Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models

GB48/25 Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models

Moved: Cr Tony Hurn

Seconded: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

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 Business Case decision-tree guidance and funding models, 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 the consideration of flood mitigation infrastructure and funding of the 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

11:29am confidential session commenced.

11:45am Cr Malcolm Herrman left the meeting.

12:20pm Cr Mel Lawrence left the room.

GB49/25 Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the presentation be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB50/25 Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models

Moved: Cr Bill Close

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

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 Business Case decision-tree guidance and funding models 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.*
 - *Attachment for Item 10.1.*
 - *Presentation 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

12:24pm confidential session concluded.

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 16 October 2025, 9:45am

Host: Adelaide Plains Council

13. Closure

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

Chair _____ Date _____