

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 15 August 2024

Town of Gawler – Council Chambers, Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street, Gawler

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Lino Di Lernia formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members, Observers and the Executive Officer and opened the 151st meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- 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 Brian Sambell, Town of Gawler, Deputy 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

Observer: Mr Sean Fielding, City of Playford

Minute Taker: Ms Patricia Coonan, Think Purple Solutions

1.3 Apologies

- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder, Light Regional Council, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

The Board noted Sean Fielding, City of Playford, in attendance as an Observer.

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB43/24 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 20/6/2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Actions on Previous Resolutions

The Board noted the action items.

2.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

Mr Ed Pikusa, Senior Project Manager, Flood Management, Climate Change, Flood Risk and Coast, Department for Environment and Water provided a presentation pertaining to Item 8.1: Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case, outlining the governance proposal.

6. Audit and Risk Committee

6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

GB44/24 **GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 4/6/2024**
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 6/08/2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel

7.1 Hydrology Model

GB45/24 Hydrology Model
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Endorses appointment of HARC Services Pty Ltd to create a new hydrologic model for the Gawler River catchment.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:01am Mr Ed Pikusa arrived at the meeting.

10:04am Mr Ashley Curtis arrived at the meeting.

10:39am Mr Ed Pikusa left the meeting.

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

GB46/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Endorses further work to be undertaken on assessment of potential options required to provide the quality information required to be confident that the proposed Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam raise (10mtr) modifications are feasible.*
- 3. Following this assessment, authorises the Chairman of the GRFMA to engage a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the Dam Structural Integrity investigations, subject to the cost of the investigations being within GRFMA's annual budget.*
- 4. Considering the prior extensive involvement of GHD Engineering in the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Dam Business Case, and GHD's knowledge, experience and expertise in dam works, authorises the Chairman of the GRFMA to negotiate exclusively with GHD Engineering.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan

GB47/24 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That pursuant to Clause 12.2 of the Charter, the GRFMA Business Plan 2024-2025 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Budget

GB48/24 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Budget

Moved: Mr Richard Dodson

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA resolves:

1. *That pursuant to Section 25 Schedule 2 Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1999, that the GRFMA Budget 2024-2025 be adopted.*
2. *That pursuant to Clause 11.1 of the Charter that the subscriptions scheduled below be subscriptions payable for the 2024-2025 year:*

a. The Schedule

Part A *Flood Mitigation Works – No subscriptions.*

Part B *Capital works and Maintenance – A total of \$139,550 calculated by the percentage shares prescribed in Clause 10.1 of the Charter:*

Adelaide Plains Council	\$40,330
Adelaide Hills Council	\$2,414
The Barossa Council	\$12,099
Town of Gawler	\$24,198
Light Regional Council	\$12,099
City of Playford *	\$48,410
Total	\$139,550

Part C *Operation – A total of \$277,371 calculated by even shares prescribed in Clause 11.1 of the Charter*

Adelaide Plains Council	\$46,228
Adelaide Hills Council	\$46,228
The Barossa Council	\$46,228
Town of Gawler	\$46,228
Light Regional Council	\$46,228
City of Playford	*\$46,231
Total * rounding	\$277,371

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 GRFMA Financial Report

GB49/24 GRFMA Financial Report

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the financial report as of 31 July 2024 showing a cash at bank balance of \$15,628.23.*
2. *Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$292,486.36.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 GRFMA Executive Officer Report

GB50/24 GRFMA Executive Officer Report

Moved: Ms Whendee Young

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA:

1. *Notes the Executive Officer report.*
2. *Receives the late report 8.5 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan (SMP).*
3. *Records expectation that Water Technology will deliver the draft SMP document, at 80% completion, by Friday 23 August 2024.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 2023/2024 GRFMA Financial Statements and Audit Report

GB51/24 2023/2024 GRFMA Financial Statements and Audit Report

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That:

1. *The audited Financial Statements for the year 2023/2024 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

8.7 2023/2024 GRFMA Annual Report

The Board discussed the Annual Report, and the following change was requested:

- Page 6: add appropriate dates to the table of Member Appointments and Retirements as required to assist in identifying changes, new Members and replacement Members.

GB52/24 2023/2024 GRFMA Annual Report

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr Ashley Curtis

That the GRFMA receives and adopts the 2023/2024 GRFMA Annual Report as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

The Board noted the letters received:

9.1 Light Regional Council - 2024/2025 Budget

9.2 Adelaide Hills Council - 2024/2025 Budget and GRFMA Membership

11:03am meeting procedures suspended for a short break.

11:27am meeting procedures resumed.

10. Confidential

10.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

GB53/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

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. Gawler River Flood Management Business Case - Funding Strategy, 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 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

10.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

Mr Lino Di Lernia provided a presentation on the GRFMA Funding Strategy.

12:01pm Cr Malcolm Herrmann left the meeting.

GB54/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

Moved: Mr Richard Dodson

Seconded: Mr Jake McVicar

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 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case - Funding Strategy 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:*
 - *Discussion 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

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: 17 October 2024

Host: Adelaide Plains Council

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 12:08pm.

Chair _____ Date _____