

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:50am Thursday, 12 February 2026

Light Regional Council – Council Offices – 93 Main Street, Kapunda

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Lino Di Lerna formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Member and the Executive Officer and opened the 161st meeting of the Board.

Mr Di Lerna acknowledged the sad passing of Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, GRFMA Board Member, and the many contributions he had made to the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lerna, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Mel Lawrence, Adelaide Plains Council, Deputy Board Member (10:35am)
- Ms Jade Valentine, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member (9:56am)
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Tony Hurn, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Brian Sambell, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Mr Ashley Curtis, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Bill Close, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Mr Mark McShane, 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

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

1.4 Appointment of Observers

Nil

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB1/26 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson
Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 4 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Actions on Previous Resolutions

Nil

2.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Audit and Risk Committee

6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

GB2/26 **Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Mayor Bill Close
Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 02/02/2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

James Miller left meeting 10:13am and returned 10:15am.

GB3/26 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Moved: Mayor Bill Close

Seconded: Mr James Miller

The GRFMA appreciates and endorses the Department of Housing and Urban Development (DHUD) taking the lead on completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case, in collaboration with the GRFMA as the Disaster Ready Fund Project proponent via GRFMA Chairman Mr Lino Di Lernia and Executive Officer Mr David Hitchcock.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

GB4/26 Intermediate Surveillance Inspection of Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA:

1. *Includes 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 the 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. P1and P2a GRFMA facilitate \$5,000 - \$10,000.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Strategic Management Framework Review

GB5/26 Strategic Management Framework Review

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA requests that the GRFMA Executive Officer schedule a review of the GRFMA Strategic Management Framework plans for October 2027.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Financial Report and GRFMA 2025/2026 Budget Review 2

GB6/26 Financial Report and GRFMA 2025/2026 Budget Review 2

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Tony Hurn

That the GRFMA receives and notes the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Cr Mel Lawrence entered the meeting at 10.35am

GB7/26 Draft 2026/2027 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2026/2027 Budget

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Endorses the Draft 2026/2027 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2026/2027 Budget.*
- 2. Following receipt of Constituent Council feedback, considers adoption of the GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget at the June 2026 meeting.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Executive Officer Report

GB8/26 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Mr Mark McShane

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Confidential

Nil

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 16 April 2026, 9.45am

Host: Adelaide Hills Council

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11.00am.

Chair _____ Date _____