

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:52am Thursday 25 June 2026

The Barossa Council – 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa SA

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Lino Di Lerna formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members and the Executive Officer and opened the 163rd meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lerna, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Mr Craig Marshall, Adelaide Hills Council, Deputy Board Member (vide Ms Jade Ballantine apology)
- Cr Mel Lawrence, Adelaide Palins Council Deputy Board Member
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member (via Teams)
- 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
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

1.3 Apologies

- Mr Dale Welsh City of Playford, Deputy Board Member
- Ms Jade Ballantine, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Mr Darryl Whicker, Light Regional 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

GB17/26 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Cr Brian Sambell

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 16 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting, with the spelling of Ms Jade Ballantine being corrected and Cr Mel Lawrence to be listed as in attendance.

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 Committee Membership

Mr Herrmann declared a material conflict of interest in Item 6.1 being the extension of his term of appointment to the Audit and Risk Committee and left the room at 9.59am.

GB18/26 **GRFMA Appointment to Audit and Risk Committee**
Moved: Cr Mel Lawrence
Second: Cr Tony Hurn

That the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board appoints Mr Vincent (Vince) Rigter (City of Playford) to the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee until the next periodical Local Government elections occur (likely April 2027) and extends the appointment of Mr Malcolm Herrmann (Adelaide Hills Council) to the same date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr Herrmann returned to the meeting at 10.00am.

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

The meeting noted the importance of proceeding with calling for scope of works to undertake the dam safety plan with requirement that no contracts are to be executed until after adoption of the 2026-2027 GRFMA Budget.

GB19/26 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Mr Jake McVicar

That the GRFMA receives the report, noting the achievements since the last report.

CARRIED

8.2 Achievements Against the 2025/2026 Annual Business Plan

GB20/26 Achievements Against the 2025/2026 Annual Business Plan

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Cr Tony Hurn

That the GRFMA receives the Statement of Achievements Against the Annual Business Plan document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Annual Business Plan 2026/2027 and Budget

The Chair and Members agreed that discussion of Item 8.3 be adjourned until such time as Mr Miller returns to the meeting.

Mr Miller left the meeting at 10.36am.

8.4 Draft Statewide Flood Hazard Code Amendment

Mr Marshall left the meeting 10.47am.

Mr Marshall returned to the meeting 10.48am.

GB21/26 Draft Statewide Flood Hazard Code Amendment

Moved: Mr Craig Marshall

Seconded: Cr Bill Close

That the GRFMA Executive Officer provides feedback to the Draft State-Wide Flood Hazard Code Amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Financial Report

GB22/26 Financial Report

Moved: Cr Bill Close

Seconded: Mr Craig Marshall

That the GRFMA receives the financial report as of 31 May 2026, showing a cash at bank balance of \$201,526.03.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Executive Officer Report

Mr McVicar left the meeting 10.55am

Mr Marshall left the meeting 10.55am and returned to the meeting at 10.56am

GB23/26 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Tony Hurn

That the GRFMA receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr Miller returned to the meeting at 11.00am

GB24/26 Annual Business Plan 2026/2027 and Budget

Moved: Cr Tony Hurn

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA:

1. *Notes the Notice of Dispute given by the Light Regional Council regarding the Draft GRFMA Budget 2026-2027 and the status of discussions between the GRFMA and the Light Regional Council aimed at resolving the dispute.*
2. *Endorses the following dispute resolution proposal:*
 - a. *The GRFMA will include appropriate annual expenditure and income provisions in the Long-Term Financial Plan to anticipate significant maintenance costs, including dam safety reviews and related plans.*
 - b. *The GRFMA will request Constituent Councils to initiate a complete review of the Authority's Charter, pursuant to Local Government Act 1999 Provisions applicable to Subsidiaries—Schedule 2, s19, with particular focus on, but not limited to:*
 - i. *Dispute resolution mechanisms*
 - ii. *Clarification of purpose*
 - iii. *Financial definitions and cost allocation methodologies*
3. *In recognition of 1 and 2, above, seeks the Light Regional Council to withdraw its Notice of Dispute and urgently approve a financial contribution of \$26,991 to the operational cost component of the 2026-2027 GRFMA Draft Budget.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr Miller left the meeting at 11.26am

GB25/26 Letter of Appreciation

Moved: Mr Ashely Curtis

Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Greg Pattinson in recognition of his long and extensive contribution to the GRFMA Board and GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

Dealt with in Items 8.3 and 8.4.

10. Confidential

Nil

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 20 August 2026, 9:45am

Host: Town of Gawler

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11.30am.

Chair _____ Date _____