

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 4 December 2025

City of Playford Civic Centre, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth

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 160th meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lerna, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Mel Lawrence, Adelaide Plains Council, Deputy Board Member
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Mr Ashley Curtis, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Brian Sambell, Town of Gawler, Deputy Board Member
- Mayor 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 Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Ms Jade Ballantine, Adelaide Hills 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

GB61/25 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Mayor Bill Close

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 16 October 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

Mr Tom Gersekowski, Senior Engineer – Dams at GHD provided a presentation (via meeting link) on the Intermediate Surveillance Inspection of Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam 2025 report, Agenda Item 8.2 at 10.30am.

6. Audit and Risk Committee

6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 25 November 2025

GB62/25 **Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 25 November 2025**
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Mayor Bill Close

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 25/11/2025.*
- 2. Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to make a submission to the LGA Asset Mutual Fund (LGAAMF) to consider appropriate insurance coverage for the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel

7.1 Technical Assessment Panel Appointment

GB63/25 Technical Assessment Panel Appointment

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That Mr Philip Kuhn, City of Playford be appointed to membership of the GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel as a Constituent Council representative.

CARRIED

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

GB64/25 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That the GRFMA:

1. *Notes with appreciation, GRFMA's successful application for Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round Three funding of \$774,000.*
2. *Endorses the GRFMA Chairman and Executive Officer to:*
 - a. *Complete the required funding agreements and implementation plan.*
 - b. *Initiate actions, to determine the availability and cost of suitable resources to undertake the required project works.*
 - c. *Continue to engage with all stakeholders, including Members of Parliament, industry representatives and key State Government agencies to work through the Dam raise and Levee improvement funding options.*
3. *Receives a project progress report at the February 2026 meeting.*
4. *Requests the Executive Officer to write to the relevant Minister expressing appreciation for allocation of DRF funding.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Financial Report

GB65/25 Financial Report

Moved: Mr Mark McShane

Seconded: Cr Mel Lawrence

That the GRFMA receives the financial report as of 25 October 2025, showing a cash at bank balance of \$ 113,458.51.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Executive Officer Report

GB66/25 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Schedule of Ordinary GRFMA Meetings

GB67/25 Schedule of Ordinary GRFMA Meetings

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the Schedule of ordinary GRFMA meetings, each commencing at 9:45am, for 2026 be:

- *Thursday 12 February 2026, Light Regional Council*
- *Thursday 16 April 2026, Adelaide Hills Council*
- *Thursday 25 June 2026, The Barossa Council*
- *Thursday 20 August 2026, Town of Gawler*
- *Thursday 15 October 2026, Adelaide Plains Council*
- *Thursday 10 December 2026, City of Playford*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

9.1 SA Stormwater Management Authority – Approval of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

GB68/25 SA Stormwater Management Authority – Approval of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Cr Mel Lawrence

That the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.24am formal meeting procedures suspended to allow for a short break.

10.30am formal meeting procedures resumed.

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

Mr Tom Gersekowski, Senior Engineer – Dams at GHD, provided a presentation (via meeting link) on the Intermediate Surveillance Inspection of Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam 2025 report.

GB69/25 Intermediate Surveillance Inspection of Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives a presentation from GHD on the Intermediate Surveillance Inspection of Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam, report.*
2. *Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to report estimated costs, including engineering aspects, for inspection recommendations at the February 2026 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee and GRFMA Board meetings.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Confidential

Nil

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 9:45am, 12 February 2026

Host: Light Regional Council

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 10.59am.

Chair _____ Date _____