

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:51am Thursday 16 April 2026
Lower Workspace – FABRIK Arts + Heritage Centre,
1 Lobethal Road, Lobethal (Adelaide Hills Council)

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 162nd meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member via MS Teams
- Ms Jade Valentine, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Mel Lawrence, Adelaide Plains Council, Deputy Board Member
- Cr Tony Hurn, The Barossa Council, Board Member via MS Teams
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member via MS Teams
- 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 Darryl Whicker, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member (arrived 9.55am)
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

1.3 Apologies

- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Dale Welsh, City of Playford, Deputy Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

Nil

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Mr De Lernia advised he was taking up consultancy work with Department for Housing and Urban Development.

Cr Close advised he has an interest in farming on the Gawler riverine areas.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB9/26 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Cr Bill Close

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 12 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Actions on Previous Resolutions

The actions were noted.

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 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

GB10/26 **GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Mr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 08/04/2026. That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 08/04/2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:25am Mr Herrmann left the meeting.

6.2 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Membership Appointment

GB11/26 Audit and Risk Committee Membership Appointment
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen
Seconded: Cr Bill Close

That the GRFMA:

1. *Confirms the reappointment of Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member and Chairman, to serve on the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee for a two-year term ending 30 June 2028*
2. *Reappoints the following Members to serve on the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee until the local government elections in November 2026.*
 - *Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford*
 - *Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:26am Mr Herrmann returned to the meeting.

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

The Chairman to report back to the Board should there be subsequent material amendments.

GB12/26 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne keen
Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the report, noting the achievements since the last report.*
2. *Endorses finalisation of the MOU with DHUD, subject to minor changes to 6.5(b), and subsequent commencement of the project.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:54am Mr Miller left the meeting.

10:55am Mr Miller returned to the meeting.

8.2 GRFMA Policy Review

GB13/26 GRFMA Policy Review
Moved: Cr Bill Close
Seconded: Mr Ashley Curtis

That the GRFMA Executive Officer, in collaboration with the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee, coordinates a review of GRFMA policies, with an initial 2025/2026 budget allocation of \$5,000 designated for this purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Financial Report and GRFMA 2025/2026 Budget Review 3

GB14/26 Financial Report and GRFMA 2025/2026 Budget Review 3

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the financial report as of 31 March 2026 showing a cash at bank balance of \$239,868.15.*
- 2. Adopts Budget Review 3 (BR3) as of the amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2026.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Executive Officer Report

GB15/26 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Cr Terry Anne Keen

That the GRFMA receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence - GRFMA 2026/2027 Annual Business Plan and Budget

GB16/26 Correspondence - GRFMA 2026/2027 Annual Business Plan and Budget

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Ashley Curtis

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Notes advice from Adelaide Plains Council, Town of Gawler, The Barossa Council and Adelaide Hills Council of endorsement of the GRFMA 2026/2027 Annual Business Plan and Budget.*
- 2. Welcomes advice from Adelaide Hills Council of resolution to formally resolve to not continue to pursue withdrawal from the Authority at this time.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Confidential

Nil

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

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

Host: The Barossa Council

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11:00am.

Chair _____ Date _____