



## **GREAT SOUTHERN REGIONAL CATTLE SALEYARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

# **MINUTES**

**SECTION 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995**

### *Committee Brief*

*The duties of the committee shall be to:*

- *Make recommendation to the Council regarding the strategic direction of the Saleyards;*
- *Make Recommendation to the Council regarding the Environmental Action Plan for the Saleyards;*
- *Bring to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer, industry matters regarding the cattle industry that may not be readily available to persons external to that industry; and*
- *Make recommendation to the Council regarding development works on the site.*

An Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards  
Advisory Committee was held in the  
Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324,  
9.00am Tuesday 1 May 2012

**Rob Stewart**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### *Committee Members*

*Cr B Bell, Cr L Handasyde, Cr C Pavlovich, Cr M Skinner 238/11*

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**Membership**

Cr M Skinner – Presiding Member

Cr B Bell

Cr L Handasyde

Cr C Pavlovich

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## **1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

9.00am The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

## **2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

### Members Present

Cr M Skinner (Presiding Member)  
Cr B Bell  
Cr L Handasyde

### Apologies

Cr C Pavlovich

### Staff

Mr Rob Stewart, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr John Fathers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Stewart Smith, Saleyards Manager  
Mrs Erika Henderson, Assistant Saleyards Manager

### Visitors

Mr P Petricevich – State Livestock Manager, West Coast Livestock

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr B Bell:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 10 April 2012 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## **4 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

A Financial Interest was disclosed by Cr M Skinner  
Nature and Extent of Interest: Farming - 400 head of cattle

### **Authority to participate pursuant to Section 5.69 (3) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 1995**

Approval has been received from the Department of Local Government via letter dated 9 January 2012, giving permission for Cr M Skinner and Cr J Moir to participate in matters relating to the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards until 31 December 2012.

Mr J Fathers read aloud the letter, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

## **5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

### **5.1 MANAGER'S REPORT – 1 APRIL 2012 TO 24 APRIL 2012**

#### **SALE DATA**

- Total sale numbers from 1 April to 24th April 2012 – 3,003 head;
- There have been no MSA cattle in this time;
- 31 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags;
- One animal has been put down or removed;
- Eight bales of hay have been fed out;
- 320 cattle have been processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The longreach excavator arrived on 2 April to clean the ponds. We attempted to clean the ponds, but the mud was extremely wet and after moving some to the truckwash found that it was too wet. The machine only did 7.5 hours as we ran out of concrete storage space to dry the wet product onto. I estimate approx 100 tonne of product was removed and drying on concrete. It has been drying for two weeks now with no real improvement in the water content. I will provide further updates on this.

The truckwash pump has now been upgraded with good results and seems to be working really well.

The CEO from the RSPCA recently visited the yards and I took him on an extended tour and explained the operation. He seemed to be very pleased with our process.

Mr Stan-Bishop from the Plantagenet Historical Society came out on Wednesday 18 April and handed me copies of a lot of old photos of the selling process from the last 75 years within the Shire. I will get them framed and erected in the tearooms for all to appreciate. He also dropped off a certificate of recognition to us commemorating 75 years of stock sales. With the photos came three bottles of wine, which will be handed out to the vendors for each agent who achieved the highest price cents per kilo for five animals or more on the day.

WestCoast Livestock's Phil Petricevich visited on 18 April to have a look around the yards and the selling process, and I spoke to him for about 10 minutes. The discussions were mainly to do with casuals and who hires and looks after the staff on site.

The three agents have been advised of the impending fourth agent arrival, with interesting feedback from all three.

The new crush is in and working well. The Q Catch system on the front has made the operation a lot safer for all who use it. We have ordered a new baulk gate to be fitted on the front at the cost of \$ 400.00.

General maintenance has gone ahead as normal.

*During discussion, Mr Smith outlined the issues in regard to removal of manure from the ponds and the storage and drying of that material. The Commttee discussed an option of mixing spongolite or lime with the waste material to assist in binding and drying it. The possibility of shutting one ponds off over summer and creating a drying bed lined with such material, with a fall back to the pond area, was also discussed. This would be subject to meeting licence conditions or as otherwise approved by DEC.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr B Bell:**

**That the report of the Saleyards Manager, relating to recent activities at the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards, be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 MEETING WITH WESTCOAST LIVESTOCK**

At its meeting held on 10 April 2012, the Committee resolved *'that approval, in principle be granted to Westcoast Livestock to sell cattle at the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards from 5 July 2012, subject to an Agent's Agreement being formalised and Westcoast Livestock agreeing to meet the Shire's minimum conditions.'*

It was agreed that the existing agreements need to be reviewed, with a view to all agents entering into new agreements by 1 July 2012. The existing agreements are to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Committee. Relevant conditions also need to be formalised. Philip Petricevich from Westcoast Livestock has been invited to meet with the Committee (at 9.30am) to discuss the necessary arrangements.

*The Committee met with Mr Petricevich and discussed the proposed arrangements for integrating Westcoast Livestock into the Saleyards.*

### **6.2 AGENT AGREEMENTS**

A copy of of an existing sample agreement has been attached. An agreement has also been obtained from another operation which has provided some good pointers for the preparation of a 'Schedule of Operating Procedures and Conditions'. A draft has been attached for consideration. It is considered that this could be incorporated into the formal agreement as a schedule.

## **COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr M Skinner:**

**That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a draft five year Agents Agreement which would:**

- 1. Include an amendment to the fee structure to reflect the \$1.00 agent contribution being allocated towards capital maintenance;**
- 2. Include the Schedule of Operating Procedures and Conditions (as amended);**
- 3. Rationalise duplications as a result of the inclusion of the schedule in Part 2 above.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.3 PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

- Greater use of chlorinated water.
- Saleyards Signage.
- Saleyards Strategic / Business Plan.
- Investigate use of Spongolite or lime to mix and bind manure taken from ponds and /or drying bed lined with such material.

## **7 NEXT MEETING**

Special Meeting – 2 May 2012

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## **8 MEETING CLOSURE**

10.10am      The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON**\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:**\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_