



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 at the
Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324,
9.00am Tuesday 4 May 2010.

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr B Bell, Cr M Skinner, Cr L Handasyde, Cr S Grylls 11/10

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Chairperson:

Cr M Skinner

Membership

Cr B Bell

Cr L Handasyde

Cr S Grylls

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 L Handasyde

Cr B Bell

Cr S Grylls

Staff

Mr Rob Stewart, Chief Executive Officer

Mr John Fathers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr Stewart Smith, Saleyards Manager

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr S Grylls:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 23 March 2010 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 and Regional Development via letter dated 17 December 2009, 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 2010.

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 – 18 MARCH TO 28 APRIL 2010

Sale Data

Total numbers including MSA since 18 March have been 5993. This included 21 MSA cattle.

84 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time.

Eight animals have been put down or removed.

212 bales of hay have been fed out over this time.

There have been 500 cattle processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

General Business

The 200 small bales of hay that were purchased have been carted by myself.

Wash down pumps are still causing problems. Pump One burnt out - it has been rewired and is now back in operation. The computer part of the pump system seems to be out of date now. It has also been struck by lightning and the replacement cost of this is approximately \$6,000.

One vendor sent in approximately 18 wild bulls with no NLIS tags. Due to safety concerns, we did not retag them and they were sold slaughter only – in disgust to the agent.

On 16 April the extraordinary tourism taxi and entourage (Doug Slater) called in to do a report on the yards.

The Narrogin Agricultural College Year 11 students visited on 22 April for a talk and a tour.

The electricians have been out to fix the truck wash wiring due to rats.

Receivals on 21 April saw two trucks come in from Esperance with badly loaded cattle. The end result was seven deaths, one of which we were required to put down. The RSPCA has been notified and a report for them has been done with photos.

Trough cleaning, yard maintenance and cleaning all going fine.

Cr Handasyde entered the meeting at 9.10am.

Discussion ensued in relation to some issues with co-operation amongst agents on the western pens. The Saleyards Manager, Mr Smith tabled a quotation from Think Water Albany for repairs to the pump control panels as a result of a recent lighting strike. It was requested that a revised quotation be sought to include lightning protection.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 2010/11 FEES AND CHARGES

At its meeting held on 23 March 2010, the Committee recommended to the Council that the fee for transit cattle be raised to \$2.00 (plus GST) per head per day, to be implemented as soon as possible. Other fees were held over for the next meeting of the Committee.

A report on the fees for transit cattle was adjourned by the Council, to enable further consideration by the Committee on the suggestion for a scale of fees depending on the number of cattle being held in transit.

The fees charged over the last five years are shown below. Fees charged in Midland have been sourced by the Saleyards Manager. An agistment fee of \$0.30 per head per week is also proposed.

Consideration may also be given to the suggestion to raise cattle weighing and penning fees by \$2.00, with \$1.00 per head being put into the Saleyards Reserve for future capital renewal works.

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Cattle Weighing and Penning per head	\$6.60	\$6.60	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Cattle Penning only (per head)	\$4.80	\$4.80	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Cattle Weighing only (per head)	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20
Private Weighs (per head)	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20
Shipping Weigh (per head)	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20
Stud Bull Sale (per head)	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
Feed (per bale)			At cost plus	At cost plus \$2	At cost plus
	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$2		\$2
Removal (per head)	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Agents Levy (per head)	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10
Wash down fee (per minute - min. charge \$5.50)	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40
Manure Sales - per bobcat bucket	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
NLIS tagging services (per head / without permit)	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50
NLIS tagging services (per head / with permit)	N/A	N/A	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.25
Transit Cattle (per head)	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10
Crush Fee (per head)	N/A	N/A	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr B Bell:

10.00am That the meeting be adjourned until 10.00am on 19 May 2010.

CARRIED

RESUMPTION

19 May 2010 The meeting resumed at 10.00am.

Attendance

Councillors

Cr M Skinner (Presiding Member)

Cr L Handasyde

Cr B Bell

Cr S Grylls

Staff

Mr John Fathers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stewart Smith, Saleyards Manager

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr B Bell:

That the following fees (including GST) be proposed for discussion at a meeting with agents to be held on 19 May 2010:

Cattle Weighing and Penning per head	\$8.00
Cattle Penning only (per head)	\$8.00
Cattle Weighing only (per head)	\$3.30
Private Weighs (per head)	\$3.30
Shipping Weighs (per head)	\$3.30
Private/Shipping/Weighing only (per head – under 20 Cattle)	\$4.95
Stud Bull Sale (per head)	\$10.00
Feed (per bale)	At cost plus \$4
Removal (per head)	\$100.00
Agents Levy (per head)	\$1.10
Wash down fee (per minute - min. charge \$5.50)	\$0.50
Manure Sales - per bobcat bucket	\$10.00
NLIS tagging services (per head / without permit)	\$20.00
NLIS tagging services (per head / with permit)	\$10.00
Transit Cattle (per head)	\$2.20
Crush Fee (per head)	\$2.20
Agistment Fee (per head/per week)	\$0.30

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

10.50am That the meeting be adjourned until after the meeting with agents to be held on 19 May 2010.

CARRIED**RESUMPTION**

19 May 2010 The meeting resumed at 12.10pm.

AttendanceCouncillors

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

Staff

Mr John Fathers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr B Bell:

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That the following fees (including GST) be included for consideration in the 2010/11 draft budget:

Cattle Weighing and Penning per head	\$7.75
Cattle Penning only (per head)	\$7.75
Cattle Weighing only (per head)	\$3.30
Private Weighs (per head)	\$3.30
Shipping Weighs (per head)	\$3.30
Private/Shipping/Weighing only (per head – under 20 Cattle)	\$4.95
Stud Bull Sale (per head)	\$10.00
Feed (per bale)	At cost plus \$4
Removal (per head)	\$100.00
Agents Levy (per head)	\$1.10
Wash down fee (per minute - min. charge \$5.50)	\$0.50
Manure Sales - per bobcat bucket	\$10.00
NLIS tagging services (per head / without permit – no evidence of previous tag)	\$30.00
NLIS tagging services (per head / without permit - evidence of previous tag)	\$15.00
NLIS tagging services (per head / with permit)	\$10.00
Transit Cattle (per head)	\$2.20
Crush Fee (per head)	\$2.20
Agistment Fee (per head/per week)	\$0.30

CARRIED

6.2 CAPITAL BUDGET ITEMS

It is requested that consideration be given to capital items for the 2010 / 2011 draft budget.

It was agreed that the following items be included for consideration in the 2010/11 draft budget:

- *Computer Upgrades – Weighbridges* \$7,000
- *Mobile Feed Carts* \$5,000

Discussion ensued in relation to the proposal for sludge removal to be continued. Members agreed that the main priority was to plant a perennial crop in the irrigation paddock, which would assist in reducing water volumes in the settling ponds. Members requested that the new environmental consultant, Charles Williams be invited to the next meeting.

6.3 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The operating budget for the Saleyards has been compiled and attached for information.

6.4 ANNUAL AUDIT COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has recently written to the Council in relation to the 2009 annual environmental report for the Saleyards. One of the issues noted in the report was that there was a breach of licence condition 6(a) and this was not included on Section B of the report, which required details of non-compliance to be noted.

The non-compliance was that the March 2009 round of samples had been missed due to an oversight on the part of the Shire's consultants, Coffey Environments due to a three way staffing changeover. They were subsequently taken in June 2009.

A copy of the DEC's letter and the Shire's response is attached.

7 NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

19 May 2010 12.25pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED:
CHAIRPERSON _____ **DATE:** ____ / ____ / ____