



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 Saleyards
Advisory Committee was held in the
Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324,
5.30pm Tuesday 9 July 2013

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

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

5.37 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members Present

Cr Michael Skinner (Presiding Member)

Cr Brett Bell

Cr Len Handasyde

Cr Chris Pavlovich

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 L Handasyde, seconded Cr B Bell:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee held on 11 June 2013 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer raised the matter detailed in the minutes in regard to a two year old child falling from the top walkway onto the concrete near pen 11. It was advised that this matter is being dealt with by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee. The section of the railing has been checked where the child fell and it has been confirmed that it meets or exceeds Australian Standards. The Council's insurers, LGIS will be considering options, including additional signage.

4 DECLARATION 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 3 January 2013, 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 2013.

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 JUNE TO 30 JUNE 2013

SALE DATA

Total sale numbers was 3,671 (791 transit cattle).

There have been no MSA cattle in this time.

A total of 46 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time.

Two animals were put down or removed.

A total of 13 bales of hay have been fed out over this time.

There have been 104 cattle processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Maintenance has been ongoing, with spring latches on personnel gates being attached at the bottom of the gates. These gates tend to stay open, so with the new spring system, they should shut behind the person going through them. We are still doing paint removal around weighbridges as a result of the recent DEC inspection.

On 5 June 2013, compliance officers and the Police Department did another blitz at the front gate, which created a bit of angst amongst truckies and agents, mainly with National Vendor Declaration Forms (NVD's) not being filled out correctly. With the new standards, vendors need to put our PIC no (i.e. Saleyards WJSY002) on the form. This brings it in line with Australian standard. Unfortunately most producers don't know our PIC which was where the errors were occurring. We will have to get six signs made up for receivals with our PIC no.

Also coming out of the blitz was that one truck was told not to come back as it had a non-compliant vehicle (tray). We also ended up with two animals with welfare issues that were destroyed. The carcasses went to Paul's Pet Food and the heads went to the Department of Agriculture for further investigation. It appears the vendors may be prosecuted (They are from Denmark and Jerdacuttup).

We have pulled most of the mats up from receivals where the agents do the drafting, in line with the request of Agents, as the mats were very slippery at the drafting process. We have left mats on the receivals ramps directly where the animals leave the truck.

All the locks have now been upgraded and new keys are being issued as old ones come in.

We have had problems with dispersal dirt pens being very wet and boggy, so we are in the process of cleaning them out when we can get into them(no traction). After discussion with many people, we are trialling some lime rubble 30mm (75 tonne) rather than gravel due to the clay content and the rock issues (too big). We believe that the gravel, as a base below the lime rubble is a good base. Hopefully the lime will compact reasonably well whilst allowing the surface water to get away.

We have ordered the 700 Surefoot mats and the supplier has quoted the same price as last year (landed in Perth). We were lucky to get them at this price as they have become very popular in the east with lots of orders. We believe they will arrive early August.

Erika will be on leave from 3 July to 15 July. Stewart will be on leave from 20 July to 30 August. It is expected that, at this time of year things will quieten down and numbers drop.

5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 JUNE 2013

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Proposed Meeting Date: 9 July 2013

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the preliminary financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 30 June 2013.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications for this report.

CONSULTATION

There has been no consultation in relation to this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report identifies the current operating position of the Saleyards.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

A spreadsheet showing the preliminary 30 June 2013 position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Overall year to date (YTD) operating expenditure is \$601,557.00, which is \$2,256.00 below YTD budget. Operating income is \$637,511.00, which is \$3,186.00 below YTD budget. The overall result is predicted to be a surplus of \$35,954.00, \$5,442.00 better than budgeted. After adding back non-cash items, the 2013/2014 budget includes a transfer to the Saleyards Reserve of \$134,085.00.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr M Skinner:

That the report of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, relating to the current financial position of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards, be received.

CARRIED

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 SALEYARDS INSURANCE

At its meeting held on 30 April 2013, the Committee requested the Chief Executive Officer to seek quotations from other firms for building insurance for the saleyards facility.

The 2013/2014 quote from the Council's current insurer (LGIS) is \$35,956.00, based on a value of \$21,260,000.

Some quotes have been sought for building insurance for the facility. Wesfarmers refused to quote as it advised that it couldn't match the Shire's current LGIS premium.

Elders quoted \$57,696 which is about \$22,000 more than our current insurance. When advised that their quote was quite a bit more than our current cost, the rep advised that he wasn't surprised and that they had tried to quote on local government insurance before but could never come close to LGIS.

A large insurance broker, Willis Australia Limited was approached for quotes. Willis has forwarded two quotes, being from Lumley Insurance and Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd with prices at \$40,414.33 and \$29,643.04 respectively. It has been difficult to compare 'apples with apples' in regard to the policies. The Allianz quote includes much lower sub-limits of liability than LGIS and the LGIS policy includes machinery breakdown and electronic equipment.

Recent discussions with LGIS have indicated that price should not be the sole consideration in this regard. LGIS Property Scheme as a mutual has more flexibility and oversight. For example, in the retail world if not insured 100% correctly, then insurer can void a claim, whereas a Mutual can decide to pay a claim. In addition, LGIS generally provides an annual claims rebate.

Some more information is currently being sought, however the recommendation is currently that the Council remains with LGIS for its insurance.

During discussion, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer indicated that a revised quotation had been received from Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd, which includes some things previously not included such as additional increased costs of working, machinery and electronic breakdown and general property, at a cost of \$32,373. The Committee agreed not to change insurance provider, however the administration was requested to discuss the possibility of removing low risk components from the policy such as concrete and roadways.

6.2 PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- Greater use of chlorinated water.
- Saleyards Strategic / Business Plan.
- Agents Agreements.
- MediaWiz Advertising Proposal.
- Procedure for dealing with sick and injured animals.

7 NEXT MEETING

TBA

8 MEETING CLOSURE

6.40 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER _____ **DATE:** ___ / ___ / ___