



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,
9.30am Tuesday 12 June 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

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

9.32am 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

Cr C 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 B Bell, seconded Cr L Handasyde:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 1 May 2012 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr L Handasyde:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 2 May 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 31 MAY 2012

SALE DATA

- Total sale numbers from 25 April 2012 to 31 May 2012 was 5359 head (April 566 / May 4793);
- There have been no MSA cattle in this time;
- 54 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time;
- One animal has been put down or removed;
- 35 bales of hay have been fed out over this time;
- 141 cattle have been processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A meeting was held with agents on 2 May to discuss fees and West Coast Livestock coming to the yards. All three agents were concerned about a number of issues with the proposal.

An animal recently escaped from the delivery end of the yards when being loaded out. It ended up in the neighbours place (white fence to the north). We left it there for a week to settle and then went and retrieved it the following week.

We have mowed the grass inside the compound area and the place looks neat and tidy. We have been cleaning out the dirt pens using the bobcat and ute, so no extra cost involved in truck and skip bin hire. All manure was put on the concrete hardstand and later sold. Pens are looking good as far as animal welfare is concerned.

We were recently visited by Bill Vowles from Kattlegear Australia Pty Ltd. He came to look at the yards as he was one of the original people who designed this type of yards; he has since lost the design of these yards. He was here in WA as he has been asked to redesign the Boyanup yards.

We have oiled all the gates at receival end and through the weighbridge area, including the bull pens. This has taken a considerable amount of time but has improved the noise of the gates when working them, thus reflecting on animal agitation.

The new truck wash pump system is working very well. We still have not had any blockage, which is a good sign.

We have had a lot of interest in the sale of the old crush. A lot of quotation forms were handed out to people here on sale day (See Item 6.4 – Sale of Cattle Crush).

We recently had another blown out wash down pipe, which stopped wash down proceedings for a day. Fortunately lots of rain on Thursday night and Friday (80mm) helped with the final wash down. This was not so good for pond levels though.

We also recently had the main scheme water copper pipe at entrance to yards blow out. We are now getting a quote to replace the system, as this pipe continues to blow out every year.

General maintenance is going ahead as usual.

During discussion, the Committee was advised that a teleconference was held on 29 May 2012 with representatives from the Office of the Appeals Convenor in regard to the Shire's appeal against the DEC licence condition regarding prevention of vegetation growth in the pond banks. It is anticipated that the Minister will make a determination in the very near future.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr C Pavlovich:

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

CARRIED

5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 MAY 2012

File No: CA/126/1
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Proposed Meeting Date: 12 June 2012

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the preliminary financial position of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards (GSRCS) for the period ending 31 May 2012.

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 GSRCS.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

A spreadsheet showing the current position of operating and capital budget items is attached for information. Overall year to date (YTD) operating expenditure is \$484,801.00, which is \$94,716.00 below YTD budget. Operating income is \$563,155.00, which is \$27,431.00 below YTD budget. The majority of expenditure budget items are below YTD budget and there are no over-expenditures of concern, although an \$3,364.00 overspend on computer equipment maintenance reflect some of the problems we have had in this area this year. Operating Income is still below YTD budget, although this is much less than the under expenditure referred to above.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr B Bell, 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 APPLICATION FOR SELLING SPACE BY 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.'*

The Committee met with Mr Petricevich on 1 May 2012 and discussed the proposed arrangements for integrating Westcoast Livestock into the Saleyards.

The Committee met with Agents on 2 May and noted the concerns raised by Agents and discussed a number of compromise options, noting that Westcoast Livestock would need to develop its own strategies to obtain a market share in this area. It was considered that legal advice be sought on the Shire's obligations under the Trade Practices Act, 1974.

At its meeting held on 2 May 2012, the Committee resolved *'that, notwithstanding the decision of the Committee held on 10 April 2012 and on the basis that legal advice confirms that the Shire can meet its obligations under the Trade Practices Act 1974, Westcoast Livestock be offered a 12 month agreement to trade at the saleyards on the last Tuesday of every month, subject to a minimum throughput of 150 cattle, an Agent's Agreement being formalised and Westcoast Livestock agreeing to meet the Shire's minimum conditions.'*

Legal advice has now been received, which is attached. Correspondence has now also been received from Landmark and Elders in regard to this matter. Westcoast Livestock has also just sent the attached email deferring their application. Nevertheless, it is recommended that a confidential discussion be held in regard to the issues raised by the Shire's legal representatives.

At the meeting held on 12 June 2012, a confidential discussion was held during which it was agreed to advise Westcoast Livestock that their advice had been noted and that a new agreement was being considered in the event that they wish to reapply in the future. In addition, it was agreed that the existing agents be advised of Westcoast Livestock's decision and confirming that the Shire intends to renew the agent agreements.

6.2 PROGRESS ON AERATORS

A draft works approval for the aerators at the Saleyards has been received from the DEC. Unfortunately DEC requested more information, this time in relation to the projected improvements of Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus as a result of the proposal and also another query in regard to the dosing methodology of the enzymes. A response has now been sent back to the DEC. It is hoped that this will satisfy its requirements and the final works approval can be issued.

6.3 2012 ALMA CONFERENCE

The next Australian Livestock Markets Association (ALMA) Conference will be held on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th July, 2012 at Peppers Craigieburn Resort, Bowral, NSW. A program is attached. It is proposed that Stewart once again attends the conference. Advice is sought on possible attendance by an elected member, so that a report can be prepared for consideration by the Council.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr C Pavlovich, seconded Cr L Handasyde:

That it be a recommendation to the Council

That:

1. Councillor Brett Bell be authorised to attend the Australian Livestock Markets Association Inc AGM and Conference to be held in Bowral from 25 to 26 July 2012.
2. The expenditure be charged to Budget Item Governance – Members of Council: Conferences, Training and Accommodation – 20026.0029.

CARRIED

6.4 SALE OF CATTLE CRUSH

Quotations were recently called for the outright purchase of the cattle crush at the saleyards. Nine offers were received, the highest and successful offer being for the sum of \$5,030.00.

6.5 PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- Greater use of chlorinated water.
- Saleyards Signage.
- Saleyards Strategic / Business Plan.
- Saleyards Name Change – Council Report.
- Agent Agreements – Proposal to meet with Lawyers.

7 NEXT MEETING

TBA

8 MEETING CLOSURE

10.45am The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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