



SALEYARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

Committee Brief

- *Make recommendations to the Council regarding the strategic direction of the Saleyards;*
- *Make recommendations 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;*
- *Make recommendations to the Council regarding development works on the site;*
- *Make recommendations to the Council regarding the Saleyards Annual Budget; and*
- *Monitor the performance of the Saleyards and report back to the Council.*

A meeting of the
Saleyards Advisory Committee was held in the
Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
8.30am Tuesday 12 November 2019.

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr J Moir, Cr L Handasyde, Cr M O'Dea, Cr J Oldfield, Mr M Skinner – Industry Representative – 210/19

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Membership

Cr J Moir – Presiding Member

Cr L Handasyde – Deputy Presiding Member

Cr M O’Dea

Cr J Oldfield

Mr M Skinner

Cr S Etherington (Deputy for any member)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

8.30am The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESMembers Present

Cr J Moir – Presiding Member
Cr L Handasyde – Deputy Presiding Member
Cr M O’Dea
Cr J Oldfield
Mr M Skinner

Staff

Mr J Fathers, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Mr G Moore, Saleyards Manager
Mrs E Henderson, Assistant Saleyards Manager

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Part 5 Division 6 Local Government Act 1995

Cr J Moir

Type: Financial/Indirect Financial Interest (Section 5.60 (A) and 5.61 LGA)
Nature: Cattle Farmer and Employee of Elders
Extent: Sell cattle through the Mount Barker Saleyards on average six times per year. Average number of cattle held is 80 head.
Part time employee of Elders in a non-managerial position.

Mr M Skinner

Type: Financial/Indirect Financial Interest (Section 5.60 (A) and 5.61 LGA)
Nature: Hold equity in a farming enterprise of which my son owns/farms approximately 400 head of cattle.
Extent: Son sells cattle through the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards approximately 8 times per year.

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, Sport and Cultural Industries via a letter dated 30 April 2019, giving permission for Cr J Moir and Mr M Skinner to participate in the discussion and limited decision making at the Saleyards Advisory Committee on matters relating to the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards until 30 April 2020.

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

4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

4.1 MANAGER'S REPORT – REALLOCATION OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

A Saleyards Planning Session was held on 17 September 2019. At that session, a possible reallocation of priorities was discussed and it was requested that a report be brought back to the Committee for a recommendation to the Council.

- ***'W' – Pens, Yard Size Reduction***

After discussions with agents regarding the possibility of effectively halving the size of the 'W' pens (western dirt pens), it is no longer suggested this be a priority project. The agent feedback suggested that the pens in their current state are not too big and are able to be used as lairage or drafting pens, therefore this is no longer seen as an immediate priority.

- ***Receival Ramp #7 (Additional Holding Pens)***

This proposal was to replicate the six holding pens associated with the loading ramps on the vacant ground immediately opposite ramp #7 and its pens whilst leaving the floor dirt. The thinking here was to make more receival pens available at the ramps for when all West Coast Livestock receivals are moved to the main receival end of the yards.

One of the steel manufacturing contractors in Mount Barker has provided a quote and I am still waiting for the second quote to be presented. The costings listed on the received quote were substantially higher than anticipated. I expect to be able to present both quotes at the upcoming meeting. The priority on completing this project in 2019/2020 may give way to other projects.

- ***Cattle Crush***

Approval and funds are sought to purchase a new cattle crush. The regulations pertaining to the NLIS tagging at saleyards is now being enforced more strictly than they once were, particularly with regard to larger livestock, that being large and difficult to handle bulls. The inability to safely and securely capture large bulls in our present crush has seen and will see more of the bull market lost to on-farm and direct to abattoir sales if we are not able to safely and securely tag bulls at the saleyards.

A number of quotes have been sought for manually operated and both hydraulic and pneumatic type crushes. I would put a very high priority on this project and believe it will enhance the level of our service at the saleyards for our customers.

- ***Addition of Water Troughs – 'C' Pens***

After discussions with staff and agents, a proposal has been arrived at to consider adding water troughs to some of the pens around the crush area known as the 'C' pens. (See attached map) this will increase the number of water pens we have available for receivals and lairage.

The water troughs have proven to be quite difficult to source and prices have varied considerably. We would carry out the installation process ourselves with only a requirement to purchase the troughs and associated piping and fittings. The pipe and fittings are available from local suppliers. This proposal also carries a high priority.

- ***Saleyards Tipper Truck***

I have identified the need and made a request for the saleyards to purchase a small tipper truck with a 3.5 to 4.0 tonne payload capacity. There are a number of key tasks that require a vehicle with tipping capabilities that are presently done with the saleyards light vehicle, as follows:

- Carcase transport / removal;
- Pen cleaning / manure removal;
- Carting in gravel and dirt;
- Hay transport from property of purchase to saleyards; and
- Movement of plant and equipment around yards and to and from works depot.

We currently rely on Works and Services staff to undertake these tasks or we borrow their truck and do it ourselves. Having our own tipper would eliminate any issues with time, scheduling and inconvenience to both departments that can arise when sharing equipment.

The saleyards light vehicle is currently used for these tasks and in my opinion presents some real OH&S concerns from overloading or incorrect load positioning which could result in a vehicle roll over or damage to the structural integrity of the vehicle and its tray body. We have had some discussion with the Executive Manager Works and Services with regard to securing a 3.5 tonne tipper they have that is possibly up for replacement. The price would be subject to external assessment, with a transfer to the Plant Replacement Reserve to be effected.

It is intended to provide further justification for this item, in terms of more precise usage information and cost/benefit.

- ***Reticulation***

This project has a lower priority than some others that have been identified. The \$6,000.00 could be made available for reallocation.

A table showing the adopted budget is attached. Added to that are some new proposals, all of which have been prioritised (1 Vital, 2 Urgent, 3 Important / Rolling Plan, 4 Nice to Have, 5 Low Priority) in terms of an allocation this year.

Lower value options, which could be carried forward to 2020/2021, have been shaded. The expenditure on troughs in the 'C' pens is the only work in that particular row that is considered urgent at this time.

It should be noted that the original budget predicted a total of \$52,488.00 remaining in the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards Capital Improvements Reserve at 30 June 2020. The September budget review reduced this amount to \$28,612.00. This is enough to cover the over budget expenditure outlined above, also bearing in mind that the aeration ponds project will likely be mostly (if not all) carried forward.

It is proposed that a budget review be presented to the Council, following deliberations on these items.

During discussion the following points were noted and agreed for a recommendation to the Council, the resulting reduction in capital expenditure being \$45,721.00 for 2019/2020:

- *Further investigations are being carried out in regard to the waste water treatment system modifications and the budget of \$50,000.00 requires further refinement. The budget could be reallocated at this stage with a more accurate allocation in 2020/2021.*

- *Good progress was made on painting of galvanised roof and walkways in 2018/2019. This sum could be reallocated now and possibly funded again in 2020/2021.*
- *It was noted that the irrigation pump diesel motor had been purchased, with resultant savings of \$1,433.00, which could be made available for reallocation.*
- *It was noted that the 2nd hand bobcat had also been purchased. There were savings of \$2,287.00, which could be made available for reallocation.*
- *A sum of \$8,000.00 could be retained in Budget Item 51804.0253 (to be renamed 'Install water troughs in 'C' Pens'), to enable the majority of 'C' pens to have water troughs installed, subject to availability of the appropriate plastic troughs.*
- *It was agreed that the reticulation project could be put on hold for now, with the \$6,000.00 being made available for reallocation.*
- *It was agreed to make a sum of \$25,000.00 available for a new bull/cattle crush. While the final choice had not been made, this sum would enable an appropriate selection in order to fulfil operational and OSH requirements.*
- *Members noted the benefits of purchasing the Works and Services tipper truck and that some of these were for reasons of logistics and opportunity cost. Some questions remained such as ongoing costs, ongoing requirements for the manager's vehicle and housing of the vehicle. The proposal was included subject to further information and justification to be assessed by the Saleyards Advisory Committee.*

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr M O'Dea:

That it be a recommendation to the Council that:

That the 2018/2019 Annual Budget be amended as follows:

Account	Description	Original / Amended Budget	New Budget	Net Cash Amount
51754.0253	Aeration Ponds - Waste Water Treatment System Modifications	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$50,000
51755.0253	Painting of Galvanised Elements - Roof and Walkways	(\$28,001)	\$0	\$28,001
51756.0253	Diesel Motor - Irrigation Pump	(\$6,500)	(\$5,067)	\$1,433
51801.0006	2nd hand skidsteer loader	(\$40,000)	(\$37,713)	\$2,287
51804.0253	Steelwork Modifications (Rename 'Install water troughs in 'C' Pens')	(14,000)	(8,000)	\$6,000
51805.0253	Reticulation - Lawn area	(\$6,000)	\$0	\$6,000
51807.0006	Purchase bull crush	\$0	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
51808.0006	Purchase tipper vehicle (Subject to further information and justification to be assessed by the Saleyards Advisory Committee)	\$0	(\$23,000)	(\$23,000)
41326.0486	Transfers from Reserve Funds	\$195,501	\$149,780	(\$45,721)
TOTAL		\$51,000	\$51,000	\$0

CARRIED

5 NEXT MEETING

28 January 2020.

6 MEETING CLOSURE

9.23am The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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