



## 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, 1.00pm Tuesday 14 December 2010.

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

### Committee Members

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

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

ITEM	SUBJECT	PAGE NO
1	DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS	1
2	RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES	1
3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	1
4	DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS	1
5	REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS	2
5.1	MANAGER'S REPORT – 1 OCTOBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2010	2
5.2	SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 NOVEMBER 2010	4
6	GENERAL BUSINESS	5
6.1.	ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	5
6.2.	DEC LETTER	5
6.3.	FUNDING APPLICATIONS	5
6.4.	TIMING OF VEALER SALES	6
6.5.	10 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	6
6.6.	USE OF CHLORINATED WATER	6
6.7.	PLANTING OF KIKUYU ON THE IRRIGATION FIELD	6
6.8.	OTHER MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION	6
7	NEXT MEETING	6
8	MEETING CLOSURE	6

---

---

**Chairperson:**

Cr M Skinner

**Membership**

Cr B Bell

Cr L Handasyde

Cr S Grylls

---

## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.00pm 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 S Grylls

### Staff

Mr John Fathers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr Stewart Smith, Saleyards Manager

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 19 October 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 – 1 OCTOBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2010**

#### **SALE DATA**

Total numbers for October and November have been 18,797 head. There have been no MSA cattle during this time.

A total of 104 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time. 18 animals have been put down or removed. 1756 bales of hay have been fed out. 1553 cattle have been processed for Private/Shipper Weigh.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There have been continuing problems with broken pipes and fixing them when we have extra time. We are still replacing chains on weighbridge gates.

Any spare time is spent locating hay as we have fed out a considerable amount these past few months.

Ongoing cleaning takes up a bit of time with rocks being picked on an ongoing basis.

The irrigator still running when wash down is not going.

The concrete has been laid at the truck wash. Concrete and bunding has also been laid at the pump shed for the new diesel generator.

Depot staff have been moving a lot of the soil from the ponds area to the tip.

The computers in the weighbridge crashed on 28 October which meant that everything had to be manually scanned.

Casual staff Erika Henderson and Darryl Elson started on 1 November 2010.

The operators of the bakery took over of the canteen on 4 November. It seems that they have had a very fast learning curve on how the saleyard customers spend their money.

New computers were installed in the weighbridges on 15 November and programs were updated. All seems to be working well.

Double sales started on 18 and 19 November.

The scale house broke down on 19 November which meant all animals (1250) had to be weighed on one scale. All agents worked well together to achieve the common goal, and due to this trying time Jodi Elson also resigned. Erika has slotted into Jodi's job.

The big compressor was overheating and this was due to a trip switch for the fan tripping out. This has since been resolved.

Mettler Torledo came down on 24 November to resolve the scale house problem, as it turned out wrong motherboard was installed.

On 26 November, the Director of Environment, Alan Sands and local Department of Environment and Conservation manager Caron Goodbourn had a tour with of the progress of improvements to environmental issues with Saleyard Manager, Stewart Smith and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, John Fathers. They seemed to be pleased with the running of the yards and the effort put in.

A couple of RSPCA related issues have taken place, with one being an animal in transit to Dardanup Butchery Company (DBC) which had a broken leg on arrival at DBC. The other was 12 cows heading for the eastern states, sold through the yards were in very poor condition, and are now at a feed lot just south of here to recover.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION**

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

**That the monthly report of the Saleyards Manager be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 NOVEMBER 2010

**File No:** CA/126/1  
**Responsible Officer:** Rob Stewart  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** John Fathers  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
**Proposed Meeting Date:** 14 December 2010

---

### **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 30 November 2010.

### **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 YTD operating expenditure is \$235,566, which is \$31,238 below YTD budget. Operating income is \$262,032, which is \$64,160 above YTD budget. Many expenditure items have not yet been spent against. Insurance expenses were \$4,492 over budget. Grounds maintenance is currently \$3,799 over budget mainly due to a \$12k water bill, previously reported on. Computer equipment maintenance is \$1,310 above YTD budget due to the problems being experienced with connections from the weighbridge to the office.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION**

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

**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. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Further to previous discussions, the Deputy CEO John Fathers, Saleyards Manager Stewart Smith and Environmental Consultant Charles Williams met with representatives of Ecolab to explore options for waste water treatment. A series of questions have been received from Ecolab which are being dealt with by Mr Smith and Mr Williams.

*Members noted the intention of the Saleyards Manager to deal with this early in the new year.*

### **6.2. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION LETTER**

A letter has now been received from the DEC in relation to breaches of licence conditions (copy attached). A formal warning letter has been issued. Attention is also drawn to the requirement to decommission the overflow system and contoured infiltration drain.

*During discussion, members were of the view that the overflow system and contoured infiltration drain should remain in place for emergency rainfall events and that a case be made to the DEC for an amendment to the licence to reflect this.*

### **COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr S Grylls:**

**That the Shire's environmental consultant, Charles Williams be requested to work with the administration to make a case for the overflow system and contoured infiltration drain to remain in place for emergency and major rainfall events and that a request be put to the DEC for an amendment to the licence to reflect this.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.3. FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

*Mr Fathers advised that the Great Southern Development Commission had released the funding application packs for the next round of the Royalties for Regions, Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme. Members agreed to make grant applications for both the northern side roof and additional yard space on the western side of the yards. Mr Smith was requested to seek two (updated) quotes for each project. Mr Fathers advised that he would write to all stakeholders seeking letters of support.*

### **COMMITTEE DECISION**

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

**That the administration be requested to progress grant applications for the next round of the Royalties for Regions, Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme for the northern side roof and additional yard space on the western side of the yards.**

**CARRIED**



**6.4. TIMING OF VEALER SALES**

*It was suggested that the Committee give further consideration to a joint advertising campaign with agents for vealer sales. The view was expressed that this may be useful in getting producers used to sending their cattle in. Mr Smith was asked to raise this with agents early next year.*

**6.5. 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*At the request of the Saleyards Manager, it was agreed to delay the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, and incorporate it with another milestone next year.*

**6.6. USE OF CHLORINATED WATER**

*Members noted the query at the Annual Meeting of Electors in regard to the use of chlorinated water. The Saleyards Manager advised that when the system had been installed, the cost of the chlorine being used was very high. In addition, there were thought to be issues with keeping the water in the tanks long enough while wash down wash taking place, to enable the chlorine to be effective. Mr Smith advised that he would give the system another try next year and see if the problems can be resolved.*

**6.7. PLANTING OF KIKUYU ON THE IRRIGATION FIELD**

*Mr Smith advised that he intended to plant the kikuyu in February 2011.*

**6.8. OTHER MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

- Proposed trip to Muchea to inspect environmental works.
- Energy audit / additional power requirements.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.

**8 MEETING CLOSURE**

2.19pm            The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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