



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 Committee
was held in the Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324,
11.30 am Tuesday 24 June 2008.

John Fathers
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr K Forbes, Cr M Skinner, Cr S Grylls

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Chairperson:

Cr M Skinner

Deputy Chairperson:

Membership

Cr K Forbes - Rocky Gully / West Ward - Shire President

Cr M Skinner - East Ward

Cr S Grylls - Rocky Gully / West Ward

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Present

Cr M Skinner Presiding Member
Cr S Grylls

Staff

Mr J Fathers Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ms C Appleby Acting Manager – Saleyards

Apologies

Cr K Forbes

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr S Grylls, seconded Cr M Skinner:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Committee Meeting, held on 27 May 2008 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

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 and Regional Development via letter dated 6 November 2007, giving permission for Cr K Forbes, Cr M Skinner, Cr B Hollingworth, Cr J Moir and Cr D Nye-Chart to participate in matters relating to the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards until 20 October 2008.

Mr John Fathers – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, read aloud the attached letter.

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

5.1 MANAGERS REPORT - MAY 2008

Sale Data

(1/5/08 – 31/5/08)

Total May numbers including MSA sales were 5,976 head.

73 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags.

Nine animals have been put down or removed.

50 bales of hay have been fed out.

433 cattle have gone through for Private/Shipper Weigh.

General Business

(21/5/08 – 17/6/08)

Spraying of the Hay paddock started on 16 June 2008 with Robert Bush. He will return in approximately one week to rip up the paddock and will only be sowing oats as he thinks there is plenty of ryegrass and clover in the paddock.

Work on the dirt pens also began on 16 June 2008 with the use of one of the Shire's tipper trucks to remove the dirt and cart in gravel. A few complaints were made in regard to the state of the pens.

The new RSPCA officer came in to introduce herself and let us know they will be calling in when ever they can to keep an eye on what condition the cattle are arriving in. She has also encouraged us to report cattle that continue to arrive in an unsuitable condition.

The drain in the bunkers at the truck wash was cleaned out as the manure was not able to flow properly and dry off. A large amount of manure is on site as it is currently too wet to sell. Great Southern Soil Supplies have been informed that there is some to be picked up when they are ready.

On 11 June 2008 the main power went out while agents were drafting cattle in the yards. Nobody was injured but a near miss occurred with some of the Esperance cattle. The agents involved were displeased.

During discussion at the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Committee meeting held on 24 June 2008, Ms Appleby outlined the work done recently to clean out the pens.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Fathers advised that Mr Stewart Smith had now accepted the appointment as Saleyards Manager and was due to start on 28 July 2008.

5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 MAY 2008

File No: CA/126/1

Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Proposed Meeting Date: 24 June 2008

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards (GSRCS) for the period ending 31 May 2008.

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. Most items are within budget. Budget Item 'Grounds Maintenance' is again above expected due mainly to pump repairs which to date have cost \$5,148.00. Income well above budget due to the larger than expected volume of cattle passing through the yards this year.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr M Skinner, seconded Cr S Grylls

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 MONITORING OF WASH DOWN WATER

A formal response still has not yet been received from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development about the Committee's request for RIFP funds to be directed to the proposal for a waste water re-use scheme.

In response to a follow up telephone conversation with Steve May from the Department, it was advised that the Department would be prepared to consider a reallocation of funds from the unspent grant funds to the waste water re-use project. Formal approval would not be forthcoming until firm quotes are submitted to the department. Coffey Environments have therefore now been asked to obtain firm quotes for this work. Health Department approval of the work, or a statement that formal approval is not needed, would also be required.

The Department was not prepared to consider further grant funding for the irrigation system pump until this other matter had been progressed to ascertain whether there would be any funds from the initial project remaining.

During discussion at the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Committee meeting held on 24 June 2008, Mr Fathers also advised that a letter had now been received from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development along the lines outlined above.

6.2 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS)

Mr Fathers advised that there were a number of outstanding OHS issues relating to the saleyards, two of which related to the need for evacuation drills. This would be discussed further with the new saleyards manager and there was possibly a need to include this matter for discussion in the next meeting with agents.

7 NEXT MEETING

22 July 2008

8 MEETING CLOSURE

11.56 am The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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