



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,
10.00am Tuesday 25 March 2008.

Rob Stewart
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

10.14 am The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Present

Cr M Skinner Presiding Member
Cr K Forbes
Cr S Grylls

Staff

Mr R Stewart Chief Executive Officer
Mr J Fathers Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr W Lloyd Manager - Saleyards

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (RELATING TO COMMITTEE BUSINESS)

Nil

5 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes, as circulated, of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2008.

Moved Cr K Forbes, seconded Cr M Skinner:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Committee Meeting, held on 12 February 2008 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record, subject to the words 'the next local government elections in 2007' on page 2 being deleted and replaced with '20 October 2008'.

CARRIED

7 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

A Financial Interest was disclosed by Cr M Skinner
Nature and Extent of Interest: Farming - 400 head of cattle

A Financial Interest was disclosed by Cr K Forbes
Nature and Extent of Interest: Cattle Producer - 240 head of mixed 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.

8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

8.1 MANAGERS REPORT - February 2008

Sale Data

(1/2/08 – 29/2/08)

Total February numbers including MSA Sales were 10,071hd.

101 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time.

1 animal has been put down or removed.

72 bales of hay have been fed out over this time.

There have been 728 cattle gone through for Private/Shipper Weigh Cattle.

General Business

(1/2/08 – 11/3/08)

Large numbers for February with double sales finishing I believe that we should have continued for a further 2 – 3 weeks.

Attended meeting in Midland on Code of Practice for welfare and also attended a meeting for the working group for the Muchea Saleyards.

Trench digger came to put a line in for the power and water for the new water pump on the stormwater dam to eliminate the use of the hire pump. The new pump was supplied by Westerberg Irrigation and is now working well.

Broken troughs have become a weekly job with the need to repair approx. 2-3 per week.

Have been replacing worn bolts from the lift gates and have had chain sprockets machined and brass bushes have been inserted into the sprockets. While I have been doing this I have found that the plastic air lines are cracked and leaking air, causing the compress to continually run and constantly run out of the amount of power to lift the gates on sale days.

Have had problems running pumps on the travelling irrigator and have removed suction pipe from the dam on a few occasions but still haven't found a problem.

Shire workers have be out and patched up the holes with bitumen at the truck wash.

Meeting with the agents was held on site over the changing of sides, with the usual arguments over penning allocations.

8.4 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 29 FEBRUARY 2008

File No: CA/126/1

Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Fathers
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Proposed Meeting Date: 12 March 2008

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards (GSRCS) to the period ending 29 February 2008.

Statutory Environment

There are no statutory implications for this report.

Consultation

There has been consultation with Warren Lloyd, Manager Saleyards.

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 above expected as at 29 February 2008 due mainly to pump repairs which to date have cost \$5148.00.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr K Forbes, 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

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION (NVD) SCANNING SOFTWARE

Garry Edwards from Livestock Exchange has sent a quote for a software update and equipment which will include the installation of the new NVD scanning software and a Simplex Scanner for \$7,391.01, this cost also includes the travel and accommodation expenses for Gary. This cost has not been included into the current budget, but by having this software will greatly reduce the amount of hours spent, approximately 3-4 hours, by staff inputting the declarations into the current system. It will also make it simpler and easier for other staff members to input the information.

Moved Cr K Forbes, seconded Cr S Grylls:

That the National Vendor Declaration (NVD) Scanning Software be listed for consideration in the 2008/2009 draft budget.

CARRIED

9.2 VALUATION OF SALEYARDS FOR WA MEAT INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

A valuation of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards was carried out by Grant Solomon on the 19 February 2008 this includes a description of the facilities and improvements currently on the site. The property has been valued at \$2,500,000 and included in the summary are the reasoning behind this valuation.

During discussion at the meeting of the Great Southern Region Cattle Saleyards Committee held on 25 March 2008, members noted that the valuation had been carried out for the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority and had been passed to the Council as a courtesy. Nevertheless, members considered some of the comments somewhat imprecise.

9.3 COFFEY ENVIRONMENTAL 2008 MONITORING

A letter from Susie Brown of Coffey Environmental has been received in regards to renewing their contract. This includes the estimated fee to undertake water monitoring and reporting for the 2008 period (1 January 2008 – 31 December 2008). It is recommended that this be accepted.

During discussion at the meeting of the Great Southern Region Cattle Saleyards Committee held on 25 March 2008, no objection was raised to this proposal. It was noted that progress had been made in regard to the re-installation of monitoring bores, however no information had been received in response to the Committee's request for information on waste water recycling.

9.4 WILSON INLET CATCHMENT GROUP – PERENNIAL GRASSES

The Saleyards Manager, Warren Lloyd reminded the Committee that the Wilson Inlet Catchment Group had offered a grant of \$6,000.00 for towards seeding with perennial grasses. Mr Lloyd was asked to check out whether this was feasible at the saleyards.

9.5 DESLUDGING OF PONDS

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, John Fathers advised that an email had been received from the Department of Conservation supporting the new methodology using a long reach excavator, subject to conditions mainly relating to prevention of damage to the pond lining and control of sludge. It was noted that Aquasol had agreed to withdraw from the project and although they state they have made a big loss, they have requested payment up to the contract amount of 200 tonnes, which they believe they have removed. Based on the assessment that they have removed at least 150 tonnes, the Committee endorsed payment of a further 25% instalment (\$6,000.00) and requested that the sludge removed by Aquasol be weighed as soon as possible so that this matter can be concluded.

The Committee reiterated its previous decision to engage AD Contractors to remove the remaining sludge and transport it to the old Saleyards site on Woogenellup Road.

10 NEXT MEETING

11 MEETING CLOSURE

11.07 am The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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