



## 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,  
1.30 pm Tuesday 26 May 2009.

**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

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.30 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

### Present

Cr M Skinner Presiding Member  
Cr K Forbes, AM  
Cr S Grylls

### Staff

Mr J Fathers Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mr S Smith Manager – Saleyards  
Ms C Appleby Assistant Manager – Saleyards

## 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 Advisory Committee, held on 28 April 2009 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

A Financial Interest was disclosed by Cr K Forbes, AM  
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 14 November 2008, giving permission for Cr K Forbes AM, 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 October 2009.

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 - APRIL 2009

#### Sale Data

(1/4/09 – 30/4/09)

Total April numbers including MSA were 4,968 head  
60 cattle have received replacement NLIS tags over this time.  
Three animals have been put down or removed.  
Six bales of hay have been fed out over this time.  
390 cattle gone through for Private/Shipper Weigh.

#### General Business

(17/4/09 – 14/5/09)

The hay paddock was sprayed on 11 May 2009 with 2 Litres / ha of Round-up and 40 Litre / ha of Hammer. Gravel is continuing to be replaced in the dirt pens. General maintenance has been carried out around the yards and on water troughs. The paddock continues to be irrigated.

The storm water dam has been empty for approx two weeks and we are now relying on scheme water only due to soak pump and electrical line being repaired by Mount Barker Electrics after being damaged by ants.

All of the water from the north dam has been removed and the sludge is ready to be removed. We have received quotes from AD Contractors for a long reach excavator at \$200/hour plus transport of \$250.00. Also truck hire \$110/hour. There is approx 2,500 cubic metres of sludge. Due to the probable onset of rain in the near future, an order has been issued to the contractor to remove as much sludge as possible for storage on site. This will enable the material to dry, with excess water flowing back into the dams in accordance with DEC requirements. DEC again would not allow the sludge to be transported until it reaches a spadeable consistency.

A meeting was held with Hydramet in relation to the Chlorination System for the effluent water on 13 May 2009. The outcome from that is that the new shed will be located next to the original pump shed by the irrigation effluent dam. (See further information in Item 6.1)

Narrogin Agricultural College year 11 students came for a tour of the yards on 1 May 2009.

Numbers continue to hold steady with the largest May sale being held on 14 May 2009.

*During discussion, Members were advised that the de-sludging work had not yet been arranged as the Saleyards Manager had spent several days attempting to find a bull which had escaped from the yards. The bull had been found in a nearby paddock and an attempt would be made to retrieve it shortly.*

*The Saleyards Manager also advised that a new casual staff member had been appointed for a period of six weeks to enable projects and urgent maintenance jobs to be carried out. Members also noted that the new canteen lessee was doing a good job and had been well received by customers.*

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr K Forbes, AM, seconded Cr S Grylls:**

**That the report of the Saleyards Manager for the month of April 2009, be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 APRIL 2009

**File No:** CA/126/1

**Responsible Officer:** Rob Stewart  
Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** John Fathers  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Proposed Meeting Date:** 26 May 2009

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### **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 April 2009.

### **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. Since the March 2009 budget review has been undertaken, all items are now within reasonable range of the YTD budget. Operating Income is also in line with budget. Agent entry fees of \$12,000.00 have now been raised.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr S Grylls, seconded Cr K Forbes, AM:**

**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 WASTE WATER RE-USE PROJECT**

A site meeting was held with a representative of Hydramet on 13 May 2009. The prefabrication of the shed has commenced and Hydramet has a team working on it now. Other matters discussed at that meeting were as follows:

- Hydramet to provide a quote for the safety shower supply and installation. (Note: The safety shower will now have to be mounted on the right hand side of the pad due to the shed door hinge is on the left.)
- Safety shower to be fed from Rain water 40mm poly line which is adjacent to slab.
- Hydramet to provide a quote for the transport of the shed and using the trucks Hiab to locate into position.
- Front of shed to face north with the alarm beacon on the RHS adjacent to the front.
- Maximum Demand of Power for the Shed. (Hydramet to provide Shire with details)
- Agreed on concrete size and position. (Shire to complete)
- Discussed Power to enter back LHS of slab and leave minimum of 3m of cable. (Shire to complete)
- Site operator to install take-off valve for Recirculation Pump. Hydramet supplied already and site personal to install. (Shire to complete)

As indicated above, there are a number of additional costs which the Shire is required to meet, in accordance with the quote submitted by Hydramet. The Committee will be advised further in this regard when costs are known.

*During discussion, Members requested that additional quotes be obtained for the transporting of the shed and the shower facility.*

### **6.2 AIRCRAFT LANDING ON Paddock**

At the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 April 2009 it was advised that a light aircraft owned by a feedlot had landed in the paddock over summer and had done so previously. The matter was being taken up with the Council's insurers. Members of the Committee were of the view that the practice could continue subject to it being at the operator's own risk. Mr Fathers was requested to take up this line with the insurers and advise further.

The Council's insurers have advised that even if the Shire formalises an agreement with the aircraft owner to take on the insurance risk, there is a common law principle that the Shire has a duty of care to provide a safe area for the aircraft to land. It is therefore recommended that the operator be advised not to land on the paddock.

*During discussion, Members agreed with the recommendation to give notice to Mr Wilmott not to land his aircraft in the Council's paddock and to suggest he use the Karriok airstrip as an alternative.*



**6.3 REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD– INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF SALEYARDS**

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Fathers tabled a letter dated 25 May 2009 from Andrew McCarron, CEO of Regional Infrastructure Pty Ltd, in which he noted information sent further to a recent meeting to discuss that company's interest in purchasing the Great Southern Regional Cattle saleyards. Mr McCarron advised that he appreciated that the Council is keen to progress the sale of the facility under appropriate conditions and that their development team is reviewing the information and looking to prepare and submit a formal proposal.

**6.4 2009 SALEYARD OPERATORS AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Saleyards Manager, Mr Smith advised that the next Saleyard Operators Australia Conference is being held in Inverell, NSW on 21 - 23 July 2009. The Committee was supportive of the Saleyards Manager and Cr S Grylls attending this conference.

**6.5 USE OF EXCESS SAND AT THE SALEYARDS**

Members noted that the need for additional sand coverage at the O'Neill Road rubbish tip may see an opportunity to use of the excess sand at the saleyards and possibly the construction of an additional sullage pond. Mr Smith advised that in order to remove all of the sludge from the existing ponds may require some form of partition to be installed to enable an excavator to reach all corners of the ponds. The current arrangement makes this impossible, even with a long reach excavator.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

23 June 2009

**8 MEETING CLOSURE**

2.25 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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