



## **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 Meeting Room B, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA, 6324,  
12.00noon Tuesday 28 July 2009.

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

### *Committee Members*

*Cr K Forbes, Cr M Skinner, Cr S Grylls (Resolution No.373/07)*

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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**

12.00 noon 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

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Cr S Grylls, seconded Cr Skinner:**

**THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 23 June 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 - 330 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 - JUNE 2009**

#### **Sale Data**

(1/6/09 – 30/6/09)

Total June numbers including MSA were 3992 head.

138 cattle have received replacement NILS tags over this time.

Three animals have been put down or removed.

76 bales of hay have been fed out.

306 cattle have gone through for Private/Shipper Weigh.

#### **General Business**

(18/6/09 – 22/7/09)

The chlorination shed was set up by Hydramet and put into operation on 10 July 2009. A pump still needs to be purchased to transfer water from the settling pond to the circulation tank.

We have cleaned out the dirt pens on the eastern side of the yards. Mount Barker Hire brought five in skip bins and the large Hiab Truck to do this job which lifted the bins into the pens. Steve Brown filled them with the bobcat and they were then lifted out. Each bin weighed an estimated 3.0 tonnes. A total of 48 bin lift were carried out which cleaned 16 pens. This took 13 hours at a cost about \$1350.00 which is a huge saving on time from the way it has been done before and less mess. We still need to gravel the pens.

The boundary fence along the railway track and highway has been put up. We still have to do the wire. A small excavator with a post hole digger was hired as the bobcat would not drive the depot's digger attachment.

We have purchased 60 native plants to put car park area islands and around the office.

We are in the process of moving trough water isolation taps out of dirt pens and locating them on the outside area of the yards under the stairway. We used the excavator to dig the trenches.

We are still attempting to replace worn chains on lift gates at the weighbridge, as well as the welding links on stacking pen gates.

*During discussion, the Saleyards Manager Mr Smith advised that the water re-use system had been set up with the exception of the pump from the sullage pond, which had been purchased. It was advised that the system was using quite a lot of chlorine. The Committee considered that there is only a need to switch the system on in periods of warm weather when pond water is required. The Saleyards Manager was also requested to review the optimum bacteria level for the system.*

### **COMMITTEE DECISION**

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

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

**CARRIED**

## **5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 JUNE 2009**

**File No:** CA/126/1  
**Responsible Officer:** Rob Stewart  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** John Fathers  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
**Proposed Meeting Date:** 28 July 2009

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards (GSRCS) for the period ending 30 June 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, except for Grounds Maintenance, which has been subject to a large water account for \$12,303.00. Operating Income is also now ahead of budget and the overall operating surplus is significantly better than that budgeted.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

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

**Moved Cr K Forbes, AM, 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 ELECTRICAL PROBLEM - CANTEEN**

The new lessee at the Saleyards Canteen, Wendy Swainson has recently complained to the Shire President about power problems in the canteen with appliances tripping the residual current devices (RCD).

For the Committee's information, there has been a problem with limitations to the power at the saleyards for some time. Appliances in the kitchen trip out quite often and whoever is in the kitchen has to re-set the trip switches. Wendy was advised of this problem and the way of fixing it before she started the lease.

A previous canteen operator advised that some days are worse than others and some days it didn't happen at all. There wasn't much of a problem when saleyards staff warmed up the kettle early so that everything wasn't switched on at once.

Western Power and Mount Barker Electrics have both been called to investigate the problem in the past and it seems that there is sometimes a lack of power reaching the facility, which could be caused by the fluctuations of other power users in the area.

Mount Barker Electrics have advised that it is possible to either ramp up the power to the particular circuit board or 'hot wire' the higher powered kitchen appliances into the circuit to stop them tripping. The building Surveyor, Mr Watkins is liaising with Mount Barker electrics to get the problem fixed if at all possible.

*During discussion, the Saleyards Manager Mr Smith advised that Mount Barker Electrics were well aware of the problems and had been requested to make repairs as soon as possible. The Committee requested Mr Smith to investigate the water leak in the kitchen which it was considered may be contributing to this issue.*

### **6.2 FEES FOR DESTRUCTION OF CATTLE AT OWNER'S REQUEST**

*Mr Smith also raised an issue of poor quality animals coming through the yards, whereby Mitchells had recently refused to transport the cattle from the yards. This had resulted in destruction of some animals and the view was expressed that there should be a higher charge for destruction of animals in these circumstances. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Saleyards Manager were requested to investigate the options and prepare a report for consideration on this matter.*

## **7 NEXT MEETING**

25 August 2009

## **8 MEETING CLOSURE**

12.40 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED:**

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