



Summary of Board meeting 202 Monday 13 February 2012, Tatura

Llew Vale OAM Chairman	Jenny Dawson Director	Ian Mansbridge Director
Dennis Moon Director	Neil Pankhurst Director	Sarah Scales Director
Frank Whitford Director	Gavin Hanlon Managing Director	Inquiries to: Leigh Jondahl Acting Corporate Secretary leighj@g-mwater.com.au

The Chairman welcomed Directors and management to the meeting.

Graeme Hannan, Acting General Manager Water Services gave a presentation on "Environmental Watering".

The Health, Safety and Well-being Report was discussed and noted.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman commented on his recent activities, which included –

- Attendance at three integration meetings;
- Meeting with Ross McPherson and Dudley Bryant on the path forward;
- Attendance at farewell function for the former NVIRP Managing Director;
- Brief meeting with the Chairman of Rubicon;
- Nomination of Ian Mansbridge to a WSC complaints panel.

Managing Director's Overview

The Managing Director reported on the following:

- Organisation performance;
- NVIRP Integration;
- Transformation process;
- Rubicon;
- Spillable Water Accounts.

Governance

A workshop with the Board on the Water Plan will be held early in March.

Laanecoorie Dam Safety Upgrade Project

The Board approved an amount of \$620,000 for the design of the Laanecoorie Dam Safety Upgrade Project noting the estimated total project cost of \$3.6m.

Disposal of Land – Mineral Reserve Basin - Tresco

The Board approved the disposal of G-MW freehold land associated with the Mineral Reserve Basin Salt Disposal Scheme at Tresco, Central Murray Operations Area.

Backbone Management and Lower Loddon Irrigation Recovery package

The Board noted:

- the proposed management processes to track changes to the backbone compared to the NVIRP Stage 1 and 2 Business Cases, and
- the proposed development of a new tool to model and track changes.

The Board approved the offsetting of Termination Fees in the Lower Loddon Irrigators Recovery Package area by savings to G-MW from No. 4 backbone channel retraction, providing all G-MW channel assets are removed from this area.

Amendment to the G-MW / NVIRP Relationship Agreement

The Relationship Agreement was established on 7 April 2009 between G-MW and NVIRP to define responsibilities and manage the interface between the two organisations.

The Board approved the amendment of the Relationship Agreement by removal of all references to the Joint Board Committee (including its Charter) and in lieu the insertion of references to the Integration Steering Committee (including its Charter) and delegated the power to amend the Relationship Agreement in this manner to the Managing Director.

East Loddon Water District Changes

The Board made the following resolution and approved of it being published in the Victoria Government Gazette:

That in accordance with s. 122Y(1)(d) of the Water Act 1989, Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation, being the Authority having management and control of the East Loddon Water District resolved that as at midnight on the 30 June 2012, the East Loddon Water District will be divided into two water districts known as the East Loddon Water District (North) and the East Loddon Water District (South).

The Board also approved the Manager Water Administration undertaking the requirements outlined in s. 122M and 122P of the Water Act 1989 to facilitate the abolition of the East Loddon Water District (South) and the establishment of a new East Loddon Water District.

Extension to Irrigation Districts

The Board approved submitting the proposal to the Minister to extend the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District.

Board Committee Minutes

The Chair of the Audit Committee provided an oral report on the meeting held earlier that day. The internal audit plan while normally covering three years will be set for one year while the risk assessment plan is finalised.

The Board noted the minutes Risk and Compliance Committee and the oral report from the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Swan Hill Modernisation Project

The Swan Hill Modernisation Project involves the modification or rationalisation of significant G-MW assets in the Swan Hill / Tyntynder Flats area by NVIRP as part of the Stage 2 works. It consists of 3 key components being:

- Lowering of the Little Murray Weir (LMW) pool, and constructing a pump station to supply the No. 9 channel;

- Removing the No. 9 channel through town, including reconnecting the peri-urbans serviced by this section of channel; and
- Connecting the No. 9 to the No. 10 channel system d/s of Swan Hill to supply those north of town.

The Board noted the status of the Swan Hill Modernisation Project, a NVIRP Stage 2 project that will significantly modify irrigation supply in the Swan Hill / Tyntynder Flats area.

Annual Tariff Approval Process – 2012/13

The Board discussed the process for the approval of the 2012/13 annual tariffs which include the additional requirement imposed by the ESC.

Water Plan 3

The Board received a comprehensive update on the development of Water Plan 3, including: form of price control, price path certainty and reviewing G-MW tariffs.

Reports for Noting

The Board noted the following monthly reports:

- Financial Report
- Capital Projects Report
- Wholesale Water Business Performance Report
- Retail Water Business Performance Report
- Water Services Committee Report
- Human Resources Report

The Board noted the following quarterly reports:

- Critical Finance Projects
- Corporate Plan 2011/12
- Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy Progress
- Environment and Sustainability
- Technology Progress

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