



Summary of Board meeting 206 Wednesday 27 June 2012, Tatura

Llew Vale OAM Chairman	Frank Whitford Director	Sarah Scales Director
Dennis Moon Director	Neil Pankhurst Director	Jenny Dawson Director
Ian Mansbridge 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.

Presentation – Maintenance of automatic meters and regulators within the modernised system

The presentation highlighted growth in automated sites, maintenance approach, use of GIS - to locate both the problem and the nearest response team member, use of FMECA to help understand critical failure modes and thus reduce unplanned outages and discussed further developments.

NVIRP Integration Matters

The Board noted:

- The work undertaken by the Integration Steering Committee to oversee the preparation for the Integration in accordance with its charter;
- The close-out report articulating the process for Integration; and
- That the Premier has transferred NVIRP staff to G-MW under section 30 of the Public Administration Act 2004 effective 1 July 2012.

The Board approved:

- The execution of the Transfer Deed following issue of the Treasurer's Direction subject to no material changes to the draft document presented to the Board at this meeting; and
- The Chairman and Managing Director executing the final NVIRP Transition Implementation Deed following execution of the Transfer Deed.

Operational Policies and Procedures

Relevant operational policies and procedures have been reviewed and amended to reflect the integration of NVIRP into G-MW effective 1 July 2012. The Board noted the amendments made to the operational policies and procedures.

Key areas of focus for integration

The Board noted the actions undertaken in the following key focus areas under the integration process:

- Occupational Health and Safety – oversight of the Managing Contractor’s OHS framework (construction safety post 30 June 2012);
- Environmental approvals – oversight to ensure that G-MW has met all requirements for State and Federal environmental legislative compliance; and
- Accounting treatment – confirmation of consistency of accounting treatment.

Health, Safety and Well-being Monthly report

The report for April and May 2012 was discussed and noted.

Chairman’s Report

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman (as Acting Chairman) commented on their recent activities, which included:

- Public release of integration
- Attendance at final Board meeting of NVIRP
- With Managing Director met with Minister who endorsed the principles supporting the Connections project and accepted the proposal for tendering 5 additional houseboat licences at Eildon.

Managing Director’s Overview

The Managing Director reported on the following:

- Finances
- NVIRP/Transformation
- Connections Implementation Plan
- Recruitment
- Tariff Review
- CMA funding cuts

Minutes

The minutes of meeting 205, 205a and 205b were confirmed.

Lake Eildon Houseboats

On 28 September 2011 the Minister for Water announced that additional licences for houseboats on Lake Eildon would be issued and upgraded so that bigger houseboats can be built to boost the area’s recreational tourism. Revised regulations now allow for larger houseboat sizes and have removed the fee setting powers thus allowing fees to be set by G-MW under its general powers. Following discussion the Board resolved to approve a 10% increase in houseboat licence fees for 2012/13.

Update on the implementation of a Jetties, Boat Ramps and Moorings procedure

The Board noted the introduction of a new Jetties, Boat Ramps and Moorings procedural document. Following discussion, the Board approved an increase in jetty, boat ramp and mooring licence fees from \$192.50 (incl. GST) to \$250.00 (incl. GST).

NVIRP Directors – Deed of Access

Following discussion, the Board approved Goulburn-Murray Water entering into retention and access deeds with each NVIRP Director (both current and former Directors).

2012 Water Services Committees Appointments

The Water Services Committees (WSC) nomination process was conducted in accordance with the WSC charter between the 14 - 25 May 2012. As nomination for the Loddon Valley WSC exceeded the positions available, a ballot was held between 18 June and 29 June. All other WSC have been settled.

Following consideration of the nominees, the Board appointed the following:

NOMINATION	WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE	NEW / REAPPOINT	TERM (Years)
Mr Alan Strang	Shepparton Gravity Irrigation	Reappoint	3
Mr John Horder		Reappoint	3
Mr Donnie Zurcas		Reappoint	3
Mr Kevin Minogue		New	3
Mr Ross Crawford	Central Goulburn Gravity Irrigation	Reappoint	3
Mr Peter Costello		Reappoint	3
Mr Douglas Costello		Reappoint	3
Ms Eiril Rathjen	Rochester Campaspe Gravity Irrigation	Reappoint	3
Mr Mark Hill		Reappoint	3
Mr Peter Gibson		Reappoint	3
Mr Bruce Macague		Reappoint	3
Mr Patrick Rochford		New	3
Mr Max Baker	Murray Valley Gravity Irrigation	Reappoint	3
Mr Barry Croke		Reappoint	3
Mr Paul Bethune	Torrumbarry Gravity Irrigation	Reappoint	3
Mr Ross Gordon		Reappoint	3
Mr Andrew Leahy		Reappoint	3
Mr Grant Davies		New	2
Mr Rod Squires	Tungamah Water District	Reappoint	3
Mr Geoff Mills		Reappoint	3
Mr William O'Connor		New	3
Ms Margaret Brady	Loddon Water District	Reappoint	3
Mr Garry Addlem		Reappoint	3
Mr Roger Nolan		Reappoint	3
Mr Geoff Thomas		Reappoint	3
Mr Grant Malone		Reappoint	3
Ms Deirdre Schiltz		Reappoint	3
Mr Jim Chalmers		Reappoint	3
Mr Chris Watson		Reappoint	3
Mr Carl Chamberlain		New	3

Living Murray – Hattah Lakes Environmental Flows Project

This project which is fully funded by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) was approved by the Board at Meeting 196 for \$27,476,000. The MDBA has recently requested G-MW to increase the scope of the project which will result in a variation to the issued contract. The Board approved an increase in the project approval amount of \$731,000, resulting in a total project approval amount of \$28,207,000.

Board Committee Minutes

The Board noted the minutes of the Risk and Compliance Committee meeting held on 22 May 2012 and the Audit Committee meeting held on 22 May 2012.

The Living Murray – Hipwell Road Project

The Board noted the status of The Living Murray - Hipwell Road Project and the anticipated approval of the project by the MBDA and following approval of the project by the MDBA, G-MW as the Victorian Constructing Authority will construct the works.

Water Plan update

G-MW's Water Plan consultation brochures were released for public comment on 1 June 2012 and are available from the G-MW website. Governance structures have been developed for both Water Plan 3 and the Tariff Strategy.

Pre-release of water from storages for flood mitigation

In response to the findings from the flood reviews, G-MW is formalising policy and operating procedure for pre-releases from storages that considers a number of factors. The Board noted the development of policy and procedure on making pre-releases from storages to provide flood mitigation.

Future arrangements to the Tallangatta Lakelands Caravan park

The Board noted the status of operation of the Tallangatta Lakeside Caravan Park and the planned review of operations.

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

The Board noted the Report and, in relation to the recommendation from the Rochester-Campaspe WSC for a single "whole of valley" WSC that would cover surface water, groundwater, diversions and modernisation within each valley, the Board would support such a proposal if it was supported by each of the existing WSC affected by the proposal.

- Human Resources Report

NVIRP Information Papers

NVIRP management reports were provided to the Board for information.

Gavin Hanlon
Managing Director

Leigh Jondahl
Acting Corporate Secretary

30 June 2012