

LACHLAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Cowra on Saturday August 16th 2014 commencing at 11.40am.

The Chairman Maurice Simpson opened the meeting and welcomed all of those in attendance.

There was thirty (30) members in attendance as per the record of signatures on the attendance sheet.

He called for apologies and they included J Hannan, T Madden, P Laird, B Ryan, B Holland, A Taylor, p Trevaskis, G Bradbury, J Faulks, G Braddon, J Sher, T Healy, C Manchester, M Dickerson. The apologies were moved G Standen seconded P Best. **CARRIED.**

Maurice Simpson declared all positions vacant and asked Bill West to take the Chair.

Mr West acknowledged all of the executive for the continued hard work throughout the year and particularly the ongoing efforts of M Simpson and his passion for the job.

Nominations for Chairperson – **Cr Judith Hannan, Wollondilly Shire**

Moved M Simpson seconded M Duffy that Cr J Hannan be appointed Chairperson for the ensuing year. **CARRIED.**

M Simpson then resumed the Chair as Acting Chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman – **Mr Maurice Simpson, Grenfell**

Moved D Figliomeni seconded K Thrupp that Mr Maurice Simpson be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. **CARRIED.**

Nomination for Honorary Secretary – **Mr Max Duffy, Cowra**

Moved M Simpson seconded K Thrupp that Mr Max Duffy be appointed Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year. **CARRIED.**

Nomination for Assistant Secretary – **Mr Paul Sills, Grenfell**

Moved M Simpson seconded S Freudenstein that Mr Paul Sills be appointed Assistant Secretary for the ensuing year. **CARRIED.**

Nomination for Treasurer – **Mr Dennis Hughes, Grenfell**

Moved K Thrupp seconded S Freudenstein that Mr Dennis Hughes be appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. **CARRIED.**

Nomination for Research officer – **Prof Ian Gray**

Moved Dennis Hughes seconded M Simpson that Prof Ian Gray be appointed Research Officer for the ensuing year. **CARRIED.**

It was moved K Thrupp seconded S Freudenstein that the authorised signatories of the bank accounts and cheque book be Dennis Hughes, Judith Hannan and Max Duffy. **CARRIED.**

Fees for the coming twelve months.

After some discussion it was moved that the fees be as follows;

- Councils \$300
- Individuals \$ 25
- Pensioners \$ 10

This was moved G Standen seconded W Erwin. **CARRIED.**

There was no General Business and the Annual General Meeting closed at 11:55 am.

CHAIRPERSON.....

LACHLAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the General Meeting held at Cowra on Saturday August 16th 2014 commencing at 10.10 am.

The Chairman Maurice Simpson opened the meeting and welcomed all of those in attendance.

There was thirty (30) members in attendance as per the record of signatures on the attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES: Called for apologies and they included J Hannan, T Madden, P Laird, B Ryan, B Holland, A Taylor, P Trevaskis, G Bradbury, J Faulks, G Braddon, J Sher, T Healy, C Manchester, M Dickerson. The apologies were moved G Standen seconded P Best. **CARRIED.**

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on Saturday May 24th 2014 in Dubbo be accepted as read. Moved K Thrupp seconded R Morris with the amendment in relation to truck movements of 1,600 per day and not 16,000. **CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDANCE was circulated and it was moved M Foster seconded B West that it be dealt with accordingly. **CARRIED.**

Prof Ian Gray commented generally on various issues.

TREASURERS REPORT: Dennis Hughes presented the Treasurers Report with the first till June 30th 2014 and secondly the monthly report for July 2014. The closing balance as at June 30 was \$6,481.92 and to July 31 st 2014 the closing balance stood at \$6,348.36. He said fees were now due and payable and if members were able could pay them on the day. It was moved D Hughes seconded S Milliken that the Treasurers Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

REPORTS:-

Lachlan Valley Railway: At present they are cleaning up the place and are restoring an engine and are getting ready for the Blacktown to Richmond 100 year celebration.

Cowra: Informed the meeting that the upgrade of Kendall St was about to commence and there would be changes in traffic conditions. A bypass is going on the southern side of town with the NSW State government putting in \$2.3 million. The river continues to be a problem with heavy vehicles.

Young: S Freudenstein reported everything is going along relatively well with the opening of abattoirs. Continually applying for grants as well. The opening of Elizabeth St is approaching.

Grenfell: P Best said indexation on Assistance Grants having a big impact and we need to keep lobbying.

P Stendell: Pascal gave a very informative update on what could be achieved from the website being improved.

She said that the website should contain up to date information on where the committee was with lobbying etc. As well as this it should inform the public about rail and road projects as well as concepts for specific areas.

It should inform the community and get them involved with petitions and give opportunities to lobby stakeholders, politicians etc.

The comment from Pascal's presentation was more than positive with numerous comments about progressing with this further. It was decided that a working group be formed to implement and initiate the improvements to the website. The group will consist of P Stenden, I Gray, D Figliomeni, T DeWitt and N Milliken. This was moved G Standen seconded M Duffy. **CARRIED.**

It was also acknowledged of the work done by Pascal and her considerable input and thoughts on the website.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

B West: Commented on the Blayney/Cowra tenders and said they had closed. There would be a meeting in the coming weeks and we need to ensure probity. Talking with A Taylor. Keep lobbying to ensure action.

D Figliomeni said that some pulled out due to the package presented by the state government.

M Foster/M Willoughby: Commented about Australian Rail Partners and the Blayney/Dombarton line. Looking at 100 employees over twenty years with a turnover of \$450 million.

Waiting on decision by November or possibly early new year.

John Holland is not interested.

D Figliomeni: D Gay – Quattro project commissioned by 2015 with .5 million tonnes grain etc.

New rail maintenance/fuelling facilities starting in January 2015.

Port Botany – Enfield under NSW Ports. Hutchinsons new container company. Bulk liquid facility through Port Kembla.

The EPA to process ships (trains) emissions over next twelve months.

Prof I Gray:

There will be a focus group in September looking at regional rail including roles at all government levels, economics of small railways.

He said there will be a number of key note speakers and everyone is welcome to attend.

2011 study said basic information being used.

Contract for logs from Bathurst to Port Botany.

Dubbo:

Dubbo City Council Voluntry Planning Agreement with Alkane contributing \$614k per annum with draft conditions. Products are used for mobile phones. NPV of > \$1 billion for Dubbo Zirconia Project over twenty years.

G Dunn:

Spending of \$250 million on Great Western Highway and \$80 million at Bathurst. Still not enough.

M Duffy:

Melbourne inbound line gaining pace but some impediments.

Graincorp closing silos. Change in way they are doing business as there is a perceived threat from competitors.

W Erwin:

Rail Trail on August 26 to get state funding on unused lines.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:40am

CHAIRMAN.....