



MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF
THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM,
ALAWA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION OFFICE, MINYERRI
ON MONDAY 09 DECEMBER 2024 AT 11:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Edna ILES;
- Beth JOHN;
- Naomi WILFRED;
- Jonathon WALLA; and
- Jones BILLY;

1.2 Staff

- Tony HOPP, Acting Council Services and Community Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance (minute secretary); and
- Sarah PEACHMENT, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting opened at 11:04 am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

HOD Q/2024-29 (Councillor Edna Iles/LA Member Beth Johns)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority accepts the tendered apology from Sonia ROBERTS.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES**

HOD Q/2024-30 (LA Member Naomi Wilfred/LA Member Jonathan Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 02 September 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7.2 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

HOD Q/2024-31 (LA Member Jones Billy/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- (b) elects Beth JOHNS as Chairperson for a Term of six (6) months.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 ACTION LIST**

HOD Q/2024-32 (Councillor Edna Iles/LA Member Jonathan Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**12.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT**

HOD Q/2024-33 (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Jonathan Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

12.2 HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

HOD Q/2024-34 RESOLVED (LA Member Naomi Wilfred/LA Member Jonathan Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) rescopes Steel Bin Holders project so as for Council to supply 60 steel bin holders, and Alawa Aboriginal Corporation to install the same;
- (c) allocates a further \$4,000 for item (b) for total of \$8,000;
- (d) requests for Council to collaborate with CDP to install and paint speed bumps on instructions from Council; and
- (e) requests for costs scoping for survey of massacre site, and
- (f) allocates Local Authority Project Funding for:
 - i. \$5,000 for 2025 NAIDOC festivities;
 - ii. \$5,000 for 2024 Christmas festivities;
 - iii. \$2,000 for 2025 Australia Day festivities; and

- iv. \$4,000 for musical instruments and equipment for the Church including amplifier, microphone, keyboard and speaker.

12.3 HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LA OCTOBER YTD FINANCE REPORT

HOD Q/2024-35 (Councillor Edna Iles/LA Member Jones Billy)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Council October YTD Finance Report.

12.4 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORT

HOD Q/2024-36 (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Naomi Wilfred)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes Elected Members Report.

12.5 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

HOD Q/2024-37 (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Naomi Wilfred)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report.

12.6 TOWN PRIORITIES

HOD Q/2024-38 (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Edna Iles)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority nominates the following priority projects for Council's consideration for the 2024-25 Financial year;

- i. Water Park refurbishment in collaboration with Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC).

12.7 Community Night Patrol Update

HOD Q/2024-39 (LA Member Jones Billy/LA Member Jonathan Walla)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Community Night Patrol Update.

12.8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

HOD Q/2024-40 (LA Member Naomi Wilfred/Councillor Patricia Farrell)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) Report.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:47 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Meeting, held on Monday, 09 December 2024 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 03 March 2025