

MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY  
MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, MINYERRI  
ON MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2024 AT 11:00 AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Edna ILES;
- Beth JOHN;
- Jonathon WALLA;
- Sonia ROBERTS (Chairperson); and
- Naomi WILFRED.

**1.2 Staff**

- David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Clare CUPITT, Acting General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer.

**1.3 Guests**

- Mayor Tony JACK ; and
- Adelaide LAQERE; Regional Project Officer, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting opened at 11:21am 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-1/2024*

**(Patricia FARRELL/Sonia ROBERTS)**

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority accepts the tendered apology from Jones BILLY.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

## 6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

*HOD Q-2/2024* (Beth JOHN/Jonathon WALLA) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 06 December 2023 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-3/2024* (Naomi WILFRED/Edna ILLES) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority elects Sonia ROBERTS as Chairperson for a term of 6 months.

## 8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8.1 ACTION LIST

*HOD Q-4/2024* (Patricia FARRELL/Jonathon WALLA) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

## 9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Water Allocation Plan Meeting.

## 10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

### 12.1 NIGHT PATROL UPDATE

*HOD Q-5/2024* (Naomi WILFRED/Beth JOHN) **CARRIED**

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

### 12.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

*HOD Q-6/2024* (Jonathon WALLA/Beth JOHN) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) Report; and
- (b) requests for Council's CDP management work with Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) CDP advise process for CDP activities counting as community service hours.

### **12.3 MINYERRI LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

*HOD Q-7/2024*                    **(Beth JOHN/Naomi WILFRED)**                    **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests for speed bumps to be scoped for the community, and allocates \$15,000 for the same;
- (c) allocates \$32,000 for pigs removal;
- (d) allocates \$4,000 for steel for bin holders;
- (e) requests two (2) traffic signs (slow down for children) to be placed outside of school, and allocates \$5,000 for same;
- (f) allocates \$5,000 for sports equipment for Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) to purchase; and
- (g) requests for playground for Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) to be scoped.

### **12.4 QUOTE FOR PIG REMOVAL**

*HOD Q-8/2024*                    **(Naomi WILFRED/Patricia FARRELL)**                    **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Quote for Pig removal Report.

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT**

*HOD Q-9/2024*                    **(Patricia FARRELL/Jonathon WALLA)**                    **CARRIED**

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

### **13.2 REGIONAL PLAN 2024-2025**

*HOD Q-10/2024*                    **(Edna ILLES/Beth JOHN)**                    **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority in accordance with Section 81 of the *Local Government Act 2019* receives and notes the draft 2024-25 Regional Plan, and proposed budget for the same.

Nb: *The draft Regional Plan 24-25 is publicly available on Council's website.*  
<https://www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au/our-business/news/2024/draft-regional-plan-2024-2025>

### **13.3 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 30.04.2024**

*HOD Q-11/2024*                    **(Jonathon WALLA/Patricia FARRELL)**                    **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 April 2024.

### **13.4 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

*HOD Q-12/2024*                    **(Naomi WILFRED/Beth JOHN)**                    **CARRIED**

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

### **13.5 INFORMATION SHEET - PERSONAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA**

*HOD Q-13/2024*                    **(Edna ILLES/Patricia FARRELL)**                    **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Information Sheet – Personal Use of Social Media Report.

## **13.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

*HOD Q-14/2024* (Jonathon WALLA/Beth JOHN) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Conflict of Interest report.

## **S.1 LA PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION 2022-2023**

*HOD Q-15/2024* (Patricia FARRELL/Edna ILLES) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority approves the Certification of Local Authority Report for the 2022-2023 financial year.

## **S.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

*HOD Q-16/2024* (Jonathon WALLA/Patricia FARRELL) **CARRIED**

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

## **14 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14.1 WATER ALLOCATION PLAN**

*HOD Q-17/2024* (Naomi WILFRED/Jonathon WALLA) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority requests for it to be formally, and appropriately consulted with during the formal local Water Allocation Planning process (across government), noting, with displeasure, that it has not been formally or appropriately consulted with to date.

### **14.2 WATER PARK**

*HOD Q-18/2024* (Jonathon WALLA/Patricia FARRELL) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority requests for Council to engage with Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) regarding status of water park and for repairs to be scoped.

## **15 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 1:14 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 3 June 2024 and confirmed.

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Chairperson  
Confirmed on 02 September 2024.