

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ROBINSON RIVER
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE MUNGOORBADA OFFICE,
ROBINSON RIVER
ON THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024 AT 9:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Tony JACK; (via videoconference)
- Timothy SIMON (Chairperson);
- Shandel DICK;
- Freddy JACKSON;
- Susan GEORGE; and
- Patsy-Anne GEORGE.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); (via videoconference) and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (via videoconference).

1.3 Guests

- Margaret SHADFORTH, Community Member;
- Ruth STORER, Project Manager, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Dr Heather STEWART, Project Leader, Beetaloo Information and Communication Project, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) (via videoconference);
- Dr Andrew TAYLOR, Senior Hydrogeologist in the Groundwater Systems team and Groundwater Management group of CSIRO Environment Business Unit (via videoconference);
- Dr Neil HUTH, Research Scientist (Farming Systems), CSIRO (via videoconference)
- Jodie HAYWARD, Research Technician, Beetaloo Communication and Information Program, CSIRO (via videoconference); and
- Anna EGERTON, Project Officer, Northern Territory Electoral Commission (via videoconference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Robinson River Local Authority Meeting opened at 9:30 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

ROB Q-12/2024 (Freddy SHADFORTH/Susan GEORGE) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Samuel EVANS, Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN and Melissa NOBLE.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Robinson River Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

ROB Q-13/2024 (Timothy SIMON/Susan GEORGE) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 08 February 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

ROB Q-14/2024 (Patsy-Anne GEORGE/Timothy SIMON) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) requests to update the Action list prior to the next meeting.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Regional Plan 2024-2025; and
- Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

Dr Heather STEWART, Project Leader, Beetaloo Information and Communication Project, CSIRO dialled in at 10:00 am and presented to the Local Authority on Ground Water Research Findings and left the meeting at 10:30 am.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

ROB Q-15/2024 (Patsy-Anne GEORGE /Susan GEORGE) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority receive and note this Community Safety Update Report.

12.2 ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

ROB Q-16/2024 (Timothy SIMON/Patsy-Anne) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

ROB Q-17/2024 (Freddy SHADFORTH/Susan GEORGE) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

13.2 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

ROB Q-18/2024 (Patsy-Anne GEORGE /Freddy SHADFORTH) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

Anna EGERTON, Project Officer Northern Territory Electoral Commission joined the meeting at 10:41 am and presented on the upcoming 2024 Election in August. Electing the NT. Local Member is Steve EDGINGTON. The Commission plan to distribute pamphlets and information regarding the election, including voting timings set for 12 August 2024. Specific voting locations within the Robinson River Community will be announced soon. Neville KHAN Community Engagement and Education Program on enrollment will provide assistance as interpreter and left the meeting at 10:51 am.

13.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2023 - 31.03.2024

ROB Q-19/2024 (Shandel DICK/Freddy SHADFORTH) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

S.1 LA PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

ROB Q-20/2024 (Freddy SHADFORTH/Timothy SIMON) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority approves the Certification of Local Authority Reports for the 2022-23 financial year.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ROB Q-21/2024 (Timothy SIMON/Freddy SHADFORTH) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Conflict of Interest Report.

14.2 INFORMATION SHEET - PERSONAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

ROB Q-22/2024 (Freddy SHADFORTH/Shandel DICK) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River Authority receives and notes the Information Sheet – Personal Use of Social Media Report.

14.3 REGIONAL PLAN 2024-2025

ROB Q-23/2024 (Freddy SHADFORTH/Timothy SIMON) **CARRIED**

That the Robinson River 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.

N.b: 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>

The proposed budget was extrapolated from the current 23-24 Regional Plan by increasing the Robinson River allocations by 3%, a copy of the plan is publicly available at [Roper Gulf Regional Plan 2023-2024.pdf \(nt.gov.au\)](#).

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:03 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Robinson River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 9 May 2024 and confirmed .

Chairperson
Confirmed on 07 August 2024.