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## **MINUTES – WBSA BOARD MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2008 - NANNUP**

**1. Present:** Wade DeCampo (Chairman), Margaret Bird, Shane Collie, Tony Goode, Barbara Dunnet, Jeremy Hubble, Louise Kingston, Brian Moore, Tim Clynch, Shirley Broadhurst, Brian O’Hare, Roger Downing, Deanna Guimelli (CSDC), Graeme Baesjou (SWDC). Mick Irving (Guest - Water Corp), Scott Moorehead (Guest Speaker - Regional Business Manager Water Corp)

**2. Apologies:** Don Punch (SWDC), Alan Lamb

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** That the minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 are accepted as a correct record.

Moved – Brian Moore                      Seconded – Barbara Dunnet                      Carried

**Business Arising From Previous Minutes:** 1. Members were asked to consider their position in response to the SW Framework document and to pass on to the EO for a consolidated response to DPI. This was undertaken and WBSA document is now being considered by DPI. 2. Material was sought from members in regard to funding matters to enable EO to develop regional information assisting discussions with relevant funds stakeholders. This item has only been partially completed and requires further work. 3. Comments from members regarding the SW Water Plan were sought for EO to prepare regional response paper. This was undertaken and Water Dept has taken on board. 4. A letter of thanks was to be sent to outgoing EO Peter Hey. This was completed.

**4. Correspondence (as circulated):** That the Correspondence in was noted and the Correspondence out was approved.

Moved - Margaret Bird                      Seconded – Brian O’Hare                      Carried

**5. Regional Water/Sewerage – Guest Speaker – Scott Moorehead (Water Corporation):** Scott outlined the status of water and sewerage for most of the towns in our region, making reference to the one page summary report as tabled. Additional comments were made including looking at a dam for Manjimup (perhaps Record Brook), increasing the height of Millstream Dam in Bridgetown, and the possibility of a site at Samuels Brook in Walpole. Examining a bore option for Manjimup and increasing the bore capacity in Bridgetown were also mentioned. It was noted that in the longer term sources may be needed at Pemberton in addition to the pipeline project linking to Northcliffe. We were

reminded that there were only two grounds to support infill sewerage programs; environmental and health, with health being the main influencing factor determining sewerage priorities. It is important for the WBSA and members to continue to actively monitor and lobby appropriate bodies to ensure services are delivered and timeframes maintained or improved.

**6. Update on Forests Management – Guest Speaker Gavin Butcher (FPC):** The guest speaker failed to attend for reasons(s) unknown.

**7. Discussion/Status of Other Key Regional Identified/Possible Issues inc:**

○ **Proposed Electoral Boundaries**

The Executive Officer outlined the Electoral Commission recommendations. Wade DeCampo advised the subsequent Augmented Commissioners Determination resulting in renaming of seats and moving of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Manjimup shires into O'Connor. The EO was asked to make contact with the relevant Federal Member (currently Wilson Tuckey).

○ **Munda Biddi Trail**

Graeme Baesjou summarised the status of their (SWDC) funding submission to the state government. A discussion of this project resulted in the EO being requested to prepare a funding submission under the WBSA banner to fund the balance of the project from the \$50 million allocated within the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects fund. The SWDC state funding submission would be used as the basis for the new WBSA submission. Motion tabled as per;

**The WBSA apply for funding for completion of the Munda Biddi Project through to Albany.**

Moved - Barbara Dunnet      Seconded – Brian O'Hare      Carried

○ **Biomass Plant**

A very lively and far ranging discussion took place concerning not only the proposed biomass plant but also the broader issue of whether it was appropriate for the WBSA to develop positions on matters that might not have been put before the relevant shire councils. In respect of the latter aspect it was generally agreed that; *the WBSA, in accordance with its existing charter, was well within its rights to formulate a position on any matter that it wished to collectively consider as a body.* Of course, individual members could always argue the case that it might be premature to be reaching a position and the particular matter would then be resolved through normal committee protocols.

Further debate concerning the biomass plant concluded in the following motion being put;

**The WBSA strongly endorses in-principle support for the establishment of a biomass plant in the region, subject to approval by relevant authorities.**

Moved - Barbara Dunnet      Seconded – Margaret Bird      Carried

Abstained - Wade DeCampo

- 8. Executive Officers Work Report:** Tony Goode summarised his work to date as per reports supplied and made mention of the recently attended CEDA seminar (brief report to be circulated to members) and the emerging Trail Based Recreation Project. At this point a discussion took place in relation to increasing the Executive Officers weekly hours resulting in the following motion;

**Weekly hours for the Executive Officer are increased to 25 hours, subject to a review by 30 June 2009.**

Moved - Wade DeCampo      Seconded - Barbara Dunnet      Carried

- 9. Finance Report:** The Executive Officer referred to the report tabled. He noted that previous projections were basically still on track and that we had sufficient funds to meet requirements through to the end of the financial year. It was pointed out that forward projections included an increased wages component based on working more hours as per previous item.

Moved - Margaret Bird      Seconded – Shirley Broadhurst      Carried

- 10. SSS Steering Committee – local council membership:** This agenda item was supported by a 2 page report from the Boyup Brook shire council and the following motion put;

**The WBSA writes to the Minister expressing its concerns and disappointment that the new SSS Steering Committee does not include any elected persons, including members of the Alliance.**

Moved - Roger Downing      Seconded – Brian Moore      Carried

- 11. General Business:** Louise Kingston made reference to a forthcoming carbon trading seminar and suggested attendance by the EO. Louise also mentioned that she was seeking funding from AusIndustry and requested a letter of support from the Alliance.

- 12. Next Meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 at Boyup Brook