

## Regional Estuaries Initiative

### PHCC Steering Committee

Minutes of meeting held on  
02 October 2018 at Peel Harvey Catchment Council.



#### In Attendance:

Jan Star (JS), Jane O'Malley (JO), Steve Fisher (SF), Rob Summers (RS), Neil Dixon (ND), Howard Mitchell (HM, left 3:30pm)

Apologies: Bob Pond (BP)

#### Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced 2:30 pm.

Note: At the suggestion of JO, the order of events as set out in the Agenda was reversed so that the items that required voting on could be presented first (HM had to leave early).

#### Mayfield update (ND)

- ND advised that there were 7 weir sites 'on the books', as well as two repairs to existing weirs, but that 1-2 more project sites were required. JO suggested contacting Shire of Pinjarra (Tom Lerner). SF offered to seek interest at the forthcoming Serpentine forum.
- A review of the Mayfield budget confirmed that \$99K remained unallocated, which was likely to be sufficient for two weirs.
- The Alan Black project site was presented (see supporting memo) with the Steering Committee endorsing it as suitable for construction. Discussion was had about the lack of progress re Water Corporation approvals. JO raised that it should be minuted that the REI Steering Committee held concerns regarding the length of time it was taking to secure approvals for the Mayfield sites.
- ND made a recommendation that AACPS/LVM, who constructed the Waraba weir, be endorsed as Preferred Supplier for the next 2 weirs. After discussion, this recommendation was amended to apply to all Mayfield Project weirs of a similar nature to the ones being considered (i.e. culverts and headwalls). This recommendation was endorsed by the Steering Committee. **ACTION: ND to record AACPS/LVM in the Preferred Suppliers Register, as per the PHCC Procurement Policy.**

#### Peel Main Drain update (ND)

- Refer to presentation
- Extensive discussion was held regarding Water Corporation not being forthcoming with the necessary approvals and the new push by DWER to have the project decommissioned by 30 June 2020 (with the site to be 'made good' as per Water Corporation's draft approval letter).
- Liability: ND/JO outlined the previous week's meeting with DWER/Water Corporation and the feeling that no WC approvals would be forthcoming until it was agreed that PHCC would take on liability for the site (indemnifying DWER & Water Corp) and that PHCC would fully remove the site at 30 June 2020.

- JO reiterated that PHCC has not received any formal notification to vary from the agreed project plan, and needed to be documenting the day to day 'bizarre' behaviours.
- JS and HM felt that the matter should be taken to the Minister but were supportive of JO's strategy of waiting for a forthcoming letter to be received and a discussion with Mike Rowe to be had, as had been agreed to in previous 'disputes'. JO understood from DWER that the letter from Malcolm Robb would be received within a week.
- The Steering Committee voiced the position that:
  - PHCC was fulfilling an existing contract as a delivery agent
  - PHCC acknowledged the issue of long-term liability with the sudden death of the SAPPR process
  - The matter of long-term liability and risk was the domain of the government – not PHCC
  - The failure of the project would in effect nullify the three-party drainage partnering agreement. (which should be avoided).
- ND presented results of a recent pumping trial at the swales (refer to attached memo). After some discussion, it was agreed that a settling pond should be incorporated into the swale design. **ACTION: ND to liaise with designers/contractors to include a settling basin.**
- *General discussion on the long history of multi-agency problems in drainage in the PH.*

Meeting closed at 4:15.

Refer to presentation 2018\_10\_03\_REI\_Steering\_Committee.pptx