

MRWS-PUBLIC MEETING 9-11-10

MITIAMO F/NBC SOCIAL CLUB ROOMS 7.30PM

Meeting Notes;

Present included: D.Allen,N.Allen,H.Anderson,F.Belli,S.Bennett,
C.Bird,B.Boyd,R.Boyd,G.Cary,B.Diss,P.Diss, C&A Farrugia,
M.Hartland,N.Hartland,B.Haw,B.Jettner, J.Leech,R.Leech,I.Martin,
B.McGuinness,P.Meighan, J.Mitchell, K.Mitchell,Ron Mitchell,Russell
Mitchell,T.Mitchell,L.Naylor,E.O'Brien, K.O'Toole,B.Phillips,W.Rankin,R.Shawcross,
G.Sims,K.Sims,G.Thomas,D.Wallace,A.Wiltshire,
C.Wiltshire,A.Withington,J.Withington,W.Woods

MRWS Chair, Neil Allen opened the meeting and called for apologies;

Appologies: J.Bickford,L.Boyd,D.Collins,J.Forbes,
B.McGillvary,L.McCahon,B.Monahan,T.Hocking
R.Hocking, G.Rankin,T.Tesca,W.Thomas,G.Trethown,
M.Tsharke,N.Sims.

Moved D.Wallace Sec H.Anderson/ Carried

Neil gave an meeting overview and what outcome we hoped to achieve, a committee of 6 to 9 people to form an incorporated body to administer the funding, deal with public authorities, guide the survey /design and construction of the pipeline, and to be responsible for setting up an appropriate structure to maintain and administer the scheme once constructed.

Brenton Jettner from ARCHARD IRRIGATION, gave a project overview of where it is up to, Stating ,that we have secured in principle funding and support for the project from N.V.I.R.P. (Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project), subject to an incorporated committee being formed.

ARCHARDS aimed to design and build a scheme to benefit the whole community!

Q/ J.Mitchell, How many Hectares will it cover?

A/Brenton, approx 80 to 100000 hectares, perhaps more with some un serviced areas.

Q/ B.McGuinness, will you be able to use both Murray and Goulburn system water?

A/Brenton, yes we can

Q/K.Mitchell, what about the quality of water from Kow swamp, how good is it?

A/Brenton, the supply will actually come from Box Creek so the quality is quite good.

Comment ,L.Naylor, the Mount Hope group will be sourcing their supply from the Macorna channel as quality is better.

Q/K.Mitchell,Will you be buying water from both schemes (Murray&Goulburn)?

A/Brenton,that will be for the committee to decide?

Q/B.McGuiness, Won't you get an allocation from both systems (Murray&Goulburn)?

A/Brenton,That will be up to the committee to decide

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Q/B.McGuiness, will you split 50/50 between Murray &Goulburn systems?

A/Brenton, Again that's up to the committee.

Q/B.McGuiness, is there enough money from the water sales to buy the required allocation?

A/Brenton,Yes.

Q/J.Mitchell, How much will N.V.I.R.P pay for the water savings?

A/Brenton, N.V.I.R.P will pay approx \$4800 a meg, they would not have offered anything like this if we had been small individual schemes with small parcels to offer. We will go back onto the open market and buy our requirements at \$1600.

Q/K.Mitchell, Will the Gov/Murray Darling Basin 30% buy up force the price of water up?

A/Brenton, Maybe, but who can say?

Q/A.Wiltshire,When will work start?

A/Brenton, 3 to 4 months to get the GM-W agreements done, then there are the agreements with each land owner etc, it will be the 2nd half of 2011 before ARCHARDS have completed the final construction plans.

Q/B.Diss, How has the meg a day needed to run the scheme been arrived at?

A/Brenton, working on a 2 dse stocking rate as a guide, each individual and area will be consulted and assessed to determine the customer and area need. The guide is 15 litres per Ha dry land use,7000 litres per house hold, 3 days storage, minimum!

Q/K.Mitchell, How many houses are in the area?

A/N.Allen ,approx 50 not including Mitiamo township.

Q/I.Rankin,What about Coliban Water and Mitiamo town supply?

A/N.Allen, Coliban have said that they want to do their own scheme, however they have not been officially spoken to by us and so need to be A.S.A.P. in conjunction with GM-W.

Q/J.Mitchell, If a dam fill scheme was to pull out now would it kill the Project?

A/Brenton, it would depend on the size of the scheme involved.

Q/B.McGuiness, Will the committee have to negotiate with individual schemes?

le: compensation for Terrick East?

A/Brenton, any compensation for them would have to be calculated on a per H.A. basis on how much it would cost to supply them and it may not be viable to run an open channel dam filling scheme, such decisions will be up to the committee.

Comment/ N.Allen, ARCHARDS will need to come up with a more precise figure for the project cost and the on going cost of water delivery!

Comment/J.Mitchell, the new committee needs to be made up of representatives from all the schemes to fully represent the community's views!

Comment/Brenton, there may be enough overlap of areas with representatives to achieve this.

Comment/N.Allen, GM-W still have to give their approval before we can move on!

ELECTION OF THE NEW COMMITTEE

Neil Allen then asked Brenton Jettner to take the chair for the election of a new committee. Brenton declared all position vacant and called for nominations;

NEIL ALLEN, M/J.Withington,S/D.Wallace.
WALLY RANKIN,M/R.Shawcross,S/B.McGuinness.
GEOFF THOMAS,M/D.Allen,S/B.Boyd.
KEITH O'TOOLE,M/D.Wallace,S/J.Leech
RON MITCHELL, (Declined)
JIM MITCHELL, M/T.Mitchell,S/Ron Mitchell.
JONATHON LEECH (Declined)
ALLAN WILTSHIRE, M/Neil Allen,S/R,Leech
KEN SIMS, (Declined)
NEVILLE SIMS,M/G.Sims,S/K.Sims
KELVIN MITCHELL,M/J.Leech,S/D.Allen
NOEL HARTLAND, (Declined)
MONICA HARTLAND,(Declined)
LLOYD NAYLOR,M/R.Shawcross,S/F.Belli

A formal election of all willing nominees then took place by show of hands and thus the committee was duly elected.

Motion: That the committee shall be nine persons with the power to co-opt as required.
Moved N.Allen/Sec B.Haw, motion carried.

Brenton then called for the election of a chair but it was decided that this would be the first duty of the new committee.

Open Questions;

Q/ B.McGuiness, metering ,will the group or ARCHARDS be supplying meters?

A/Brenton, the meters will be the best available product, and the committee will decide on the final product.

Q/K.Mitchell, will GM-Water be charging for individual meters?

A/Brenton, No, only from their metering points for the scheme.

Q/B.McGuiness, What will be the cost for un serviced areas?

A/Brenton, Ball park , \$5000 to \$15000, very uncertain at this time. (steering committee draft design criteria suggested around \$35 a h.a or approx \$11.500 per ML.)

Q/G.Sims, How many people are in favor of the scheme?

A/Brenton, All schemes have given in principle support

Q/?, Coliban water, are they happy to relinquish control of water supply to Mitiamo township?

A/N.Allen, The committee will have to engage Coliban in talks.

Q/ ? ,Drought and water surety of supply?

A/N.Allen,GM-Water is working on new and secure water for syndicates, we would as a pipeline have qualification of rights/ guaranteed supply.

Comment;Brenton, Full and un subsidized cost recovery by GM-Water in the areas of maintenance / cost of water delivery will rise dramatically as a flow on effect of the drought, and rationalization ,for some schemes this will prove to onerous!
Schemes need to rationalize now for the future!

Meeting closed at 9.50pm