



Northern Country Zone

MINUTES

22 JUNE 2020

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1. OPENING, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates are requested to provide written notice on amendments to recommendations within the State Council agenda ASAP to the Zone Chair and Secretariat, to allow Zone Members time to vote on the alternative recommendation.

The meeting was declared open at 10:08 by the Chair, Cr Karen Chappel, who welcomed guests and noted apologies.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

NB: One Voting Delegate from each Member Council

Shire of Carnamah

Cr Dwayne Woollorton - Deputy President
Mr Vincent Fordham Lamont - Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)

Shire of Chapman Valley

Cr Anthony Farrell - President
Mr Simon Lancaster – Deputy Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)

Shire of Coorow

Cr Moira Girando - President
John Merrick - Acting Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)

City of Greater Geraldton

Cr Tahleah Thomas - Deputy President
Mr Ross McKim, Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)

Shire of Irwin

Cr Ian West
Mr Shane Ivers - Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)

Shire of Mingenew Cr Gary Cosgrove, President
Mr Nils Hay - Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)

Shire of Morawa Cr Karen Chappel - President

Shire of Three Springs Cr Chris Connaughton – Deputy President
Mr Keith Woodward - Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)

Shire of Perenjori Mr Mario Romeo – Chief Executive officer (non-voting)

EXECUTIVE Dianne Daniels – NCZ of WALGA Executive Officer
Nick Sloan – WALGA CEO
Ashley Robb – WALGA Project Officer, Planning

GUESTS

Member for Moore Mr Shane Love MLA

Mid West Development Commission Mr Gavin Treasure - Chief Executive Officer

Regional Development Midwest Gascoyne Mr Mark Holdsworth – Director of Regional Development/Executive Officer

Dept of Local Government Sport & Cultural Ind Mr Simon Barras – Mid West Regional Officer

Main Roads WA Mr Bernie Miller – Regional Manager Mid West-Gascoyne

DFES Mr Ian Comben – Area Officer

Dept of Communities Mr Jamie Strickland – Regional Director Midwest and Chair Mid West Gascoyne Leadership Group

APOLOGIES

Member for Agricultural Region Hon. Martin Aldridge MLC

Member for Agricultural Region Hon. Laurie Graham MLC

Member for Agricultural Region Hon. Darren West MLC

Dept of Local Government Sport & Cultural Ind Mr Richard Malacari

Regional Development Mid West Gascoyne Ms Yvonne Messina

Shire of Carnamah Cr Merle Isbister

Shire of Chapman Valley Cr Kirralee Warr – Deputy President
Mr Maurice Battilana – Chief Executive Officer

City of Greater Geraldton	Mayor Shane Van Styn
Shire of Irwin	Cr Mike Smith – President
Shire of Morawa	Mr Rob Paull – Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Northampton	Cr Craig Simkin – President Cr Shane Krakouer – Deputy President Mr Garry Keeffe – Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Perenjori	Commissioner Paul Omodei
Shire of Three Springs	Cr Chris Lane

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Ian Comben Area Officer

Mr Comben gave a presentation on the proposal to form a Midwest UCL/UMR Fire Working Group that will meet once a year to discuss Crown Land Bush Fire and Mitigation issues that any of the Shires may have, and to capture historical mitigation practices carried out by Local Governments.

The focus of the Working Group will be to assess the current state of mitigation treatments on unallocated or unmanaged Crown Land and to develop a proposed program of works to upgrade, re-establish and implement treatments within the area defined by the City/Shires of the Northern Country Zone and including Dandaragan and Victoria Plains.

The inaugural meeting of the Working Group will be held in August 2020 – exact date and time to be advised.

Terms of Reference for the Working Group was distributed to members and is attached to the Minutes.

3.2 Department of Communities

Jamie Strickland Regional Director Mid West - Service Delivery Regional and Remote
Communities
Chair Mid West Gascoyne District Leadership Group

Mr Strickland gave a presentation on the District Leadership Group - a group of Regional Managers and Directors from the human services sector, representing state and federal government agencies, not for profit, aboriginal corporations and local government representation with the purpose of identifying and enacting projects where shared resources and commitment can make a difference, especially to disadvantaged people in the region. The region stretches from Exmouth out to Wiluna and down to Jurien Bay.

The Group meets quarterly, with two meetings in Geraldton and two meetings in the broader region.

Five sub-committees have been formed which focus on: Children and Families; Safer Communities; Governance, Leadership & Economic Development; Education; and Health and Mental Health. The sub-committees meet monthly and are task driven.

In the past, the North Midlands area has been neglected by the District Leadership Group (previously called Regional Managers Groups) and there is now a drive to connect with Local Government in this area.

A Communique was distributed to members during the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors must declare to the Chairperson any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it.

Nil

5. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil

6. MINUTES

Attachments: Minutes of the Flying Minute Meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA dated 28 April 2020

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Flying Minute Meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA dated 28 April 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Thomas

That the Minutes of the Flying Minute Meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA dated 28 April 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

7. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

The following items have been taken directly from the WALGA State Council Agenda for 1 July 2020.

The Matters for Decision in the State Council agenda is numbered 5.1.

The Recommendation and Brief only have been included. Please refer to the attached PDF version of the State Council Agenda for more detail.

Attachment: State Council Agenda 1 July 2020

7.1 (5.1) WA Public Libraries Agreement (05-012-03-0001 KD)

By Kirstie Davis, Policy Manager Community

Recommendation:

That the draft State and Local Government Agreement for Public Libraries be endorsed.

Executive Summary:

- The first Western Australian Public Libraries Strategy Consultation Report was endorsed by WALGA State Council in July 2018.
- WALGA State Council endorsed the new Public Library Tiered Service Model in May 2019.
- At its September 2019 meeting, State Council endorsed the transfer of ownership of stock from State to Tier 1 Local Governments and that the provision of Public Library services in Western Australia be delivered through a formal agreement between State and Local Government of Western Australia and governed by the *Library Board Act 1951*.
- The State Library of Western Australia, the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries, Public Libraries Western Australia and WALGA have consulted on a draft Library Agreement which is attached for WALGA State Council consideration.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Cosgrove

Seconded: Cr Wooltorton

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA endorses the WALGA Officers' recommendation for State Council Agenda Item 5.1.

Carried

8. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

The following items have been taken directly from the WALGA State Council Agenda for 1 July 2020.

The Matters for Noting/Information in the State Council agenda are numbered 6.1 to 6.3.

The Recommendation and Brief only have been included. Please refer to the attached PDF version of the State Council Agenda for more detail.

Attachment: State Council Agenda 1 July 2020

8.1 (6.1) Draft Aviation Strategy 2020 (05-003-02-0005 SD)

By Sebastian Davies-Slate, Policy Officer, Transport and Roads

Recommendation:

That the submission to the Department of Transport in response to the Draft State Aviation Strategy 2020 be noted.

Executive Summary:

- The State Government invited comment on a draft State Aviation Strategy 2020, and WALGA has prepared a submission.
- Western Australian aviation policy recognises that air services are critical to regional communities, industry and regional economic development.
- Most regional airports are operated by Local Governments, making the sector a key stakeholder in provision of aviation services.
- The Infrastructure Policy Team discussed the WALGA submission on 20 April and recommended that it be considered by State Council using Flying Agenda, State Council endorsed the Submission by Flying Minute. WALGA submitted the endorsed comments to the Department of Transport.

8.2 (6.2) Regional Aviation Policy Issues Paper (05-003-02-0004 SD)

By Sebastian Davies-Slate, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

Recommendation:

That the submission to the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, in response to the Draft Regional Aviation Policy Issues Paper be noted.

Executive Summary:

- The Australian Government invited input from stakeholders regarding the existing policy framework for regional aviation, using an issues paper to guide consultation.
- Federal, State and Local Governments are involved in aviation policy and programs. Most regional airports are operated by Local Governments, making the sector a key stakeholder in provision of aviation services.
- Important areas of Federal Government policy that impact directly on the cost and viability of regional air services in Western Australia include:
- Requirements for and costs of security screening for passengers and freight;
- Essential public service funding support for regional airports that do not have sufficient passenger numbers to be economically sustainable; and
- Measures to encourage and facilitate competition between airlines on routes within regional Western Australia.
- The Infrastructure Policy Team discussed the WALGA submission on 20 April and recommended that it be considered by State Council using Flying Agenda. Following State Council endorsement by Flying Minute, WALGA submitted the endorsed comments to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

8.3 (6.3) Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

By Rebecca Brown, (Manager, Waste & Recycling)

Recommendation:

That the resolution of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 29 April 2020 meeting be noted.

Executive Summary:

- This item summaries the outcomes of the MWAC meeting held on 29 April 2020.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Girando

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes State Council Agenda Items 6.1 to 6.3.

Carried

9. REPORTS

9.1 Zone President/State Councillors' June 2020 Report

Northern Country Zone of WALGA
Presidents Report June 2020

Covid 19 has put Local Government front and centre in so many ways in our communities. Each of us has our own story, what has been challenging and what the positives have been.

This afternoon I attended a Ministerial Round Table hosted by Minister Templeman to discuss what worked, and what the challenges have been, the opportunities and the quick wins that could benefit our Local Governments.

WALGA has prepared papers that show that Local Government is ready to get on with many shovel ready projects, the Government is keen to see this and to understand how they can invest in everyone's future.

We all welcomed the extra funding announcement from the Federal Govt to assist Local Government. Along with the forward payment of a portion of FAGS we should all be able to weather any cashflow issues we face from late payment of rates. I have an ALGA Board meeting on Thursday and will bring any further updates to our meeting on the 22nd.

Rates and the different approach to freezing of rates and the impact of the Valuer Generals revaluations has and will cause some confusion within the community. WALGA is preparing media for Local Governments to use to allay ratepayers concerns. There has been much discussion around this matter and the associated impacts.

If you saw the Webinar with Minister Saffioti last week you would be aware that the RRG funding has not been confirmed as yet. WALGA has written to the Treasurer to ask for firm commitment from the State for this funding. It is critical.

I have received a copy of the letter and submission that our Federal member Melissa Price has sent to the Deputy Prime Minister for the Agricultural Strategic Freight Route funding that we had endorsed. Hopefully we receive some positive feedback on this one soon.

I am currently in Perth, Lindsay is getting a new knee on Thursday. All those years of footy have come to haunt him.

Happy to chat at any time.
Karen Chappel

Chair Chappel added to the above report that she had attended Minister McTiernan's roundtable discussion recently and was invited to present to the roundtable some of the 'shovel-ready' projects for the Mid West.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Farrell

Seconded: Cr Thomas

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the June 2020 Report from the Chair/State Councillor

Carried

9.2 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA President's July 2020 Report was circulated to members on Friday 19 June 2020 and presented to the meeting by WALGA CEO, Nick Sloan.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Connaughton

Seconded: Cr Farrell

The Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the WALGA President's July 2020 Report.

Carried

9.3 Zone Status Report

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was circulated to members on Friday 19 June 2020.

The Chair noted that people who live in an eligible Drought Community can apply for immediate financial support of \$3,000 through St Vincent De Paul or the Salvation Army.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Girando

Seconded: Cr Farell

The Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the June 2020 Status Report outlining actions taken on the Zone's resolutions.

Carried

9.4 Midwest Suicide Prevention Steering Group Report

The Northern Country Zone's Standing Invitee to the Midwest Suicide Prevention Steering Group is Merle Isbister.

Nil to report.

9.5 CA07 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition Working Group

The Northern Country Zone's Standing Representative on the CA07 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition Working Group is Gary Cosgrove.

Nil to report

9.6 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Update

9.6.1 The DLGSC Update was circulated to members on Friday 19 June 2020.

Mr Simon Barras noted that the next round of CSRFF Funding is now open.

9.6.2 Call for members to provide feedback to the Department regarding topics or presentations that would be of interest to them.

Nil

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Thomas

Seconded: Cr Cosgrove

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the Update from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Carried

10. ZONE MATTERS FOR NOTING/DECISION

10.1 Correspondence Out

10.1.1 Hon. Melissa Price MP - Mid West Secondary Grain Freights Routes Priority Roads Funding Application

Attachment: Email dated 12 May 2020 including Letter to Minister Price; Briefing Note; RARF Priority Costings

At Item 5.2.2 of the 28 April 2020 meeting, members were updated on the status of the Midwest Secondary Grain Freights Routes Priority Roads Funding Project.

Further to that update, on 12 May 2020 a letter from the NCZ Chair, along with a Briefing Note developed by the Midwest Secondary Grain Freight Routes Priority Roads Funding Project Working Group and the RARF Priority Costings endorsed by all affected Councils at their March meetings, was forwarded to Hon. Melissa Price MP for her action.

Minister Price has forwarded the preliminary funding application to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Hon Michael McCormack MP, for his consideration. We await his response.

10.2 Correspondence In

10.2.1 Mr Robert Dew – Movement of Oversize Agricultural Machinery

Attachment: Email dated 20 April 2020

Local Government Agricultural Freight Group calling for the Zone's feedback on the requirement to engage a licensed heavy vehicle pilot for movements of oversize agricultural machinery on regional distributor and state roads outside the metropolitan area. (refer Item 10.7)

10.2.2 Chair Karen Chappel – Update

Attachment: Email dated 12 May 2020 (members cc'd)

Update on ALGA Forum

10.2.3 Ms Margaret Degebrodt – Minutes State Council Meeting 6 May 2020

Attachment: Email dated 14 May 2020; forwarded to members 15 May 2020.

Minutes State Council Meeting 6 May 2020

10.2.4 Mr Rob Dickie – Media Release re Bridges Renewal and Heavy Vehicle Safety Funding

Attachment: Email dated 14 May 2020; forwarded to members 15 May 2020.

Forwarded a media release from the Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport - funding available under Round 5 of the Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) and Round 7 of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP).

CBH noted its willingness to write letters of support for any application made under these schemes where it would benefit grower members and the wider grains industry.

10.2.5 Ms Margaret Degebrodt – Minutes State Council Special Meeting 25 May 2020

Attachment: Email dated 27 May 2020; Forwarded to Members 28 May 2020.

Minutes State Council Special Meeting 25 May 2020

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Connaughton

Seconded: Cr West

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes Correspondence Out at 10.1.1 and receives Correspondence In at Items 10.2.1 through to 10.2.5.

Carried

10.3 Review of Constitution and Standing Orders

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer

Attachments: Constitution and Standing Orders

Recommendation:

That the revisions to the Constitution and Standing Orders, as agreed at the 24 February 2020 meeting, be adopted.

Comment:

At Item 10.4 of the 24 February 2020 meeting, members endorsed 'That the revisions to the Constitution and Standing Orders, as presented, be adopted at the June meeting'. This decision was made to ensure that members had the required 30 days' notice of any proposal to alter, add or repeal the Constitution as per Item 27 (b) of the Constitution.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Thomas

Seconded: Cr Cosgrove

That the revisions to the Constitution and Standing Orders, as agreed at the 24 February 2020 meeting, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

10.4 Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31 May 2020

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer

Attachments: Bank Statements April and May 2020

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA receives the Detailed Income Statement and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31 May 2020

Comments:

The Detailed Income Statement shown below represents the cash position of NCZ at 31 May, as reconciled to the Bank Statement.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

For the period ending

31-May-20

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Ref</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Description</i>
Statement Balance B/F	01-07-19		37,968.63	
Deposits				
Bank Interest Received			2.29	
	19-03-20		1,320.00	Geraldton Yacht Club/Gybes - refund venue and staff hire due to COVID-19 postponement of Health Forum
TOTAL RECEIPTS			1,322.29	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE			39,290.92	
Payments Made	03-07-19		-2,805.66	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192001 - EO services 01/05/2019 - 30/06/2019; Travel expenses
	12-08-19		-275.00	Internet tsf - North Midlands Accounting - Inv 2020-00041 - 2018-19 Audit
	29-08-19		-203.46	Internet BPay - Shire of Mingenew - Inv 8802 - Reimburse catering for meeting 26/08/2019
	29-08-19		-396.00	Internet BPay - Shire of Mingenew - Inv 8803 - Reimburse catering for meeting 26/06/2019
	29-08-19		-2,822.04	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192002 - EO services 01/07/2019 - 26/08/2019; Travel expenses
	16-10-19		-2.19	Internet tsf - Norris & Hyde IT - Inv 25237 - Align Email payment with 1st of month billing cycle
	03-12-19		-2,927.50	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192003 - EO services 29/08/2019 - 30/11/2019; Travel & reimbursements
	31-12-19		-750.00	Internet tsf - Gybes - Health Forum venue hire deposit and bond
	20-01-20		-396.00	Internet BPay - Shire of Mingenew - Inv 8939 - Reimburse catering for meeting 29/11/2019
	20-01-20		-30.00	Internet tsf - Norris & Hyde It - Inv 33914 - Reset password on email
	28-02-20		-2,805.66	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192004 - EO services 1/12/2019 - 25/02/2020; Travel expenses
	10-03-20		-570.00	Internet tsf - Geraldton Yacht Club - Inv 10314 - Balance of venue hire & staff hire
	17-03-20		-1,050.00	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192005 - Additional activities organising Health Forum
	03-04-20		-454.55	Internet Bpay - Shire of Mingenew - Inv 9014 Reimburse catering for meeting 24/02/2020
	05-05-20		-2,600.00	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192006 - EO Services 26/02/2020 - 30/04/2020
	07-05-20		-72.60	Internet tsf - Norris & Hyde IT - Inv 36203 - annual fee to host Domain Name eo@northerncountryzone.com.au
TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE			-18,160.66	
Closing Cash Balance	31-05-20		21,130.26	

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA

BANK RECONCILIATION SUMMARY

For the period ending

31-May-20

Statement Balance B/F	01-07-19	37,968.63	
Deposits and Credits		1,322.29	
Cheques and Payments		-18,160.66	
Total Cleared Transactions	31-05-20	21,130.26	
Add back o/s		0.00	
Reconciled Balance		21,130.26	
Bank Statement	31-05-20	21,130.26	
Difference I&E to Bank Statement		0.00	

Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Farrell

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA receives the Detailed Income Statement and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31 May 2020.

Carried

10.5 Northern Country Zone Budget 2020-2021

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA adopts the Budget 2020-2021, as presented, including membership fees of \$1,000 per member.

Comments:

Item 13 of the Constitution calls for a Budget to be prepared annually and presented to the Zone for approval no later than 30 June prior to the financial year to which it relates.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA			
BUDGET			
<i>For the period</i>			
1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021			
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Ref</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Cash Balance B/F	1 July 2020		21,130.00
Deposits			
Membership Fees	10 x \$1,000		10,000.00
Bank Interest Received			2.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS			10,002.50
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE			31,132.50
Payments			
Audit			-275.00
Executive Officer Services			-13,000.00
Executive Officer Travel	4 meetings x \$206		-824.00
Office Supplies			-300.00
IT Support	Biennial Fee Domain Name		-100.00
	Annual Fee Mail Box		-90.00
Catering for Meetings	4 x \$450		-1,800.00
Health Forum	Venue Hire		-650.00
	Staff		-170.00
	Bond		-500.00
	Assume Bond Refund		500.00
	Catering 65 attendees x \$40		-2,600.00
	EO additional activities (24hrs x \$50)		-1,200.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS			-21,009.00
Closing Cash Balance	30 June 2021		10,123.50

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Cosgrove

Seconded: Cr West

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA adopts the 2020-2021 Budget, as presented, including membership fees of \$1,000 per member.

Carried Unanimously

10.6 Executive Officer Service Contract Renewal

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer
Attachment: Executive Officer Draft Contract

Recommendation:

That the Executive Officer Service Contract between Dianne Daniels and the Northern Country Zone of WALGA be renewed, without changes to the terms, conditions and remuneration, for a two year period from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2022 and that the Contract be executed by the Chair of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA on behalf of the Zone.

Comment:

The current Contract for Service Provision between the Executive Officer, Dianne Daniels and the Northern Country Zone of WALGA calls for a decision on renewal to be made not later than 3 months prior to the expiry of the Term, which is 30 September 2020.

The Executive Officer is satisfied with the terms and conditions of the Contract and in light of the current economic climate, does not request an increase in remuneration.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Wooltorton

That the Executive Officer Service Contract between Dianne Daniels and the Northern Country Zone of WALGA be renewed, without changes to the terms, conditions and remuneration, for a two year period from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2022 and that the Contract be executed by the Chair of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA on behalf of the Zone.

Carried Unanimously

10.7 Movement of Oversize Agricultural Machinery

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer
Attachment: Agricultural Pilot Requirements Flow Chart

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA supports the Great Southern Country Zone of WALGAs request for a review of the distance limit on regional distributor roads before a licensed heavy vehicle pilot is required for the movement of oversize agricultural machinery, with the following amendment: that the movement distance for movement of oversize agricultural machinery be expanded so that no licensed pilot is required from point of entry on the road to the nearest local government 'through road' or for a distance of 5 (?) km, whichever is the greatest.

Comment:

At its 3 April 2020 meeting, the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group noted concerns around the current requirement to have a licensed heavy vehicle pilot for the movement of oversize agricultural machinery on regional distributor and State roads outside the metropolitan area where the travel is more than 1km between 'green zones' (refer attached flow chart).

The Group also noted the resolution of the Great Southern Country Zone of WALGA, at its 25 November 2019 meeting requesting the review of the distance limit on regional distributor roads before a licensed heavy vehicle pilot is required, to be expanded to the nearest local government 'through road'.

So that the Group may properly judge how widespread concerns are with this issue and to consider possible solutions for feedback to the WA Local Government Association, comment is requested from the Northern Country Zone.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:**Moved:** Cr Cosgrove**Seconded:** Cr West

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA supports the Great Southern Country Zone of WALGAs request for a review of the distance limit on regional distributor roads before a licensed heavy vehicle pilot is required for the movement of oversize agricultural machinery, with the following amendment: that the movement distance for movement of oversize agricultural machinery be expanded so that no licensed pilot is required from point of entry on the road to the nearest local government 'through road' or for a distance of 5 km, whichever is the greatest.

Carried

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

As per Item 35 of the Zone Standing Orders, a Delegate may under General Business introduce a motion relating to any item of interest to Local Government, but not otherwise.

11.1 Regional Issues**Background:**

As per the resolution at Item 9.1 of the February 2018 minutes, Regional Issues are open for discussion.

Nil

11.2 Regional Tourism Initiatives**Background:**

As per the resolution at Item 10.1 of the April 2019 minutes, Regional Tourism Initiatives are open for discussion.

Nil

11.3 Other General Business**11.3.1 For Consideration as an Addition to WALGA State Council Item 8.1(6.1) Draft Aviation Strategy 2020 – Shire of Morawa**

Prepared by: Shire of Morawa

Attachment: Refer Item 6.1 State Council 1 July 2020 Agenda (NCZ Agenda Item 7&8 Attachment)

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA **supports/does not support** the 18 June 2020 decision of Morawa Council in regard to the Draft Aviation Strategy 2020.

It is noted that the decision will not be known until after the Morawa Council Meeting on Thursday 18 June 2020 and will be circulated to members prior to the NCZ meeting.

Comment:

In relation to Item 6.1 Draft Aviation Strategy 2020 of the 1 July 2020 State Council Agenda meeting, Mr Paul Robb, Morawa CEO, is recommending to Council on 18 June the following:

“That with respect to Draft Aviation Strategy 2020, Council:

1. Supports the submission to be lodged by WALGA as provided in Attachment 1; and
2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to lodge a submission on behalf of the Shire reflecting 1. above but adding a recommendation that the Government review the Mining Act 1978 to require local government scrutiny when considering new air strips to service a particular mining project; and
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide the response to the Northern Country Zone.”

Chair Chappel elaborated on this item, explaining that if a Mining Company was given permission to build an airstrip close to a town that already had an airstrip, then there was a loss of economic benefit to that town, not just through loss of fees to Local Government, but loss of commerce to local business.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Cosgrove

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA supports the 18 June 2020 decision of Morawa Council in regard to the Draft Aviation Strategy 2020.

Carried

The Chair asked the meeting if they would consider Late Items.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Connaughton

Seconded: Cr Girando

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA considers the Late Items.

Carried

11.3.2 Late Item – Amendment to Section 11. Executive Officer, of the Constitution

The below Item has been brought to the June 22 2020 meeting for noting to ensure that members have the not less than thirty (30) days’ notice of the proposed changes, as per Item 27(b) of the Constitution and will be considered at the August 24 2020 meeting.

Amendment to Section 11. Executive Officer, of the Constitution

Prepared by: Shire of Irwin

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA amends clause 11(1) of Section 11. Executive Officer, of the Constitution as shown in red below:

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- (1) The Zone may appoint/**re-appoint** an Executive Officer at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions and with such powers, authorities, discretions and duties as it thinks fit and may terminate the appointment of the Executive Officer:

(c) Appointment of Executive Officer

- i. **Advertise in a public newspaper circulating within the Zone – i.e. Geraldton Guardian and/or the Midwest Times;**

- ii. Advertise in Zone members local newspapers;
- iii. The Zone President and Deputy President to short list and interview suitably qualified applicants; and
- iv. Chosen applicant to be endorsed by the Zone.

(b) Re-appointment of Executive Officer

The Zone and the Executive Officer shall initiate discussions not later than 6 months prior to the expiry of the term of the Contract for the parties to enter into a new Contract, or not, making a decision to finalise those discussions not later than 3 months prior to the expiry of the term of the Contract.

© Termination of Executive Officer

i. Effluxion of Time

The Contract between the Zone and the Executive Officer shall, unless a new Contract is negotiated, terminate on the expiry date specified in the Contract.

ii. Termination by Either Party

Either the Zone or the Executive Officer may terminate the Contract by giving three months written notice to the other party. The Zone may approve a payment to the Executive Officer of up to the value of one year's remuneration if the contract has one year or more to run, or, if the contract has less than one year to run, a payment not exceeding the value of the service contract the Executive Officer would have received if the contract had been completed.

Comments:

The constitution deals with the membership of the Zone including the election of office bearers but is silent on the method of appointment, re-appointment and termination of the Executive Officer.

This needs to be included as it:

- Provides guidance to members on these matters
- Demonstrates good governance
- Makes the process open and accountable
- Increases the opportunity to attract the most suitable applicant

NOTED

The Chair then invited Guests to speak to members if they so wished.

Mr Shane Love MLA

Mr Love noted the debate around the amendments to the Planning and Development Act 2005, the upcoming Puppy Farming Legislation and also the issue of damage caused by Corellas – a concerted action is needed to manage the Corella situation. Chair Chappel thanked Mr Love for his advocacy on these issues.

Mr Bernie Miller

Mr Miller noted the recently announced \$223 million infrastructure package, funded by an 80-20 split between the Commonwealth and WA governments. \$100 million will be invested in the State's roads over the next year, with \$18.4 million of that coming to this region - \$8 million to widen Great Northern Highway north of Meekatharra; \$2 million to widen two separate sections of Indian Ocean Drive; and the balance to widen 31 km south of Badgingarra.

Mr Mark Holdsworth

Mr Holdsworth noted that the Building Better Regions Fund (Round 4) is closed. It aimed to support infrastructure projects in drought affected areas. \$16.4 million went to Local Governments within WA and four

LG's in the Mid West Gascoyne received just over 40% of the funding. Mr Holdsworth noted that the Shire of Mingenew received funding to restore the railway station.

Mr Gavin Treasure

Mr Treasure noted that applications for Regional Economic Development funding closes on 7 July. \$700,000 is available for this round, but it's very competitive and there has been a lot of interest.

The Kalbarri Skywalk opened a couple of weeks ago and the Mid West Coastal Nodes project is also complete, with new facilities and refreshed sites and access tracks at Sandy Cape, Milligan Island, Cliff Head and Lucky Bay.

The Mid West Development Commission are reviewing the document for the Mid West Secondary Grain Freight Routes funding application, with Anne Finlay in the lead.

Chair Chappel thanked Mr Treasure for the information and communication offered to the sector over the COVID-19 period.

11.3.3 Late Item - Work Health & Safety Bill 2019

Prepared by: City of Greater Geraldton

The City of Greater prepared a submission on the Work Health & Safety Bill 2019 to be lodged with the Legislation Committee due to concerns that the amendments to the Industrial Manslaughter provisions were not included in the original WHS consultation process. The City's submission was emailed to Northern Country Zone members on Sunday 21 June for discussion at the Monday 22 June meeting and is attached to the Minutes.

CEO, Ross McKim, summarised the City's position on the Industrial Manslaughter provisions and voiced its concerns that there was lack of consultation regarding the provisions. It is supportive of harmonising WA legislation with other jurisdictions but notes that in the proposed legislation, there is no onus on the employee, which is not the case in other jurisdictions. In the proposed legislation, there is a top down process, where each level of management has to demonstrate they have managed safety in the workplace according to their legislated responsibilities, but can still be charged even if they have not been reckless or negligent.

This doesn't impact only on Local Government, but on all industries.

Submissions close on June 25 2020 and so not enough time has been given for full and thorough consideration and consultation.

Zone members endorsed the following resolution:

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Thomas

Seconded: Cr Girando

The Northern Country Zone of WALGA requests WALGA:

- a) to advocate on legislation regarding the Work Health & Safety Bill 2019, as per the City of Greater Geraldton submission; and
- b) to advocate for an extension on the submission period.

Carried

The Chair opened the meeting to a discussion on Corella control.

Mr Ross McKim noted that the City of Greater Geraldton has been doing research on where they go and why they come. They have a Corella Management Committee and an \$8 per bird bounty. He is happy to work with other CEOs on this issue.

Cr Girando noted that 1500 were shot in the Shire of Coorow to date this year and CBH have been approached to be a good neighbour and keep their sites clean of spilled grain. The proposition to put a bounty on Corellas was taken to Council, but they were not keen on the idea as there was concern that people outside the Shire would be claiming the bounty for birds shot outside the Shire, which highlights the need for cooperative action.

Mrs Nils Hay suggested that the Biosecurity groups could put some of their funding towards Corella control, rather than concentrating on dogs and pigs.

Cr Cosgrove noted that a local shooter in Mingenew has a licence to shoot up to 30 at a time and over a period of about two years has almost eradicated them from Mingenew townsite. Corella scouts come in occasionally, but they too are shot.

Mr Mario Romeo noted that it is a contentious issue and in Perenjori, despite notifying the Police and residents well in advance of the time organised for shooting, there are still complaints.

The Executive Officer was tasked with the following actions:

ACTION ITEM 1 Write to the various Biosecurity Groups within the NCZ region, on behalf of the Zone, and ask them to direct some of their funds towards Corella control.

ACTION ITEM 2 Research funding available for pest (specifically Corella) control.

Other items of General Business were brought to the table:

Cr Thomas congratulated Chair Chappel on being elected Deputy President of WALGA;

Chair Chappel:

- thanked the Executive Officer, Dianne Daniels, for all the work done organising the Health Forum and then the work done to postpone it due to COVID-19 restrictions;
- thanked the CEO of WALGA, Nick Sloan, for his hard work and dedication since COVID-19 restrictions came into place;
- noted that she is Deputy Chair of Rural West and there is funding available for small business; and
- brought members attention to the fact that the WALGA AGM and Cocktail Party is being held on September 25 2020.

Cr Girando noted, for members information, that Acting CEO, John Merrick has been appointed at the Shire of Coorow for a further 12 month period.

12. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Recommendation:

That the next ordinary meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA be held on Monday 24 August 2020, commencing at 10 am, at Mingenew Sports Pavilion.

This item was not brought to the table.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting declared closed at 11:50am