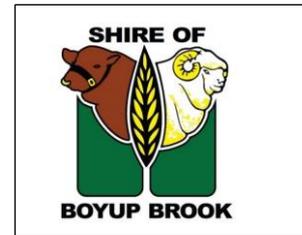


Date: 9 April 2024

To: Shire President  
Deputy Shire President  
Councillors



## NOTICE AND AGENDA – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Boyup Brook will be held in the Council Chambers on 11 April 2024 at 6:00pm to consider an item regarding the current water shortages in Boyup Brook.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Long", is positioned above the printed name of the Chief Executive Officer.

Leonard Long  
Chief Executive Officer

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at ..... pm.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and work.

Council Meetings are public meetings.

The Council Chambers are not a parliament and Parliamentary Privilege does not apply.

Elected Members and staff risk being held personally liable if their comments are defamatory, or breach any duty of confidentiality.

Statements made during Council meetings are solely those of the person making them. Nothing expressed at a Council Meeting can be attributed to the Shire, unless it is adopted by a resolution of Council.

The Confirmed Minutes of a Council Meeting are the official record of that Council meeting. Verbatim Minutes are not required.

May I ask everyone here today, to make sure your mobiles are turned off or on silent for the duration of the Meeting.

This meeting will be audio recorded for minute taking purposes.

### **2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

#### **2.1 ATTENDANCE**

##### **Councillors**

Shire President

Deputy Shire President

Councillors

Cr Richard Walker

Cr Helen O'Connell

Cr Charles Caldwell

Cr Philippe Kaltenrieder

Cr Darren King

Cr David Inglis

Cr Sarah Alexander

##### **Council Officers**

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Officer

Leonard Long

Magdalena Le Grange

##### **Observers / Public Members**

#### **2.2 APOLOGIES**

Councillors

Cr Michael Wright

### **3. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME**

- a. Public Question Time provides the public with an opportunity to put questions to the Council. Questions should only relate to the business of the Council and should not be a statement or personal opinion.
- b. During the Council meeting, after Public Question Time no member of the public may interrupt the meetings' proceedings or enter into conversation.
- c. Whenever possible questions should be submitted in writing at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
- d. All questions should be directed to the Presiding Member and only questions relating to matters affecting Council may be answered at an Ordinary Council Meeting and at a Special Council Meeting only questions that relate to the purpose of the meeting may be answered. Questions may be taken on notice and responded to after the meeting at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
- e. The Presiding Member will control Question Time and ensure each person wishing to ask a question states their name and address before asking the question. If the question relates to an item on the agenda the item number should also be stated. In general persons seeking to ask questions will be given two (2) minutes within which to address their question to Council. The Presiding Member may shorten or lengthen this time at their discretion.

##### **4.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **5.1 FINANCIAL AND / OR PROXIMITY INTEREST**

#### **5.2 DISCLOSURES OF IMPARTIALITY INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE CONFLICT**

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**6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**6.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

<b>6.1.1 WATER SHORTAGES IN BOYUP BROOK</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	CS/53/005
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Absolute Majority
<b>Attachment Number</b>	Nil

Moved: ..... Seconded: .....

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 24/04/...**

**That Council:**

1. Approve the installation of a metered standpipe off the Water Corporations Reservoir Dam.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a water agreement with the Water Corporation to extract water from the Reservoir Dam.
3. Approve a discounted standpipe water usage fee to be based on the cost recovery of the Water Corporation Charge.
4. Restrict the use of the standpipe to farmers within Boyup Brook for stock watering usage.
5. Approve the following 2023/24 budget amendment as authorised expenditure:

Account	Description	Increase	Decrease
135402	Town standpipe		\$29,000
135402	Reservoir Dam Standpipe	\$29,000	
		\$29,000	\$29,000

.....  
**For:**  
**Against:**

**SUMMARY**

Council is requested to consider the recommendation provided to aid alleviate farmers that have run out of on-farm water for stock feeding purposes.

**BACKGROUND**

This year has been an extremely dry year with many on-farm water sources drying up. This has placed farmers in a precarious position not having access to on-farm water now having to cart water.

The usage of the standpipe in town has increased dramatically and there is a concern that Water Corp could begin to restrict water volumes, which will add to the current water shortages being experienced.

**REPORT DETAIL**

Shire officers have been exploring potential solutions to assist farmers facing a severe predicament.

Option 1: Collaborate with the Water Corporation to secure a water agreement for drawing water from the Reservoir Dam and setting up a standpipe on Reservoir Road. This water could be provided to farmers at a cost recovery-based price, which would be lower than the current \$10/Kl charge at the town standpipe which is linked to scheme water.

To finance this option, Council would need to approve a budget amendment reallocating funds earmarked for the town standpipe toward installing a metering system to prevent water theft, which amounted to around \$10,000 worth of water last year.

As a temporary measure, the Council might consider limiting access to the town standpipe to office hours until such time that an automated system can be installed. Users would need to obtain a key from the administration office and have the meter read before and after water usage. However, implementing this could pose challenges for users who transport water for drinking purposes, potentially impacting their weekend operations.

Option 2: Reduce the cost of water from the town standpipe to cover only cost recovery. However, this option isn't sustainable due to reliance on scheme water and the risk of Water Corp restricting water to the standpipe.

Option 3: Permit farmers to extract water from the Shire's reticulation dams located behind the depot and at the recreation oval. This would mean the Shire couldn't water the town gardens, oval, and tennis courts. This will also not be sustainable for more than a couple of weeks before running out of water. This is not the preferred option, given the mental health benefits of having green recreational spaces for community use especially during difficult times.

**SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

	<b>Key Imperatives</b>	<b>Natural Environment</b>
	<b>Objective</b>	Manage natural resources sustainably
	<b>Outcome</b>	Improve water security and drought proofing measures.

**OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)**

Implementing the proposed solutions for aiding farmers would bring significant economic relief to farmers in the town.

**Social – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)**

The social impact of assisting the community is profound. By aiding farmers in dire situations, the town fosters a sense of solidarity and support among its residents.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook’s commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

Risk Level	Comment
Moderate	The standpipe will be located in an isolated area and there is the potential of vandalism and / or water theft.

**CONSULTATION**

- Water Corporation
- E/Manager Operations
- E/Manager Community & Corporate

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

A budget amendment will be needed to reallocate funds to fund the proposed installation of a standpipe. However, this amendment will still ensure a balanced budget.

**Workforce**

Due to existing commitments the Shire does not have available staff to assist with the installation of the pump and standpipe. It may be necessary to request volunteers from the community to assist.

## 7. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at ... pm.

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Presiding Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

