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LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

At the time of preparation of the business paper no apologies have been received.

ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Councils Code of Meeting Practice permits Councillors to attend and participate in meetings of the council with the approval of the council or relevant committee.

Clauses 5.19 - 5.30 of the Code of Meeting Practice provides the parameters for eligibility and requirements for remote attendance.

WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that:

- a) The meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on Council's website, and
- b) Persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation of office they have taken under section 233A of the Act.

The governing body of a county council is responsible for managing the affairs of the county council. Each Councillor as a member of the governing body has a responsibility to make considered and well-informed decisions to ensure that the exercise of the functions of Goldenfields Water are performed to benefit the whole of the area of operations of Goldenfields Water.

In addition Councillors are reminded of their obligations under council's code of conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their pecuniary interest in any matters listed before them.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of non Pecuniary Interest

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.

In considering your interest you are reminded to include non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JANUARY 2024

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That nominations for the position of Chairperson is called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.

The elected Chairperson shall hold office from this date until September 2024 when the polling day of the ordinary election of their member council is held.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

In accordance with section 391 of the Local Government Act (1993) the position of Chairperson becomes vacant the polling day of the ordinary election of councillors of which the person is a councillor. An election for chairperson of the council must be held at the first meeting after the term of the chairperson has ended. The Chairperson holds office for 2 years, subject to the Act.

As per advice from the Office of Local Government provided to the April 2022 Board Meeting, the Chairperson elected at the meeting today will serve until September 2024 when their civic office expires on the polling day of the ordinary election of their member council.

REPORT

The Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 clause 395, Schedule 8 provides the following:

- The general manager of the county council in respect of which an election is being held (or a person appointed by the general manager) is the returning officer.
- A Member of a county council may be nominated without notice for election as Chairperson of the county council
- The nomination is to be made in writing by two or more Members of the county council (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.
- The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the Returning Officer
- The Returning Officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the county council meeting at which the election is to be held
- If only one member of the county council is nominated, that Member is elected
- If more than one Member is nominated, the county council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary or by open voting
- The election is to be held at the county council meeting at which the county council resolves on the method of voting.

Appropriate nomination forms have been circulated to all Councillors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil

TABLED ITEMS: Nil

GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – JANUARY 2024

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Report prepared by General Manager

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson are called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

07 Efficient Operations

BACKGROUND

There are no provisions within the Local Government Act or Regulations formalising the role of Deputy Chairperson. Council has traditionally elected a Deputy Chairperson from amongst its members to this role.

REPORT

The position of Deputy Chairperson is an optional position. If the Chairperson is prevented from exercising their functions by illness, absence or otherwise, the Deputy Chairperson will be called upon in the first instance to assist.

The election for Deputy Chairperson has traditionally occurred utilising the same process as that of the Chairperson election.

The tenure of this role will align with the two-yearly time frame of the Chairperson, subject to the Act.

Appropriate nomination forms have been circulated to all Councillors with their Business Papers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

TABLED ITEMS: Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 22 February 2024 at 10.00am

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting may be declared closed.