

THREE MOON CREEK IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 16 May 2016

Meeting opened by Paul Francis at 10:30am Monto Shire Hall, Monto

Present

Attendees	Representation
Paul Francis	Irrigator Advisory Committee - Chairman
Brad Forsyth	Irrigator Advisory Committee – Section 1 upper
Lindsay Penney	Irrigator Advisory Committee – Section 5
Ben Jarvis	Irrigator Advisory Committee – Section 1
Allan Little	Irrigator Advisory Committee – Section 6
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager Central
Andrew Maughan	SunWater – Operations Supervisor

Apologies

Russ Salisbury, Jason Larsen

Motion – apologies be accepted. Moved by Ben Jarvis and seconded by Allan Little.

Agenda

- Membership
- Storage and Release Update
- 2017 Draft NSP
- General business

Membership

- Paul Francis advised that as he no longer holds position on Council that his role in the IAC was now completed. He is agreeable to temporarily chair the committee until a replacement is appointed.
- Ben Jarvis advised he has now finished his farming interests and is moving to Bundaberg to pursue business. He will no longer represent his section on the IAC.
- General discussion followed and it was agreed by all in attendance that the committee should be reviewed and re-nominated.
- NBRC will be approached to endorse a representative on the committee.
- **ACTION** – Milton to review last election date to confirm status and circulate draft nomination process for committee to endorse.

2017 Draft NSP Review

- Milton presented the draft 2017 NSP for IAC feedback.
- Copies are also available on the SunWater website.

Moved by Allan Little, Seconded by Ben Jarvis. That the contents be received and noted.

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Storage and Release Update

- Cania Dam was at 90% capacity on the day of the meeting.
- The previous release totalled 7,950ML.
- The current release started on 3 May with approximately 800ML to date.
- Milton confirmed that the release could continue after the water year finished as this would constitute the first release of the new water year.
- The committee discussed the potential requirements for continuing the release and agreed that the 2016/17 release should commence on July 1st.

Moved by Lindsay Penney, Seconded by Ben Jarvis

General Business

- Lindsay raised a query regarding the siltation in Avis Weir which is impacting on surface water offtakes when the level drops. It is noted that the level does not need to drop very far from full before it starts to affect some pumps. Discussion centred on the need to consult before changing a release from the weir. It was agreed at the previous meeting that this would be done. Ron Boal was not present at the meeting to verify what actions have taken place since that meeting. Milton referred the committee to the IROL which states the weir can be used through a reasonable range as part of the operating strategy. This needs to be considered when discussing levels of operation of the weir to ensure the intended operating parameters are not forgotten. It was accepted that keeping the weir full during the normal release period is not detrimental to the scheme. **NOTE** – Ron Boal has since advised that the weir is best kept full at present due to downstream debris causing issues with operating the valve.

Moved Lindsay Penney, Seconded Ben Jarvis.

- Ben asked about the pipeline from Youlambie Channel and the drain valve in the middle of the paddock. There does seem to be some need to undertake some work on the outlet/inlet. Ben asked in the cost to relocate could be estimated to see if there was value in following this up. This will be added to the NSP feedback for consideration of inclusion in the plan.

Next meeting – The next meeting would be scheduled once the new committee had been elected.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12:00pm.

_____	Milton Pukallus
Chairperson	_____
	Service Manager
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