

Three Moon Creek  
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**MINUTES OF MEETING – 11 May 2011**

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Meeting opened by Paul Francis at 9:35 am at the Monto Shire Hall

**Present**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Paul Francis	Chairperson
Jock McLurcan	Committee Member – Section 5
Russ Salisbury	Committee Member – Section 3
Brad Forsyth	Committee Member – Section 1 (Upper )
Allan Little	Committee Member – Section 6
Neville Wogandt	Area Operations Manager - SunWater

**1. Apologies**

**Moved** by Allan Little that Daryl Conway, John Barber ,Jason Larsen, and Ben Jarvis be accepted **Seconded** Jock McLurcan.

**2. Previous Minutes**

Brad Forsyth moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Seconded** Jock McLurcan **Carried**.

**3. Business Arising from Minutes**

**Agenda Items**

**1. Flood Damage – Regional Update**

Neville presented an overview of the regional flood damage to the storages and other infrastructure through out the region

**2. Parthenium – South Burnett**

A “Fact Sheet” handout was provided to the members on Parthenium. SunWater has received a letter from the South Burnett Regional Council advising on an outbreak of Parthenium in that region following the floods. Neville advised of the precautions and control methods used by SunWater to avoid the spread of the weed. SunWater staff are versed in the identification of the weed and also chemical control methods and vehicle wash down procedures. Russ Salisbury advised that Parthenium has been detected in the valley, and local landholders are aware of its presence.

**3 Bore Levels**

Observation bore level plots were presented to the committee and discussed .It was noted the due to the good season that all bores have

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responded well to the stream flows over the past spring and summer seasons.

#### 4 ***Announced Allocation Review Result***

The results of the recent review of the announced allocation were presented to the committee for comment. Following discussion it was **Moved** by Russ Salisbury and **Seconded** by Jock McLurcan that the announced allocation as presented for the Three Moon Creek WSS be endorsed. **Carried**

#### 5 ***Release Strategy – with current storage position***

Discussion on the usual winter release from Cania Dam was discussed. The current situation is that Cania Dam continues to spill and a flow of around 60ML/day is continuing through out the system. The committee agreed not to progress with any release from Cania dam in the short term, but to monitor the system and to re-assess the need and timing of a release once the spill from Cania dam ceases. Before any release commences further consultation will be held with the advisory committee.

## 4. General Business

**Water Pricing** - Paul Francis updated the committee on the water pricing meeting held in Biloela in April with the QCA and consultants. Further work is continuing on pricing. Access can be made to the QCA web site for updates.

**WRP** - Paul Francis updated the committee on the WRP process for the Three Moon Creek system advising the group on a meeting currently being planned by DERM. The proposal is to meet with the Three Moon Creek IAC in June 2011 on the future water planning for the system and connection to Burnett ROP.

**Information Handouts** - Neville Wogandt provided the committee with a copy and comments on the following documents. Handouts were also provided for the committee members not attending the days meeting.

1. *iROL for the Three Moon Creek Water Supply Scheme*
2. *Charter for Irrigator Advisory Committees*
3. *Water Supply Arrangements and Service Targets*
4. *Parthenium Weed – Fact Sheet*
5. *Flood Management – Information sheet*

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There being no further business the **meeting closed at 10:45 am**

**MINUTES CONFIRMED**

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Chairperson

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Area Operations Manager – Central Region

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