

# MINUTES

# **Special Council Meeting**

29 August 2024

# MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492 ON THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2024 AT 8:30 AM

PRESENT: Cr Stewart Morton, Cr Russell Ferguson, Cr Maurice Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: Tiffany Dare (CEO)

#### 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chairperson welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 8:30am.

#### 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

#### **3** ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Cr John Ferguson (Mayor), Cr Glyn Dare (Deputy Mayor)

#### 4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

#### 5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Pursuant to section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees
  - (a) must disclose the interest to the meeting; and
  - (b) must not be present at or take part in the meeting while the issue is being considered or voted on.
- A councillor who is barred from a meeting under subsection (1) must not be in the chamber where the meeting is being conducted, including any area set apart for the public.

Councillors	соі	Meeting Item
Cr Russell Ferguson	T2024-2025-101 Construction of Speedy & Stafford Street Stormwater Drainage	8.1

#### 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

# 7 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

Nil

# 8 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

# **CONFLICT OF INTEREST – 8.1**

I, Councillor Russell Ferguson, inform the meeting that I have a declared conflict of interest as a result of Item 8.1 'T2024-2025-101 Construction of Speedy Stafford St Stormwater Drainage' as the relationship to the tenderer being my brothers son in-law.

Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. Therefore, I wish to remain in the meeting and ask the eligible Councillors to decide if I may participate despite my declarable conflict of interest.

# ITEM 8.1 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST - REMAIN IN MEETING - CR R. FERGUSON

#### RESOLUTION 2024/187

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

I move that it is in the public interest that Cr Ferguson participates and votes on Item 8.1 because this conflict of interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest, and therefore a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.

#### CARRIED

# 8.1 T2024-2025-101 CONSTRUCTION OF SPEEDY STAFFORD ST STORMWATER DRAINAGE

#### RESOLUTION 2024/188

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council award T2024-2025-101 Construction of Speedy Stafford St Stormwater Drainage to Everest Civil for the amount of \$712,984.96 ex GST.

#### CARRIED

# 9 LATE ITEMS

Nil

# 10 NEXT MEETING

# 11 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 8:50am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Bulloo Shire Council held on 19 September 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON