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Committee           **Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority**  
Held On               **Thursday 5 July 2018 at 9.50 am**  
Location             **Town of Gawler Council Administration Centre, Gawler East**

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**WELCOME**

*Mr Ian Baldwin formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members and Observers and opened the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board.*

**PRESENT**

*Mr Ian Baldwin, Independent Board Member, Chair  
Mr Marc Salver, Adelaide Hills Council, Deputy Board Member  
Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member  
Mayor Bob Sloane, The Barossa Council, Board Member  
Mr Gary Mavrinac, The Barossa Council, Board Member  
Mr Sam Dilena, Town of Gawler Council, Board Member  
Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Deputy Board Member  
Cr Denis Davey, City of Playford Council, Board Member  
Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member  
Cr Mel Lawrence, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member  
Mr Andrew Philpott, Light Regional Council, Deputy Board Member  
Cr William Close, Light Regional Council, Board Member*

**APOLOGIES**

*Mr Mal Hemmerling, City of Playford Council  
Mr Greg Pattison, City of Playford Council  
Mr Adrian Shackley, Town of Gawler Council (\*Possible late attendance)  
Cr Carol Muzyk, City of Playford  
Mr David Hitchcock, GRFMA Executive Officer (Leave)*

<b>GRB 18/48 Observers</b>
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**Moved: Mayor B Sloane                      Seconded: Mr S Dilena**

**That Cr Terry-Anne Keen (Deputy Board Member - Adelaide Plains Council) and Cr. Paul Koch (Deputy Board Member - Town of Gawler) be appointed as Observers.**

**CARRIED**

The Chair advised that the intent of the meeting was to consider the progression of the Northern Floodway Project following confirmation of support being received from all six constituent councils, viz:-

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>
City of Playford Council	22.05.18	<p>Council endorses the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority to progress the Northern Floodway project as a priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Subject to the Federal and State Government to confirm in writing a commitment to fund in totality all capital costs including the further design and development costs associated with the Northern Floodway Project.</li> <li>2. Council acknowledging the GRFMA contribution will be the responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the Northern Floodway Project.</li> </ol>
Light Regional Council	12.06.18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Receive and endorse the report titled 'Northern Floodway Project Prospectus' (April 2018) prepared by Tonkin Consulting on behalf of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority;</li> <li>2. Notes the actions outlined in the 'Northern Floodway Project Prospectus' (April 2018) which describe a number of proposed measures to be considered to provide additional flood protection measures to the lower reaches of the Gawler River, subject to the development of a mutually acceptable funding and role sharing model. These recommendations include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The establishment of a single management authority for the purpose of river and levee maintenance that has the necessary resources and access rights to maintain the river in good condition from a flood conveyance as well as a biodiversity maintenance perspective;</li> <li>b) The undertaking of river condition and levee maintenance repair work as a matter of high priority noting that there are three (3) "no regrets" actions that would provide immediate benefits in terms of reducing flood risk, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The sensitive removal of pest and nuisance plants and revegetation as necessary, with appropriate native plants species that will not unnecessarily impede flood flows;</li> <li>ii) Undertaking repairs to the damaged levees and those sections of levees considered to be most vulnerable to failure during the next flood;</li> <li>iii) Sensitively remove accumulated sediment around key structures such as the Railway Bridge, Baker Road crossing, Old Port Wakefield Road Bridge and the Port Wakefield Road highway bridges that is impairing the capacity of these crossings to convey flow through them;</li> <li>c) The development of concept designs for the establishment of a Northern Floodway, in addition to the construction of a new river levee system so that consultation with affected landholders can proceed;</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

		<p>3. Support the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority to develop an equitable funding and land management model for the activities proposed in the Northern Floodway Report. It is proposed that the entire upfront funding of the project is to be sought from the State and Commonwealth Governments with the ongoing maintenance of the project being funded by the Authority via subscriptions from member Councils.</p>
City of Playford Council	22.05.18	<p>Council endorses the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority to progress the Northern Floodway project as a priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Subject to the Federal and State Government to confirm in writing a commitment to fund in totality all capital costs including the further design and development costs associated with the Northern Floodway Project.</li> <li>2. Council acknowledging the GRFMA contribution will be the responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the Northern Floodway Project.</li> </ol>
The Barossa Council	19.06.18	<p>That Council support and commit to the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority's Northern Floodway Project and Prospectus as circulated to the Constituent Councils.</p>
Adelaide Hills Council	19.06.18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report be received and noted.</li> <li>2. That the Gawler River Flood Management Authority is advised that Council is committed to and supports the progression of the Northern Floodway Project subject to the planning, design and construction being funded entirely by the Federal and State Governments, with the ongoing maintenance of the Project being funded by the GRFMA via subscriptions from Constituent Councils.</li> </ol>
Adelaide Plains Council	26.06.18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority dated 17 May 2018;</li> <li>2. Endorses the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority resolution number GRB 18/34 Northern Floodway Project; and</li> <li>3. Gives "in principle" support to the Northern Floodway Project subject to the planning, design and construction being funded entirely by Federal and State Governments.</li> </ol>
Town of Gawler Council	26.06.18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) – Northern Floodway Proposal Report.</li> <li>2. Supports the progression of the Northern Floodway Project on the basis that: a. The Federal and State Governments confirm in writing a commitment to fund</li> </ol>

	<p>in totality all capital costs, including the further design and development costs associated with the Northern Floodway Project. b. Formal commitment is provided by all Constituent Council's within the GRFMA on progressing the Northern Floodway Project on this funding principle. c. Funding the ongoing costs associated with maintaining the Northern Floodway's delivered works will be the GRFMA's, hence the constituent Councils, contribution to the project. 3. Notes that further reports be presented to the Council on this project at key junctures.</p>
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Discussion ensued.

**GRB 18/49 Elevation of Cr Paul Koch**

**Moved: Mr S Dilena      Seconded: Mr A Philpott**

**That in the absence of Cr A Shackley that Cr P Koch (Town of Gawler Council Deputy Member) be identified as a Member of the Board for this meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**GRB 18/50 Northern Floodway Project – Funding Support**

**Moved: Mr J Miller      Seconded: Cr D Davey**

**That the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority write to the relevant Federal and State government Senators and Ministers requesting formal funding support to carry out all further planning, consultation, detailed design and capital works associated with the Northern Floodway Project, estimated at a value of \$27 million; the funding model to account for the fact that the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority constituent councils will take on the subsequent maintenance of the Floodway. This policy position has been formally ratified by all constituent councils.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GRB 18/51 Northern Floodway Project – Letters of Support**

**Moved: Mayor B Sloane      Seconded: Mr M Salver**

**That the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority seeks letters of support (where possible) for the project from RDA Barossa - Light and Gawler and Adelaide Plains, Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board and the Stormwater Management Authority as well as relevant Senators and Ministers presiding over aligned portfolios.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GRB 18/52 Northern Floodway Project – Public Relations**

**Moved: Cr M Herrmann                      Seconded: Mr A Philpott**

**That the Executive Officer seek to engage the services of a public relations firm to prepare a preliminary communication strategy and media release to detail the current decision of the Board and constituent councils, and proposed strategy moving forward by the August 2018 meeting.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Closure of meeting**

The Chairperson thanked the Town of Gawler Council for hospitality as host and noted the next Ordinary Board Meeting will be held 9.45 am, Thursday, 16th August 2018 at the Town of Gawler.

Meeting closed 10.44 am.

**Confirmed Chairperson .....**