

Shire of Bruce Rock
Works and Services Committee Meeting held in
Bruce Rock Shire Council Chambers
on Tuesday 26 September 2023, commencing at 7.30am

MINUTES

1. Meeting Opened

The Chair, Cr Kevin Foss, opened the meeting at 7.30am.

2. Attendance

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| Cr KP Foss | Chair |
| Cr SA Strange | Shire President |
| Cr AR Crooks | Deputy Shire President |
| Darren Mollenoyux | Chief Executive Officer |
| David Holland | Manager of Works & Services |

Apologies

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| Cr BJ Waight | Councilor |
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3. Minutes

That the minutes of the Works and Services Committee held on the 26 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Resolution WSCM September23 – 3.1

Moved: Cr Strange

Seconded: Cr Crooks

That the minutes of the Works and Services Committee held 26 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

For: Cr Foss, Cr Strange, Cr Crooks

Against: Nil

Carried 3/0

4. General Business Roads, Drainage & Paths

4.1 All Roads, Drainage & Paths 23/24

- **R2R & Council Funded**
 - N/A
- **RRG Program**
 - N/A
- **Drainage Works Council Funded**
 - N/A
- **Townsite Footpaths**
 - N/A
- **Kerbing**
 - N/A
- **Blackspot Funding**
 - N/A
- **Bridges**
 - N/A

- **Other Funded Works**
 - N/A

For Committees consideration for next year's budget submissions.

4.2 New Roads, Drainage & Paths 24/25

- **R2R & Council Funded**
 - N/A
- **RRG Program**
 - N/A
- **Drainage Works Council Funded**
 - N/A
- **Townsite Footpaths**
 - N/A
- **Kerbing**
 - N/A
- **Blackspot Funding**
 - N/A
- **Bridges**
 - N/A
- **Other Funded Works**
 - N/A

5. Machinery and Vehicles

- **Loader submissions / decision**

The Manager of Works and Services assessed the E-Quotes received for the changeover of a new loader and provided the following overview to the Works & Services Committee.

We have had 7 responses for this machine, the normal suppliers were in the mix apart from Volvo which did not put in a price, Darren and I shortlisted three suppliers, those being Hytachi, Hyundai and JCB.

Of these suppliers only one was under budget, that being Hyundai, both Craig and I went down to Perth last week and crawled over these machines.

- I would not consider the JCB as the machine supplied to us for inspection was not finished and had rust in places, this from a new vehicle was not a good look.
- The Hytachi is a reasonable machine and a well-known machine, but it requires most of the things I need installed on it and does not come with anything extra that you would not expect, engine, gearbox and diffs are parts that are well known and can be sourced readily.
- The Hyundai, where there has not been much said about them is rather popular with some major players of the industry and mining companies, this machine has a cummings US made, ZF gearbox and axles, parts for this machine are readily sourced, this machine also comes standard with things requested in the quote and most other machines have them as an option. I have attached the spec sheet for both Hyundai and Hytachi as well as a breakdown of the pricing of the various machines, I have also provided companies that use the Hyundai as requested by the Cr Foss.

Hyundai is our preferred choice after looking at the machine, the parts availability, price, service and warranty, the machine also comes with several things that was not included in the quote spec's but are a bonus for us, and there will be a machine here in 2 to 3 weeks.

I spoke with the head mechanic at CSBP for 16 years and he gave me a rundown of the machines that they have throughout the regions, they have had the Hyundai's for the past 13 years and he has said the reason why is that the pricing, parts availability, ease of working on and the longevity of the machines with one of them still in the Kwinana plant with over 23,000 hrs on it and in the fertilizer industry that is going well, the parts both from Porter equipment and other suppliers are very good and have no problems with and getting them in a timely manner.

I have also spoke with the state manager of a mining company SRG who have 7 of these machines 3 in the eastern states and 4 in WA, they have had no problems with them under mine conditions and have had a good run, he has said the service from them is good and the same as the person from CSBP parts are easy to get as well as easy to get the servicing parts. He also said that he would have no problems getting more and has a friend purchasing one now.

Both representatives I rang said that if I need any further information or help with a machine, we may purchase they are happy to be contacted.

Following a review of the Manager of Works & Services assessment of E-Quotes received and consideration to the utilization and future planning of our asset management of loaders (and as the item is within budget) the Committee resolved as follows;

COMMITTEE DECISION

Resolution WSCM September23 – 5.1

Moved: Cr Crooks
Seconded: Cr Strange

That the Works and Services Committee endorse the awarding of E-Quote VP372276 – Supply & Delivery of 1 x Front End Loader to Porter Equipment for Hyundai HL940TM for \$242,600 ex gst.

For: Cr Foss, Cr Strange, Cr Crooks
Against: Nil

Carried 3/0

- **Future Management of Grader Fleet**

The Manager of Works and Services presented some initial information and base costings regarding options to downsize owned grader fleet with an option to lease some graders during peak usage times (approximately 5 months per year).

The committee had general discussion regarding the pros and cons of owning verses leasing and made the following direction;

Meeting Action:

The Manager of Works and Services to investigate and present full costings, asset management and usage of Council's fleet of graders, with the option to consider disposing of one grader in 2023/2024 and trial leasing arrangements.

This is to be presented back to the Works and Services Committee meeting prior to final decision and recommendation to full Council meeting.

6. Dams and Water Capturing Works

Nil

7. Recreation Centre

Nil

8. Other Matters

- **Johnson St intersection**

The Manager of Works & Services provided an update on the progress made towards Main Roads consideration for a realignment of the Dunstall St and Johnson St intersection, noting this is owned by Main Roads WA.

The CEO and Manager of Works & Services met with representatives from Main Roads WA to discuss the Johnson St and Dunstall St intersection on the 23rd August 2023. The options were discussed with MRWA favouring design 1 as it was the safest option. There was a discussion on the through roads and consideration to Osborne St being designated the Give Way, they advised that they will investigate this situation.

The Works and Services Committee Meeting discussed the option 1 design and supported in general with consideration to be given as to reducing the size of islands to allow improved turning options for RAV 7 and future proofing for larger trucks.

Meeting Action:

The Manager of Works and Services to liaise with Main Roads WA to seek consideration to the suggested variations on the islands and present the next steps of action at the next Works and Services Committee Meeting.

- **Bruce Rock Airstrip Upgrade Works – Consideration of Landing Fees**

At the September 2023 Councillor Information Session Councillors requested an update on the grant funded project for the sealing of the Bruce Rock Airstrip. A concern had been raised to Councillors (by a member of the public) regarding the standard of seal and seeking consideration to a higher rating of seal.

The Manager of Works & Services gave an overview to the Committee and outlined the grant specifications and that it was a 50/50 grant. The level of requested runway seal type would be significantly higher and add to Council's 50% contribution.

The seal of the runway is well within standard runway seals for an airstrip in a regional area and meets well within the requirements of the RFDS, which until recently was the primary user of the runway.

The Committee discussed that if they were to consider a higher level of seal that this would be a significant cost to Council and ratepayers that would be above and beyond the standard. This seal that has been funded has reduced it from a 20mm stone to 7mm stone which will reduce the sand collected within the stone and subsequently should not pose as much of an issue with sand flicking up into propellers.

Whilst the Committee are very supportive of local business and users of facilities It was generally agreed by the committee that if there was to be a further upgrade of the airstrip seal that Council would need to consider a landing fee for users other than RFDS.

Meeting Action:

The Chief Executive Officer write to the member of public who requested a higher level of seal for the airstrip and explain Council's position and reasons for the seal that has been funded.

9. Date Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held in mid October 2023, prior to Local Government Elections in October. A date to be determined between the Manager of Works and Cr Foss.

10. Meeting Closure

The Chair, Cr Kevin Foss thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.33am.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on

Cr Kevin Foss
Committee Chairperson