



EPLGA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting held at Elliston on Friday 2nd September 2016

Local Government Association Research & Development Applications

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board endorses the Executive Officer's actions in submitting funding applications to the Local Government Association's Research & Development Scheme for:

- development of Road Construction and Maintenance Standards (industry wide);
- support for the EP Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce; and
- the Regional Strategic Plan [joint application by Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula and the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association].

Results of the applications will be shortly known.

Meeting Procedures

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board adopted the new meeting procedures as presented by the Executive Officer after being deferred from the previous Board meeting. The main point of contention was establishing a method for individual Council Chief Executive Officers being able to participate in Board meeting proceedings.

Policy Review – Purchasing and Tendering

The Board reviewed its Purchasing and Tendering policy in line with its governance checklist and made amendment for the increased credit card limit.

Executive Officer's Work Plan

The Board noted the Executive Officer's work plan for 2016 – 17 which highlighted an ambitious array of intended initiatives not only for the EPLGA but also the work funded by the LGA of SA through the "Outreach Services Agreement" it has with the EPLGA Board.

The President and Executive Officer were also authorised to sign the Outreach Services Agreement.

Committee Reports

The actions and outcomes of the CEO Committee meeting held on 23 June 2016 at Wudinna were noted.

The minutes of the Engineering & Works Committee meeting held at Cowell on 8 August 2016 contained a number of recommendations for the EPLGA Board to consider.

Those recommendations that were adopted by the Board were as follows:-

EPLGA Board Budget Allocations – Rubble Royalty Component

That the following projects to be funded from the Rubble Royalties component of the EPLGA Board Budget for 2016 -17:

EP Transport Strategy – 2015 (Review & updating)	\$15,000
Regional Roadside Native Vegetation Plan	\$50,000

Special Local Roads program Funding Applications process

That projects submitted for regional SLRP funding are required to be developed to a 'for construction' state, and accompanied by adequate design & engineering detail (i.e. Austroads Guidelines – until Local Government sector wide standards or guidelines are developed) and detailed cost estimate to clearly defined the project deliverables.

That an independent person/company be appointed to review road funding applications and assess their suitability and to provide certification services for completed projects. Further the costs for this assessment/certification will be the EPLGA's responsibility with the successfully funded Councils contributing such costs to the EPLGA.

That the EPLGA Board supports the LGA R & D funding application to develop Road Construction and Maintenance Standards/Guidelines which when completed should be:

- a. included in the EP Transport Strategy 2015;
- b. used on an local government industry wide basis; and
- c. used in assessing Special Local Roads Funding applications by the Local Government Transport Advisory Committee.

DPTI – Eyre Peninsula Pilot Opportunity

That the EPLGA Board supports the Engineering & Works Committee nomination of Damian Windsor, Grant Drummond, Arthur Johnstone who may be required to meet/collaborate with DPTI regarding the joint Service Delivery Collaboration – Pilot and other initiatives along with David Hitchcock (LGA), Tony Irvine (EPLGA) and Council CEOs Trevor Smith and Phil Cameron.

Further the EPGA Board supported the Engineering & Works Committee identification of the following areas/functions as possible targets for the joint Service Delivery Collaboration – Pilot with DPTI:-

1. Signage
2. Vegetation management
3. Line marking
4. Joint procurement
5. Supply of rubble
6. Local Government is able to consider anything other than sealing of highways.

Roadside native Vegetation Management Planning

That all eleven EPLGA member Councils undertake one regional roadside vegetation management plan [Level 1 RVMP] with assistance being sought from the Native Vegetation Unit in line with the rubble royalty funding recommendation to the EPLGA Board.

Night Time Travel for Agricultural Machinery

That in relation to the night travel exemptions for agricultural machinery the following should occur:

The Executive Officer continues to negotiate with Rob Kerin to establish a 90 day project with the State Government and offers the Eyre Peninsula Region as a pilot to identify all individual council roads that are capable of allowing machinery to 6 metres wide for night time travel.

Council's insurers and risk managers such as the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme should be requested to give opinion on the matter too.

Access Conditions for GML & HML Vehicles on Council Roads

That all member Councils be encouraged to adopt the following in relation to access conditions for GML and HML permit vehicles on Council roads:

- a. Restricted speed loaded or unloaded to 80kph on sealed council roads outside town limits.
- b. Restricted speed loaded or unloaded to 70kph on unsealed council roads outside town limits.
- c. Restricted speed loaded or unloaded to 40kph within town limits.
- d. RAV operators are required to inspect all unsealed routes which have received greater than 15mm of rain in the preceding 24 hours to ensure that the pavement will not be damaged by the RAV operation.
- e. Operators may be liable for the cost of pavement repairs.

The Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce Minutes dated 5 August 2016 were noted by the Board.

Deputations/Presentations

Alexandra Lewis, Stakeholder Engagement Lead, SA Power Networks provided a presentation of work being undertaken in relation to strategic vegetation management near power lines.

Tender Process for the supply of pharmaceuticals to regional hospitals

There are concerns in relation to the tender process being undertaken for the supply of pharmaceuticals for the individual regional hospitals and the affect that may have on town pharmacies viability should a sole regional or state supplier win the tender.

The Elliston Council Chairman and Executive Officer are to prepare a submission for various relevant State Government Agencies and individuals.

EPLGA BOARD NEXT MEETING

Friday 2nd December 2016 at Wudinna

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