



**MINUTES**  
**Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee**  
**Friday 16 September 2022**

## **1. Welcome**

The meeting open at 10.35am

In attendance Members: Mayor Wayne Thomas, Grant Smith and Gary Easthope. Non-members Simon Millcock and Paul Chapman.

Apology: Nathan Berry.

The Legatus Group CEO, Simon Millcock, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

## **2. Membership, Chair & Terms of Reference**

Simon Millcock noted that the Legatus Board had approved the Advisory Committee's membership as follows: Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Grant Smith (Yorke Peninsula), Hayden Battle (Wakefield), Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) and Nathan Berry (Light)

Motion that Mayor Thomas is appointed as Chair of the Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee for this meeting.

Moved Gary Easthope and Seconded Grant Smith

CARRIED

## **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Noted that the previous meeting did not have minutes recorded due to lack of quorum.

## **4. General Business**

### **4.1 Joint Services Arrangements (JSA)**

Simon Millcock provided a report with the agenda and Paul Chapman spoke to the process that led to the JSA and stressed that it did not cover any work to assist Councils to exit their CWMS, although, as Simon Millcock added, the Legatus Group could independently assist. Mayor Thomas noted that this Advisory Committee was a workhorse for regional CWMS and would have some role to represent other regional LGAs as well.

Discussion proceeded concerning the work of the Committee to support Councils going through the ESCOSA Verify-Trust Accreditation approach and the comment was made that only SA Water will have processes in place to be accredited as Category A. The matter was of such significance that the meeting resolved that Paul Chapman would raise it with other regional Councils during the State-wide workshops and would report back to the Advisory Committee.

Motion:

1. That the committee notes the report including the agreed workplan for the Joint Services Arrangements.
2. Invites the LGA CWMS Manager to attend the next committee meeting.

Moved by Gary Easthope Seconded by Grant Smith

CARRIED

#### **4.2 Annual CWMS Conference**

Paul Chapman provided a report with the agenda and Simon Millcock explained that the Advisory Committee had overseen the Conferences over the last three years and the previous two had been undertaken in collaboration with UniSA at its Whyalla and Mount Gambier campuses. Noted that this could include linkages with UniSA water projects such as storm water management.

Motion: That the committee notes the report and agrees on UniSA Mawson Lakes Campus as venue for 2023.

Moved by Grant Smith Seconded by Gary Easthope

CARRIED

#### **4.3 On-line, on-demand CWMS training course**

Paul Chapman provided a report with the agenda spoke to the evolution of this course. He welcomed it as an addition to the sector but noted it was not yet available. The Committee asked Paul to collect and collate feedback on the course once it was available and to relay that to the Advisory Committee.

Motion: That the Committee notes the report and supports the Legatus Group in actively promoting the training course to its members and that it collates feedback on the course.

Moved by Gary Easthope Seconded by Grant Smith

CARRIED

#### **4.4 UniSA and Yorke Peninsula CWMS expansion project**

Paul Chapman provided a report with the agenda. Paul and Grant described the proposed project and the current stage in the process. The Committee noted that the funding application to the LGA R&D Scheme for the second phase of the project, to fine tune the design and application of a floating wetlands, had failed. The meeting resolved that Paul continue to work with the UniSA to raise the issue with the Manager of the LGA CWMS Management Committee to see if it could fund the work.

**Motion: That the Committee notes the report and continues to review the project.**

Moved by Grant Smith Seconded by Gary Easthope

CARRIED

#### **4.5 Using sludge in regional composting facilities**

Paul Chapman provided a report with the agenda and explained the background to this project, which is awaiting final funding approval from the Australian Government. The Committee recognised the benefits to CWMS operation of having a local site to dispose of septage and sludge. The Committee undertook to review progress with the Peterborough pilot organics project.

Motion: That the Committee notes the report and continues to review the project.

Moved by Grant Smith Seconded by Gary Easthope

CARRIED

## **5. Other Business**

### **5.1 Brainstorming the activities of the Legatus CWMS Advisory Committee**

Gary placed the Advisory Committee's focus on costs to ratepayers and subsequently suggested that adding solar panels to CWMS plants is something the Committee should look into. It was recognised that Jamestown had placed solar panels over its CWMS lagoon and Grant informed the members that his Council was using solar power for its desalination plant.

It was agreed that Paul would collect information on this issue and report back to the Advisory Committee.

Mayor Thomas raised the issue of overlapping Departmental responsibilities for CWMS and the sometimes inconsistent standards that then apply. He wondered at who the relevant Minister and discussion was could not resolve the matter. The possibility of contact with Minister Brock's office was raised. It was agreed that a South Australian Government Minister would be invited to address the next Annual CWMS Conference.

It was agreed to keep this item at foot for all future meetings.

## **6. Close and next meeting.**

The meeting closed at 11.40 am.

Date of next meeting is 2 December 2022 at 10.30 am and that the meeting be held online.