



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HODGSON DOWNS
(MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ALAWA ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION-HODGSON DOWNS/MINYERRI Q3HJ+59, MINYERRI, NT 0852 ON
MONDAY 26 MAY 2025 AT 11:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Edna ILES;
- Beth JOHN (Chairperson);
- Jonathon WALLA; and
- Jones BILLY.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Cristie GEER, Program Manager; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minutes secretary) (via audio/video conference).

1.3 Guests

- Melina DAVIDSON, Electorate Officer, Office of Selena UIBO MLA, Leader of the Opposition (via audio/video conference); and
- Megan PURSER, Remote Area Team, Power and Water Corporation (via audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting opened at 11:24 am as a **PROVISIONAL**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Chairperson welcomed all people to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

HOD P/2025-1 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Patricia FARRELL, Jonathon WALLA, Sonia ROBERTS and Naomi WILFRED.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

HOD P/2025-2 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 09 December 2024.

Councillor Patricia FARRELL and Jonathon WALLA joined the Meeting at 11:30 am and **QUORUM** was met.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 Action List

HOD Q/2025-3 RESOLVED (LA Member Jones Billy/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List Report; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

HOD Q/2025-4 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

12.2 Elected Members Report

HOD Q/2025-5 RESOLVED (LA Member Jonathon Walla/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

12.3 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) LA April 2025 YTD Finance Report

HOD Q/2025-6 RESOLVED (LA Member Jones Billy/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 April 2025.

12.4 Hodgson Downs Local Authority Projects Update

HOD Q/2025-7 RESOLVED (LA Member Beth John/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) receives and notes the Certification of 2023-24 Local Authority Project Funding; and
- (c) allocates \$25,000 of Local Authority Project Funding for the scoping and planning surveying of the Massacre Site Project to be undertaken in a culturally appropriate way.

12.5 Council Services Report

HOD Q/2025-8 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/ Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report.

12.6 Community Development Program Report

HOD Q/2025-9 **RESOLVED (LA Member Jonathon Walla / Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) Report.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Megan PURSER, Remote Area Team, Power and Water Corporation, addressed to the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority the deputation in relation to the Water Management at 11:59 am, and left the Meeting at 12:08 pm.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:09 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Meeting, held on Monday, 26 May 2025 and confirmed.

Naomi Wiffred

Chairperson

Confirmed on 01 September 2025