



MINUTES FOR THE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DIFFERENTIAL RATING-ADVERTISING

HELD ON MONDAY

**30TH JUNE 2014**



WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S  
WILDFLOWER COUNTRY

<b>MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 Commencing @ 5:30 PM</b>
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**1. Declaration of Opening**

The Shire President declared that the meeting open at 5.32pm.

**1.1 Recording of Those Present**

Cr K J Chappel	President
Cr D S Carslake	Deputy President
Cr D J Coaker	
Cr D S Agar	
Cr M J Thornton	
Cr K P Stokes	

Mr J Roberts	Chief Executive Officer
Mr D Williams	Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**1.2 Recording of Apologies**

Cr D B Collins	
Ms W Gledhill	Manager of Accounting and Finance

**1.3 Recording Leave of Absence Previously Approved**

Nil

**1.4 Welcoming of Visitors to the Meeting**

Nil

**1.5 Announcements by the Presiding Member without Discussion**

Nil

**2 Public Question Time**

Nil

**2.1 Response to previous public questions taken on notice**

Nil

**2.2 Public question time**

Nil

**3 Declaration of Interest**

Nil

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Nil

**5. Public Statements, Petitions, Presentations and Approved Deputations**

Nil

**6. Method of Dealing with Agenda Business**

Nil

## 7. Reports

### 7.1 Differential Rating-Advertising

Date of Meeting:	<b>30-June 2014</b>
Item No:	<b>7.1</b>
Subject:	<b>Differential Rating-Advertising</b>
Date & Author:	<b>26 June 2014 David Williams</b>
Responsible Officer:	<b>David Williams Deputy Chief Executive Officer</b>
Applicant/Proponent:	<b>David Williams</b>

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of the report is for Council to determine;

1. The imposing of a differential rate being a differential Unimproved Valuation (UV) rate for Mining in Morawa at \$0.279903 in the valuation dollar for the 2014-2015 financial year.
2. That the proposal be advertised for 21 days in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 section 6.36 for public comment, indicating the objects of and reasons for the differential rate.
3. Following the advertising period seek approval from the Minister to impose a differential UV mining rate which is more than twice the lowest differential UV Rate imposed.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Statement of Objects and Reasons for Differential Rates and Minimum Payments

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

A local government may impose differential general rates based on the predominant purpose for which the land is held or used as determined by local government. Ministerial approval will need to be obtained to impose a differential rate which is more than twice the lowest differential rate imposed.

The Shire of Morawa has adopted differential rates since 2005. The current approved differential Unimproved Valuation (UV) Rural rate is \$0.0197080 cents in the dollar and for Mining UV in Morawa is \$0.300000 cents in the dollar.

It is proposed that the UV differential Mining Rate for the Shire of Morawa for the 2014/15 financial year be forecast to be set at \$0.279903 in the dollar. This represents a decrease of 10% in the dollar below and the current rate but with an increase in revenue due to an increase in mining tenement valuations.

The UV mining is again more than twice the lowest rate hence a council resolution; advertising and Ministerial approval is required prior to adopting the annual budget.

The current differential rates in the dollar for UV mining in other neighbouring Shires for 2013/2014 are as follows:

➤ Shire of Yalgoo	0.3575000
➤ Shire of Perenjori	0.3172550
➤ Shire of Mt Magnet	0.2808300
➤ Shire of Cue	0.2683000
➤ Shire of Mingenew	0.2250000

### **OFFICER'S COMMENT**

Differential rating schemes adopted in Western Australia range from simple schemes used in pastoral/mining areas where a single differential rate is used, to those in more populated areas where many differentials may be used. It is suggested that Council continues to adopt a UV Rural Rate and a UV Mining Rate to address the perceived rating anomaly or inequality within the district. Once Council determines the proposed differential rate the proposal is required to be advertised for 21 days for public comment, indicating the objects of and reasons for the differential rate. Approval will then be sought from the Minister to impose a differential UV mining rate which is more than twice the lowest differential UV Rural rate imposed.

The proposed rate increase is consistent with the over-all current rate modelling being considered for the adoption of the 2014/2015 Shire of Morawa Annual Budget and allows for a small deviation of the annual rate in the dollar to be approved by Council in adoption of the budget.

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Previously carried out with report to Council in March 2013

### **COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION**

Nil

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.3 and 6.36*

Ministerial approval will need to be obtained to impose a differential rate which is more than twice the lowest differential rate imposed.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This will impact on the forthcoming 2014/15 financial year budget

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The Annual budget is part of the Integrated Planning requirements to feed into the Corporate Business Plan and the Strategic Community Plan

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Failure to advertise and comply with the Local Government Act 1995 will seriously impact of Councils cash flow for the 2014-2015 financial year's budget as the Department will not accept the differential rate if the rate has not been advertised.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENT:**

Absolute Majority

## **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended:-

- 1. The Shire of Morawa continues to adopt Differential Rates in formulating the 2014/15 financial year budget.**
- 2. The proposed Differential Rate for Mining Unimproved Valuation is set at \$0.279903 cents in the dollar which is consistent with the over-all current rate modelling being considered for the adoption of the 2014/2015 Shire of Morawa Annual Budget.**
- 3. The proposed Differential Rate for Mining be advertised for 21 days inviting public comment.**
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to request approval of the Minister for the adoption of the proposed Unimproved Valuation Differential Rates, if at the expiry of the public notice period, no submissions have been received.**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr K P Stokes**

**Seconded: Cr M J Thornton**

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- 3. The proposed Differential Rate for Mining be advertised for 21 days inviting public comment.**
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to request approval of the Minister for the adoption of the proposed Unimproved Valuation Differential Rates, if at the expiry of the public notice period, no submissions have been received.**

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

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- 8. New Business of an Urgent Nature**  
N/A
- 9. Applications for Leave of Absence**  
N/A
- 10. Motions of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given**  
N/A
- 11. Questions from Members without Notice**  
N/A
- 12. Meeting Closed to Public**

12.1 Matters for which the meeting may be closed

**The meeting was closed at 5.34 PM**

**Next Meeting: N/A**

**I certify that the Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

.....**Presiding Person**