Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Koorong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall on Wednesday the 4th February 1885. Called on the Suggestion of Cr Hall (with the ~~exception~~ of Crs Martin and Ross -) to further discuss the questions of Rabbit Extirpation and Shire Severance -

Present- Cr Redwood President (in the Chair) Hall. Ross. Cahill Paterson Martin Coutts & Bourchier & Paterson -

Correspondence: The Secretary read the resolutions passed at previous meeting in reference to the mode in which it was proposed to carry out the provisions of the "Rabbit Act" copy of which had been sent to the Lands Department.

In reply to the Secretary's inquiry the Secretary for Lands defined the term "Crown Land" ~~so as to exclude Commons~~ "Unoccupied Crown Land" as lands other than runs, Commons or any land held under licence, lease or grant - -

Correspondence:-

1 Lands Department stating that ~~for~~ the present they would carry out operations for the destruction of rabbits and that vigorous measures would be taken from the 10th February - Received

2. the same with "Order in Council" requiring that Operations shall be Commenced on the 10th February simultaneously with the Councils of other Municipal Districts for the Suppression of rabbits -

3. the same notifying that no subsidy would be paid by the Government on ears and Scalps purchased by Shire Councils after the 31st January -

After a discussion as to the best mode of preparing and distributing poison Cr Paterson moved that Council procure a supply of - bi-Sulphide of Carbon and

arsenic, the former to be sold in the original packets to ratepayers at cost price to be distributed under supervision of the Inspectors. Seconded by Cr Bourchier & carried —

The Secretary was instructed to procure about 20 Gallons of bi-sulphide of carbon and 1 Cwt. arsenic for each Riding and to advertise that arsenic would be given away —

Cr Coutts } That Inspector serve Notice upon
Cr Redwood } the Managers of each of the Commons within the Shire requiring them to destroy the rabbits upon their lands. Carried

Cr Paterson } That Secretary again urge upon the Govt the
Cr Hall } expediency of taking the duty off wire netting — Carried

Shire Severance

The Secretary read a letter from the Hon the Minister for Lands stating that on reference to them the Crown Law Officers have given an opinion to the effect that "no person should be permitted to withdraw his signature after a petition has been published" and that the Hon the Minister had decided to treat the original petition for severance as formal, and has therefore appointed Tuesday the 10th February at 11 a.m for hearing any statements the various parties interested desired to make —

On the motion of Cr Coutts seconded by Cr Redwood Cr Ross, Redwood, Paterson and the Secretary were deputed to attend the hearing and represent the Council. Carried

The meeting then closed

Confirmed 17. 2. 85

Robt Redwood President