



GREEN ADELAIDE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 32

held from 10.00 am to 11.30 am
on Thursday, 25 May 2023
Education Development Centre
4 Milner St, Hindmarsh

PRESENT: Presiding Member: Felicity-ann Lewis

Members: Trixie Smith
Greg Ingleton
Adrian Skull
Kelvin Trimper
Claire Boan
Dena Vassallo

APOLOGIES: Chris Daniels
Tobias Turner
Louka Parry

IN ATTENDANCE: Brenton Grear, Director, Green Adelaide
Joyce Osborne, Executive Officer
Louisa Halliday, Manager Strategy and Performance
Marguerite Swart, Manager Governance
Stuart Collard, Manager Landscape Operations
Melinda Clarke, Manager Resilient Communities

GUESTS:

250523-32-1 MEETING PROCEDURE

250523-32-1.1 Welcome

250523-32-1.2 Apologies

Apologies received from Chris Daniels, Tobias Turner and Louka Parry. In accordance with the Landscape Act, the Board nominated Felicity-Ann Lewis to Chair the meeting in the absence of Chris Daniels.

250523-32-1.3

Declarations of Interest

Claire Boan declared a potential conflict of interest with item 2.3 as the City of Port Adelaide is an applicant for the Cooler Greener Wilder Grant Program.

250523-32-1.4

Consent Schedule

*The Board **confirmed** the items within the consent schedule be adopted.*

250523-32-1.5

Minutes of Previous Meeting

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 31 held on 27 April 2023 as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

*The Board **confirmed** the confidential minutes of meeting number 30 held on 27 April 2023 as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

250523-32-1.6

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Manager Landscape Operations reported that Green Adelaide staff are liaising with PIRSA and other Landscape Boards regarding the possibility of an exchange program for opera house traps with pyramid traps. A media briefing is being prepared regarding the rewilding of platypus and this should be consistent with the approach that PIRSA will be taking.

*The Board **noted** the matters arising.*

CARRIED

250523-32-2

STRATEGIC BOARD MATTERS

250523-32-2.1

Chair's Report

The National Park City governance review is progressing well following the recent Board pop-up meeting. Kim Cheater is setting up meetings with relevant parties before scheduling another committee meeting by the end of June.

The Presiding Member, Director and Sheryn Pitman presented to Chatanooga as part of their bid to become the next National Park City.

The Presiding Member and Director have also met with the Chief Executive and new Chair of Green Industries SA to discuss partnership opportunities.

The Board was also represented at the launch of the Nature Festival and the 2023 Volunteer celebration event.

Board representation at various events was discussed and a calendar of events will be developed and uploaded to the Board's Teams site

so that members can nominate which events they might be available to attend.

The Board:

2.1.1 **Acknowledged** the verbal report.

CARRIED

250523-32-2.2

Director's Report

The Director advised the Board of receipt of a variation of the Ministerial letter of direction regarding the Patawalonga Lakes System (PLS). The variation is not a significant financial risk for Green Adelaide but it has highlighted a relationship issue. It was explained that upstream from the PLS there are two large GPT booms and a concrete apron which were established by the Patawalonga Catchment Board in 2002. They have been on DEW's asset register but were also on Green Adelaide's as well. Discussions were held at formation of Green Adelaide and it was agreed that those assets would stay on DEW's asset register. The booms are integral to the functioning of the system. Staff have been negotiating for a equitable outcome for the long-term management and funding of the booms. Green Adelaide pays for the cleaning of the booms through the GPT contract but was seeking them being considered as part of the PLS with the money coming out of the \$1.13m. At an officer level the issue was escalated and a briefing and draft letter of direction was sent to the Minister without consultation with Green Adelaide, the Executive Director EHS or the Presiding Member.

This has highlighted a bigger issue for government. Funding of all urban water management assets needs to be addressed as assets are managed by many entities. There will be Stormwater Expert Panel report coming out soon that may address some of these issues.

Questions were raised regarding overall program logic and the expected timeframes for Board consideration. . The Board was advised that the Green Adelaide Management Team has met to settle the over-arching architecture and progress was being made. A draft is expected to be presented to the Board in July.

Development of the Urban Green Strategy is almost complete with staff currently having discussions with other agencies. The Director has also presented to the planning Minister's Liaison Group who have expressed an interest in the tree canopy and urban heat work.

Board members who attended the first session of cultural competency training provided feedback and noted that the session could be confronting to some staff. The Director advised that alterations had been made to the second session to ensure that participants were fully aware of the possible impact of the role-play component and that staff had met with the provider to discuss the program's content.

The Board:

2.2.1 **Noted** the report.

CARRIED

250523-32-2.3

2022-23 Cooler Greener Wilder Grants

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Claire Boan left the room while this item was discussed.

Board member Greg Ingleton outlined to the Board the assessment process for the applications.

It was queried if there was any cross-checking with Grassroot Grant applications to avoid double-dipping.

The Manager, Strategy and Performance advised many applications will not be entirely delivered with Green Adelaide investment alone and will have other co-contributions. It was agreed to address this one decision at a time that cross-checking be undertaken as part of the Grassroots Grants assessment process.

The Board:

- 2.3.1 **Approved** the funding of the 7 recommended Cooler Greener Wilder grant applications including the extra \$190k and delegates preparation and signing of the grant agreements to the Green Adelaide Management Team sponsor.

CARRIED

250523-32-2.4

Breakout Creek Update

The Manager Landscape Operations provided an update on the latest developments regarding Breakout Creek.

The Board were advised that Cabinet had approved the additional funding which will be taken from the Planning & Development Fund rather than Green Adelaide's retained earnings. The \$800k carryover will also be brought back into this financial year.

Plans regarding the elevated boardwalk are yet to be resolved. Following the Project Steering Committee decision to remove the boardwalk from the scope of works, Bardavcol have responded with without prejudice offer to include the boardwalk back in the scope of works. As part of the offer, Bardavcol have requested that the project consider a number of conditions, including to transfer the contract with Ecodynamics during the 3-year plant maintenance period to another project partner. This may be more effectively managed by Green Adelaide or SA Water. The offer has been considered by the Steering Committee and recommendations have gone to SA Water to start commercial negotiations with Bardavcol.

At present a preliminary opening for dignitaries close to practical completion date in July is likely with the official opening to the public in September. Based on the current construction schedule, the site should re-open to the public in July 2023.

The Board:

- 2.4.1 **Noted** the verbal report.

CARRIED

250523-32-2.5

Finance Report

The Manager Governance advised the Board that there is now a clearer path for the end of financial year position given the Cabinet decision regarding Breakout Creek.

There are still some big payments that need to come out before the end of July but at the end of April we are tracking at 3.3% underspent but it is likely to be 5% underspend overall leading towards June excluding Breakout Creek.

The finance team is continuing to work with project managers and undertake budget revisions.

The Board:

2.5.1 **Approved** the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 30 April 2023.

CARRIED

250523-32-3

MATTERS FOR NOTING

250523-32-3.1

Highlights Report

250523-32-3.2

Communications Report

250523-32-3.3

WHS Report

250523-32-3.4

Correspondence

250523-32-3.4.1

Ltr to City of West Torrens re BOC Stage 3 – 28 April 2023

250523-32-3.4.2

Ltr from Brown Hill Keswick Creek S/Water Board – 3 May 2023

250523-32-3.4.3

Ltr from NaturePlaySA – 5 May 2023

250523-32-3.4.4

Ltr to PIRSA re aerial feral deer cull – 15 May 2023

250523-32-3.4.5

Email from B Page re aerial feral deer cull – 16 May 2023

250523-32-3.5

Register of Interests

*The Board **noted** papers 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.5 and 3.5.*

CARRIED

250523-32-4

OTHER BUSINESS**MEETING CLOSED at 11.30 am**

Felicity-ann Lewis
A/Presiding Member



Date: 22 / 06 / 2023

