



GREEN ADELAIDE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 5

**held from 3.00 pm to 4.25 pm
on Thursday, 19 November 2020
via MS Teams**

PRESENT: Presiding Member: Chris Daniels

Members: Adrian Skull
Claire Boan
Trixie Smith
Kelvin Trimper
Louka Parry
Dena Vassallo

APOLOGIES: Jeffrey Newchurch
Felicity-ann Lewis

IN ATTENDANCE: Brenton Gear
Joyce Osborne
Marguerite Swart
Kim Krebs
Louisa Halliday
Stuart Collard

MEETING PROCEDURE

- 191120-5-1.1** **Welcome**
- 191120-5-1.2** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Felicity-ann Lewis and Jeffrey Newchurch.
- 191120-5-1.3** **Declarations of Interest**
There were no conflicts of interest declared.
- 191120-5-1.4** **Consent Schedule**

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

CARRIED

191120-5-1.5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 4 held on 22 October 2020 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

191120-5-1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

Reviewing the progress of Board sub-groups to be added to action list.

The Board **noted** the matters arising.

CARRIED

191120-5-1.7 Resolution Register

The Board **noted** the resolution register.

CARRIED

BOARD MATTERS

191120-5-2.1.1 Landscapes Priority Fund

The Board discussed the Minister's request to increase the Board's contribution for 2020/21 to 15%. It was also noted that the Minister has indicated his expectations that Green Adelaide will not make an application to the fund. As a consequence, budget cuts were discussed including potential options for adjusting expenditure from existing projects and decreasing salary expenditure as well as using funds carried over from 2019-20. Further suggestions for bolstering the Landscapes Priority Fund included it having access to open space levies paid into the Planning and Development Fund.

Furthermore, in order for the Board to be in a stronger position with stakeholders they need to be able to demonstrate the value of the additional contribution into the Landscapes Priority Fund. As such, the Board felt there was a reputational risk with partners should there be reduced expenditure against key project deliverables of the 2020-21 Business Plan.

The Board:

2.1.1.1 **Noted** the Minister's request to increase the Board's contribution to the Landscape Priority Fund by an additional 5% in the 2020/21 financial year as per the letter received 11 November 2020.

CARRIED

- 2.1.1.2 **Approved** the re-allocation of funds within the Board's Annual Business Plan 2020/21 to apportion 15% of land levy to the Landscapes Priority Fund

CARRIED

- 2.1.1.3 **Noted** the potential options to support the increase in financial contribution, incorporating the use of some carryover funds as well as the redirection of project funds. Details to be presented at December board meeting.

CARRIED

191120-5-2.1.2

Water Management Assets

The Board agreed that it would prefer not to hold assets particularly outside of the Green Adelaide Region. It also acknowledged that Green Adelaide has an important role in urban water management in conjunction with the DEW Water & River Murray Division and other key water stakeholders.

The Board acknowledged the different classes of water assets and that water monitoring assets were being considered separately through the Optimisation Review process. This Review will assist in making recommendations about future investment and ownership options for 27 water monitoring assets in the Green Adelaide Region and the 25 water monitoring assets now outside the Region.

The Board also acknowledged that water quality and hydrodynamic monitoring is important, alongside GPT and sedimentation basis performance; particularly given potential increases in vegetative debris from proposed urban greening initiatives.

The Board expressed concern that ownership and management of water monitoring assets is a state-wide issue and raised questions about why the Green Adelaide Board would be managing the liability of other Regions.

The Board:

- 2.1.2.1 **Approved** in-principle the budget allocation for operation and maintenance of major water assets of \$5.3M over 5 years. The Board requires a 6-monthly report for consideration of progress in pursuing long-term ownership and management options alongside the current operation and maintenance procurement processes.

CARRIED

- 2.1.2.2 **Approved** proceeding with procurement processes to seek up to 5 year contracts for each: water management asset operation and maintenance; and surface water monitoring operation and maintenance to commence from the time current contractual arrangements cease.

Contracts would have provision to allow Green Adelaide to withdraw in a timely manner if decisions on asset ownership have been agreed.

CARRIED

2.1.2.3 **Noted** the Director, Green Adelaide will act on behalf of the Board to undertake the procurement (including seeking all relevant approvals from the Minister for Environment and Water following DEW procurement procedures).

CARRIED

2.1.2.4 **Noted** the current known disposal of assets in relation to key projects, including the Patawalonga Lake System, Second Creek/River Torrens gross pollutant trap upgrade, Breakout Creek redevelopment and Brown Hill Keswick Creeks stormwater projects, will be authorised by the Director Green Adelaide using existing procurement sub-delegations.

CARRIED

191120-5-3.1

Director's Report

The Board noted the report.

CARRIED

FINANCE

191120-5-3.2

Finance Report

The Board:

3.2.1 **Accepted** the financial reports for the financial period ending 31 October 2020

CARRIED

191120-5-3.3

Board Project Quarterly Report

The Board noted the report.

CARRIED

PAPERS TO NOTE

191120-5-4.2

Register of Interests

191120-5-4.3.1

Letter to Minister re 22 Oct 2020 meeting

191120-5-4.3.2

Letter from Nature Play SA

191120-5-4.3.3

Letter from Mike Fuller, DEW re Water Levies

The Board noted information papers 4.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.2 and 4.3.3.

CARRIED

191120-5-6.0

OTHER BUSINESS

Service Level Agreement

Board members received a copy of the SLA and it was noted that this will be presented to the Risk and Performance Committee at its first meeting on 1 December.

MEETING CLOSED: 4:35

Chris Daniels
Presiding Member

Chris Daniels

Date: 10 / 12 / 2020

