Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to Country. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal peoples visiting / attending from other areas of South Australia

Meeting Title: Board Meeting		**NY Landscape Board Meeting #**	
Date: Monday 28 June 2021			
Start Time:	1300	**Finish Time:**	1658
Location:	Orroroo	**Room:**	Golf Club
Attendees:	Caroline Schaefer (Presiding Member), Sarah Barrett, Geoffrey White, Phillip Heaslip, Peter Angus and Sam Germein (Community Board Members)		
Staff:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business Services), Paul O'Leary (A/Landscape Operations Manager), Kate Pearce (Landscape Manager), Jennifer Munro (Planning Officer) and Chris Martin (Business and Finance Services Coordinator) - by Teams and Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant)		
Visitors / Guests:	Giverny Rodgers – Policy Officer, Invasive Species Unit, PIRSA		
Apologies:	Hon Dan van Holst Pelekaan MP Hon Geoff Brock MP Anna Baum (Community Board Member) CE Dylan Strong (Orroroo/Carrieton Council) Mayor Kathie Bowman (Orroroo/Carrieton Council)		
Note	Prior to the meeting, board members embarked on a site visit to a local farming property to review the landholder's extensive changes to their practices in response to the drought. The site visit commenced at 10.30am.		

Item	**Meeting Standing Items**
1	**Welcome, Acknowledgment to Country, apologies and agenda check**
1.1	**Conflict of Interest Disclosures** Nil
1.2	**Minutes from the previous meeting** The minutes from meeting No 9 held on 24 May 2021, were accepted as a true and accurate record. P Heaslip / G White **CARRIED**

1.3	**Action List** Reviewed and updated
1.4	**Work Health Safety (WHS)** The draft minutes of the WHS committee meeting held 17 June 2021 were noted. The staff and committee were congratulated as no incidents have occurred since their last meeting held in March 2021.
1.5	**Board Projects status** A verbal update on three current projects: • Realignment of the Living Flinders project • The last 1.3 kilometres of the fence for the Marna Banggara project has been erected • Goyder Line Drought resilience project commences 1 July 2021.
2. Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	**PIRSA** A presentation on the current legislation and goat policy that is not reducing goat numbers and the proposed review. Five options were presented and all members were in favour of a review of the goat policy and increased compliance policies. **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • ***endorse further discussions with the EP and SAAL regions regarding the goat policy review*** • ***endorse that a final decision be reached at the August 2021 board meeting*** S Germein / G White **CARRIED**
2.3	**Regional Water Planning update** A verbal overview of the current water planning for the Barossa, Clare and Baroota Water Allocation Plans (WAPs). A brief discussion on the Baroota WAP and the current steering committee. An Expression of Interest (EOI) for a Baroota advisory group is currently being drafted with proposed members to include SA Water, community members, a board member and a First Nations representative. A nomination request is be sent to the Nukunu First Nations seeking their representative. **Action** A board member representative is required to join the Baroota Advisory group and Phil Heaslip was nominated, subject to his acceptance G White / S Germein **CARRIED**

	Note - The NYLB noted the report from the Planning Officer and it was recommended the Board receive regular reports on the regions water planning.
3. Strategic Items	
3.1	**Correspondence requiring a response – Climate Change Action Plan** No further discussion **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • ***endorse the Board's commitments in the draft implementation schedule for the South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021 - 2025*** P Angus / S Germein **CARRIED**
3.2	**Review of the Native Vegetation Act** A discussion ensued on the review of the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* and included the topic of undeclared roadside reserves and issues raised by landholders regarding paddocks left fallow for five years, reverting to native vegetation status. **Action** The draft letter of response as presented in the board papers to be withheld until the Hansard review of the NV Act review has been viewed by all board members. All members were in favour of an updated draft response letter to be included in the papers of the Extraordinary board meeting to be held on 19 July 2021. **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • ***notes the NRC review of the NV Act and the matters raised in this briefing*** • ***note the updated response letter to the NRC from the Board regarding the review of the NV Act to be presented at the Extraordinary Board Meeting 19 July 2021*** S Barrett / P Angus **CARRIED**
4	**Items for Decision / Discussion**
4.1	**NYLB Financial Analysis YTD May 2021** A presentation on the finances leading up to the end of the financial year. It was noted that a surplus is forecast and this aligns with the regions five year plan. **Motion:** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • **note and accept the May 2021 YTD financial analysis report**
4.2	**Budget 2021/2022** The budget is in alignment with the Business Plan endorsed by the Board at the previous board meeting.

	Action The spreadsheet depicting the 2021-22 budget for the Regional Management Team is to be shared with Geoff White, Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee but omitting salary amounts of staff members. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • **approve the 2021-22 budget** G White / S Barrett **CARRIED All In Favour**
4.3	**Board Authorisations and Delegations** No further discussion **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***authorise the functions and powers listed in the Schedules to the attached Instruments of Authorisation (Landscape South Australia Act 2019 specific delegations, people management authorisation and fleet management authorisation) to the positions detailed in the Schedule of the same Instruments;*** • ***authorise the Chair or relevant delegate to sign the Instruments of Authorisation, appropriately witnessed, effective from 28 June 2021; and*** • ***authorise the affixing of the common seal to the Instrument of Authorisation (Landscape South Australia Act 2019 specific delegations)*** S Germein / G White **CARRIED All In Favour**
4.4	**Surface Water Monitoring** A discussion on the request by DEW for the Board to undertake the ongoing maintenance of five water sites which were previously in the Adelaide Mount Lofty NRM (AMLR) Region. • It is envisioned that the cost is $4,000 to $4,500 per site, per annum • The surface water data collected becomes part of DEW water science report • One site demonstrates good condition in the Barossa area and the data assists in the water allocation plan for our region • The sites collect flood warning data information for flood forecasting. The Board was invited to make a decision on which, if any, of the sites the Board should maintain on an ongoing basis. **Motion:** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • ***endorse to decline the opportunity to assume responsibility for the four sites (A5050536, A5050543, A5051004 and A5051021) that are primarily valuable for flood monitoring***

	• ***endorse to negotiate with DEW to include operation of the Jacob's Creek site (A5050518) in the services DEW provides under the Water Planning and Monitoring agreement.*** G White / P Angus **CARRIED**
4.5	**Freedom of Information Statement - Annual Review** No further discussion **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***approve the amended Freedom of Information Statement; and*** • ***note that following approval, the Freedom of Information Statement will be made available on the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board website*** S Barrett / S Germein **CARRIED**
4.6	**NY Landscape Plan Consultation Report** An addendum is required to incorporate the CAP process which was embarked on in the Valleys and Plain district and was omitted from the consultation report. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the consultation report that accompanies the 2021-26 Regional Plan with the inclusion of an addendum regarding the CAP process in the Valleys and Plains district*** G White / P Angus **CARRIED**
4.7	**Aboriginal Engagement Committee Recommendations** A brief discussion on the merits of this committee going forward. **Motion:** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note and endorse the recommendations of the Aboriginal Engagement Committee meetings held on 28 May 2021*** S Barrett / G White **CARRIED**
4.8	**Calendar of Events** The calendar was reviewed and further event dates are encouraged. • Board members are invited to attend the Hart Winter Walk on 20 July 2021 • Board member attendance is on hold at present for the Landcare Conference to be held in Sydney 4-6 August 2021.
4.9	**Workshop** **Board self-assessment** It was suggested that board members may wish to take part in a 360 degree self-assessment and all members were supportive.

	Action A 360degree review for all board members to be arranged. ***(4.16pm P O'Leary left the meeting)*** A suggestion was raised for board meetings to be held in the morning and field visits in the afternoon. **Action** All board members are urged to urgently submit any further information or examples to the General Manager for the Board self-assessment review.
5 - Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only	
5.1	**Landscape Board Member Induction Survey Results**
5.2	**Minutes of the SAWDAG meeting supplied by Grant Chapman**
5.3	**Grassroots Grants** An out of session meeting is to be scheduled to review successful applicants and a discussion on part funding some of the unsuccessful ones that do not meet the criteria, utilising the option of the bite size grants. The Board will be required to endorse the successful applicants of the Grassroots grants at the Extraordinary board meeting on 19 July 2021. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the briefings from item 5.1 to 5.3 inclusive*** P Angus / S Germein **CARRIED**
6 – Standing Items for noting (to be discussed only if required)	
6.1	**Presiding Member report**
6.2	**Board Member reports** Geoff White and Sam Germein reports submitted. **Action** It was suggested to table some of the amendments from the recent Auditor Generals meeting attended by G White, Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee at the July 2021 Risk Management workshop.
6.3	**Communication and Engagement Report**
6.4	**Correspondence** Landscape Excellence Award – the Board was asked for nominations and one suggestion was forwarded.

6.5	**RMT report** The Minister has suggested the Northern and Yorke Landscape Priority fund application needs to be tweaked and resubmitted in the next round.
6.6	**Board forward planner**
6.7	**Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF) report** **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the reports from item 6.1 to 6.7 inclusive*** S Germein / G White **CARRIED**
7 - In Camera Session (if required)	
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	**Invitations for next meeting**
8.2	**Next meeting details amended to 16-17 August 2021 in Minlaton** **Action** Peter Angus agreed to represent the Board on the Nature Foundation Assessment Panel.
8.3	Meeting closed 1658pm

Signed

Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member