Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

Meeting Title: Board Meeting		**NY Landscape Board Meeting # 24**	
Date: Wednesday, 17 May 2023			
Start Time:	13.00	**Finish Time:**	16.17
Location:	Clare	**Room:**	Board room
Attendees:	Geoffrey White (Chair), Peter Angus, Jenny Loftes, Bruce Michael, Erika Lawley, Sue Scarman, Adrian Shackley and Russell Johnstone		
Staff:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business Services), Chris Martin (Business and Finance Services Coordinator), Paul O'Leary (A/Regional Operations and Compliance Manager), Libby Duncan (Landscape Projects Coordinator), Kate Pearce (Team Leader, Rangelands), Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant) and Iona Skyring (Landscape Officer)		
Visitors / Guests:	Doug Green, Senior Ecologist, DEW Judy Partington, Councillor, Regional Council of Goyder		
Apologies:	S Germein		
Note	The meeting commenced at 10.30am with a visit to Levi Creek. A thank you to board member Adrian Shackley for managing the site visit and the Levi Creek Community group.		

Item	Meeting Standing Items
1.1	Welcome, apologies and agenda check The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement to Country
1.2	**Additional agenda items** Update on the equalisation process. Noted to be discussed at item 5.4
1.3	**Conflict of Interest Disclosures** A list of board members associations was tabled and a request to advise the Executive Assistant of any future amendments.

1.4	**Minutes from the previous meeting** The minutes from meeting No 23 held on 15 March 2023, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. S Scarman / R Johnstone **CARRIED**
1.5	**Action List** Reviewed and updated
2. Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	**Guest Speaker - Doug Green - DEW** *Environmental Low Flow Bypass* Environment flows (eflows) are released from storage for the benefit of the environment. A PowerPoint on the why and how of the eflows and their benefits was presented. **Note** – Completed relevant eflow reports will be sent to board members. It was raised that there are reports available on the public 'Water Connect' website. Further questions can be directed via the General Manager following the meeting. The development of a fact sheet for landholders to explain environmental water flows was proposed. ***(D Green left the meeting)***
2.2	**District Report – *Team Leader, Rangelands*** A presentation of the Board's five priorities and the work and projects undertaken by the Rangelands district team in each of them was detailed. The availability of previous pod casts created by the Rangeland and Communications teams can be made available if requested. ***(K Pearce, J Partington and I Skyring left the meeting)***
2.3	**Draft budget 2023 / 2024 – Business Manager** The land and water levies equalisation was discussed, noting that four of the Regions council's ratepayer's levies are to increase. The presentation included an overview of the income and costs across the Regions three districts, grant programs and the *Board Priority Project* allocation. The detailed budget will be prepared on the finalisation of the figures and will be presented at the 21 June 2023 meeting seeking board approval. RDP (Regional Delivery Partners) Federal funding will be announced in the near future and if successful, the Region will receive further funds for identified projects. **Action** The draft board budget will be uploaded to the Boards *Microsoft Teams* site prior to the board papers being distributed, allowing more time for members to review.

2.4	**Financial Analysis YTD 2022-2023 – Business and Finance Coordinator** A presentation on the year to date figures depicts a strong position. An explanation of the complexity of the carry-over funds. If further information is required, board members are encouraged to contact the Presiding Member. ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • ***receive and note the April 2023 YTD financial analysis.*** R Johnston / J Loftes **CARRIED**
3. Items for Decision	
3.1	**Business Plan 2023-2024** The Business Plan has been approved by Minister Close and is published on the Board's website. The levy equalisation process has also been approved by the Minister.
3.2	**2022-2023 Third Quarter Financial Forecast** The expenditure will be closely monitored leading up to the end of the financial year. **Motion:** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the 2022-2023 third quarter forecast of the following expected income and expenditure for the 2022-2023 financial year;*** ***Total Operating Revenue $ 9,153,748*** ***Total Operating Expenditure $ 9,160,175*** ***Net Operating Deficit $ 6,427*** P Angus / S Scarman **CARRIED**
3.3	**Funding for the development of a management plan and associated restoration work** The Copper Coast Council has contacted the Board via the General Manager to seek their financial support to collaborate in the development of a management plan and associated works for the restoration of a sand dune system at North Beach in Wallaroo. It was acknowledged this is a good opportunity for the Board to assist in the Copper Coast Council district and a grant agreement would be executed **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:***

	• ***approve $20,000 of funding towards the development of a management plan and associated works for the restoration of the dune system at North Beach, Wallaroo.*** S Scarman / J Loftes **CARRIED**
3.4	**Rangelands aerial feral goat and deer control program** A request to financially support the pest animal project commencing in May 2023 was approved. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***approve the allocation of $10,000 from the NYLB Priorities Project budget for the feral goat and deer aerial control program scheduled for May 2023*** A Shackley / R Johnstone **CARRIED**
3.5	**Deputy Chair Appointment** An updated briefing simplifying the process of establishing a Deputy Chair of the Board which was previously offered at the March meeting of the Board. It was acknowledged that there is not an increase in payment for a board member to act as the Chair. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***consider and endorse the proposal to identify and appoint a Deputy Chair*** • ***determine the process for nominating a candidate and if appropriate makes this recommendation dependent on consideration of board members*** **Action** A ballot is to be created for members to vote for a Deputy Chair from a list of nominated members. It is envisioned this will be completed by the end of May 2023. Nominated P Angus – accepted Nominated S Scarman – accepted Nominated R Johnstone - accepted E Lawley / P Angus **CARRIED**
3.6	**First Nations Chair of the Aboriginal Engagement Committee (AEC)** A recommendation by the First Nations representatives to chair the AEC meetings was raised at their March meeting. A discussion ensued on the selection process for which

	Nation would chair the meeting for a period of 12 months. It was agreed that the whole of the AEC committee would need to vote on the nomination of the First Nation Chair. A further discussion on a proposal for a Deputy Chair but it was recognised that they would be remunerated at their committee sitting fee level. **Motion:** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the selection of a First Nations representative to be the Chairperson of the Aboriginal Engagement Committee*** • ***endorse the AEC to recommend and consider an option for a Deputy Chair*** • ***endorse the model for a 12 month term of chair and then to be reviewed*** R Johnstone / E Lawley **CARRIED** **Action** Provide feedback to the AEC, supporting their proposal for a First Nations Chair of the AEC and to seek their advice on liaising between the AEC meetings and that of the Board.
3.7	**Draft Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework** **Action** Feedback is required on the draft MERI Framework document and requested this be submitted to the Business Manager by the 21 June 2023 board meeting. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the Draft Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework*** **NOTED**
3.8	**Correspondence requiring a response- SAWDAG** The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board assists with funding the Wild Dog program which supports the fencing and engaging of the dog trappers. A board representative is required to attend the proposed four meetings per year which can be attended by *Microsoft Teams*. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the correspondence received from PIRSA regarding a board representative for the SA Wild Dog Group (SAWDAG)*** • ***endorse the nomination of Bruce Michael to be the board representative and Sue Scarman as the Proxy*** R Johnstone / P Angus **CARRIED**
3.9	**Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary and Buckland Park Aerial Feral Deer Control**

	A positive outcome from the recent deer control was briefly discussed. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***ratify the participation of Landscape staff in the planned aerial feral deer control operation for the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary, Buckland Park and the Light Delta on 13 and 14 May 2023*** R Johnstone / S Scarman **CARRIED**
3.10	**Board Committee Recommendations** The AEC draft minutes and motions from their March meeting were not endorsed as further clarification was requested on one recommendation. In Principle support was however offered for the recommendation. **Action** Further details are to be established on the recommendation by the AEC to: *'approve funding to consider a forum for First Nations members of the AEC to assist them to work together for a bush medicine and bush food joint project in different parts of the Region'* The Board offered In Principle support for the funding but further details are required. A discussion on discretionary funding allocation for the Aboriginal Partnership Officer for events as proposed in the recommendation. **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • ***note and approve the recommendations of the Governance and Finance meetings held on 27 April 2023.*** P Angus / S Scarman **CARRIED**
3.11	**Board calendar of events** **Action** • 19 June 2023 Cultural Burning. To investigate the possibility of board members attending a cultural burn prior to the June board meeting. • Seeking board member attendance at the NAIDOC celebrations for 30 July 2023 in Clare.
4 - Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only	
4.1	**Water Steering Committee update**

	It was noted that 3% of all water allocation plans resources is proposed to be allocated to First Nations for environmental or commercial purposes.
4.2	**Board Priority Project Funding** The briefing clarifies the budget line and process to utilise board priority projects funding for board members to identify proposed projects in their communities. A further $50,000 will be allocated for the 2023-2024 financial year. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the actuality of the Board's Priority Projects expense line of $50,000 for identified board projects*** **NOTED**
5 – Standing Reports for Noting (to be discussed only if required)	
5.1	**Presiding Member report** The recent Chairs Forum was attended by Minister Close.
5.2	**Board Member reports** Adrian Shackley, Erika Lawley and Jenny Loftes submitted written reports, Chair Geoff White provided a verbal report at the meeting.
5.3	**Communication and Engagement Report**
5.4	**Correspondence** • A reply from Minister Close responding to the Barossa Council's levy equalisation query. **Action** • Tabled correspondence from the Light Regional Council and a response will be drafted. A meeting with the Council is scheduled for 23 May 2023 and to be attended by the Presiding Member, General Manager and the Business Manager. • Tabled draft levy flyer for rate notice insertion • Tabled 'Understanding the landscape levy' – will be available at all council offices and on their websites.
5.5	**Work health and safety minutes**
5.6	**RLT report**

5.7	**Board Forward Planner** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note items 5.1 to 5.7 inclusive*** **NOTED**
6 - Board In Camera Session	
	The meeting was moved to 'In Camera' due to the information the disclosure (J) of which: (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official; (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; Note - Tony Fox, Rebecca Howard and Rosemary McDowell remained for the In camera meeting. All other attendees departed. G White / R Johnston **CARRIED** **Motion:** That the meeting move out of *In Camera* and back to the main meeting where members of the public may be present.G White / E Lawley **CARRIED**
7 - Other Items	
7.1	**Additional agenda items from Item 1.2** Levy equalisation – no further discussion
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	**Invitations for next meeting 21 June 2023 in Kadina** The Light Regional Council are seeking assistance from the Board for an issue on Old Anlaby road for revegetation. A consulting engineers report commissioned by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board suggests revegetation. It was raised this is an opportunity to assist the Council. An out of session briefing is to be directed to all members seeking their approval.

8.2	**Next meeting details** – Kadina, 35 Frances Terrace – 21 June 2023
8.3	**Meeting closed** 4.17pm

Signed

Geoff White
Presiding Member