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Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians add Nations who's 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 # 30**	
Date: 21 February 2024			
Start Time:	1:34pm	**Finish Time:**	4:30pm
Location:	155 Main North Road Clare	Room:	Board room
Present:	Geoffrey White (Chair), Peter Angus, Sam Germein, Jenny Loftes, Bruce Michael, Erika Lawley, Sue Scarman, Adrian Shackley and Russell Johnstone		
Staff in Attendance:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business and Planning), Chris Martin (Business and Finance Services Coordinator), Libby Duncan (Landscape Projects Coordinator) and Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant / Minutes)		
Visitors / Guests:	Angela Ruddenklau (Regional Coordinator Yorke Mid North, PIRSA)		
Apologies:	Nil		
Public Gallery:	Nil		
Note:	The meeting commenced with a workshop at 10.00am to discuss the Baroota and Barossa Water Allocation Plans and the results of the recent community survey.		

Item	**Meeting Standing Items**
1.1	**Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country, apologies and agenda check** An acknowledgement of the work of Garth Agius as a member of the Five Nations Landscape Committee and of his passing. A note of thanks to the board members who attended his recent service.

1.2	**Additional agenda items** 1. Biodiversity Act for South Australia - discussion paper consultation
1.3	**Conflict of Interest Disclosures** Geoff White raised a perceived conflict of interest for an agenda item to be discussed during the In Camera section of the meeting.
1.4	**Minutes from the previous meeting** The minutes from meeting No 29 held on 14 December 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	**PIRSA update** - A Ruddenklau • The primary industry score card has been delivered and portrayed significant growth including that of grain, seafood, wool revenue, forestry and dairy • Electronic identification (eID) rebates are available until June 2025 • On farm emergency funding is still available • Minister Scriven has announced the regional emerging leadership program has received funding to commence the training again in March 2024 • Agritourism information is being gathered from relevant stakeholders and the contact is PIRSA.
3. Items for Decision	
3.1	**Financial Analysis YTD January 2024 -** Business and Finance Services Coordinator The Board levy funded priority projects is currently underspent and all members are encouraged to submit any proposals utilising the *Board Priority Projects Fund Approval Process* guide. The Board financial management is in good order at the end of January 2024. **Motion:** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • ***receive and note the January 2024 YTD financial analysis*** R Johnstone / B Michael **CARRIED AIF**
3.2	**Mid-year budget review** - Manager Business and Planning The mid-year budget was discussed and explained at length.

	The Board approved a detailed budget in June 2023, including a projected underspend which was held in anticipation of the Regional Delivery Partnership tender result. Access to carryover levy funds is to be requested to the Department of Treasury with identified projects to spend the funds. Opportunities to utilise the funds were required to be presented by February 2024. This was completed and a response to the Board is due by June 2024. The utilisation of the carry over funds has been proposed over the next four financial years. Proposed projects, capital purchases and initiatives under four of the Board priorities of Sustainable Agriculture, Biodiversity, Pest Plant and Animal Control and Community were reviewed and discussed. **Action** Investigate how approved grants could be utilized over more than a one year time frame. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • ***approve the amendments to the 2023-2024 Budget as outlined excluding the $20,000 to the Clare Valley Wine and Grape Association*** • ***approve the allocation of $20,000 from the NYLB levy funds to the Clare Valley Wine and Grape Association*** R Johnston / J Loftes **CARRIED AIF** **B Michael abstained from the vote for the Clare Valley Wine and Grape Association**
3.3	**Sustainable Agriculture Grants and Projects** Discussed and approved in item 3.2
3.4	**Wedge-tailed Eagle Awareness Campaign** A comprehensive briefing was included in the Board's meeting papers and a Communications and Engagement Plan. **Action** Suggested changes to the Wedge-tailed Eagle Communications Plan • amend the language to *near* extinction • amend lambing time to *autumn / winter*. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • ***note the information in this paper regarding the statewide Wedge-tailed Eagle campaign (that will run from February-April 2024), which the Board approved $8,800 in funding for (including $1,200 in funds for new satellite trackers).*** S Scarman / P Angus **CARRIED AIF**

3.5	**Committee Recommendations, Governance and Finance -** Chair, Governance and Finance Committee. A facilitator attended the recent Governance and Finance (GF) Committee to discuss the role and responsibility of the Committee and members. It was proposed that the Chair of the GF give an overview of the Committees proceedings at the following board meeting. The business continuity plan is being reviewed and will be presented to the Board at their March meeting. The installation of an independent member of the Committee and the mechanism to engage them is being investigated and may be discussed further at board level. The *Asset Disposal* policy is being reviewed and will be presented at the March meeting of the Board. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • ***note and approve the recommendations the Governance and Finance Committee meeting held on 7 February 2024*** R Johnstone / S Scarman **CARRIED**
3.6	**Board Calendar of Events** Reviewed and noted Barunga West Council meeting - B Michael to attend when the date is known
4 – Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only	
4.1	**Five Nations Landscape Committee Communique** The communique following a committee meeting is to inform the Chief Executive and the Chair of the Five Nations Board on the work of the committee.
5 – Standing Reports for Noting (to be discussed only if required)	
5.1	**Presiding Member report**
5.2	**Board Member reports** R Johnstone submitted a written report.
5.3	**Communication and Engagement Report**
5.4	**Correspondence** Coast Protection board invitation - G White to present 21 June 2024
5.5	**RLT report**

5.6	**Board Forward Planner** A percentage of income is allocated to the Grassroots Grants program. A presentation at the March meeting of the Board. **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board** • **note items 4.1 and 5.1 to 5.6 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; 3.47pm - Tony Fox, Rebecca Howard, Derek Sandow (by Teams) and Rosemary McDowell remained for the In Camera meeting. All other attendees departed. S Germein / E Lawley **CARRIED** **Motion** That the meeting move out of *In Camera* and back to the main meeting where members of the public may be present. P Angus / S Scarman **CARRIED**
7 – Other Items	
7.1	**Additional agenda items from Item 1.2** **Action item 8.1** Biodiversity Act for South Australia - discussion paper consultation **Motion** **Add 'in principle' after endorse the draft letter and response in principle** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the draft letter and response in principle to be submitted on behalf of regional landscape boards in South Australia regarding the Biodiversity Act for South Australia – discussion paper consultation.*** A Shackley / R Johnstone **CARRIED**
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	**Invitations/Items for next meeting** **Note** - an aerial shoot will be undertaken by the National Parks and Wildlife Service at the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary and board staff will assist

8.2	**Next meeting details** - 20 March 2024, in Kadina
8.3	**Meeting closed 4.30pm**

Signed

Geoff White
Presiding Member