

JOBS FOR NATURE

Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions Governance Group Meeting

Monday 25th July 2022, 6:00 pm, via Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance

Governance Group: Clinton Hemana (Co-Chair), Rachel Keedwell (Co-Chair), Sam Ferguson, Bernie Wanden, Dean Wilson, Di Rump, Bryan Smith, Jo Mason, Jonathan Procter

Support Team: Shannon Johnston, Jon Roygard, Logan Brown, Maria Burgess

1 Welcome

Dean opened the meeting with a karakia, Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Eva Weatherall, Quentin Parr, Siobhan Karaitiana, Jonathan Procter for lateness.

3 Conflicts of interest

No new conflicts of interest have been added. Conflicts are to be recorded for Jon Procter and Quentin Parr.

Action:

- Quentin and Jonathan to send any conflicts of interests to Maria.

RESOLVED: That the Conflicts of Interest be noted and managed appropriately and that each Governance Group member confirms their conflict of interests by email, if they have not already done so, within two weeks of this governance group meeting to the project administrator.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes from the 25th May and 12th July 2022 meetings were provided as well as the finalised minutes from the meeting held on the 31st March 2022.

There was a general discussion on the notes captured from the wetland complex design MCA decision meeting. Feedback from Di was that the notes from the discussion needed to be captured more accurately in its entirety.

Bryan clarified that the project has been designed to be packaged up and added to over time.

Di was concerned that communications had indicated improvements were more significant than what is now seeming likely.

It was noted there is a need to understand as a group what a significant nitrogen reduction looks like.

Di asked that when referring to Levin in these documents we use Taitoko, Levin.

RESOLVED: The Governance Group accepts the meeting minutes from 25th May and 12th July meetings. Any further changes to be requested via email.

Jo/Sam
CARRIED

5 Project Update / Annual Report

Logan outlined the Annual Report as circulated.

Logan verbally updated the monetary totals in the annual report. This was due to the timing of the closing of the financial year and not having them all available at the time the reports were due to go to the Governance Group. These will be circulated to the group. Jon R advised MfE that it would be good to have an additional two weeks to submit year end reports to be able to provide the confirmed numbers.

In this reporting quarter \$237,438.76 was spent on employment, just over \$200,098.22 was spent on monitoring equipment, room hire, and catering for the community stakeholder group, and the plants for the bush block.

The employment monetary totals underspend for Years one and two have been updated to be \$196,952.83 which will be requested to be carried forward into the new financial year.

The amount to be requested to be carried forward from years one and two, was updated. \$915,219.71 is the total amount to be requested to be carried forward into the new financial year.

Logan provided answers to the list of questions that were submitted by Sam and will obtain information from Overseer to confirm the nutrient loss from the purchased farm.

There has been no progress on names for the governance group or the wetland. Di to report back to the next meeting.

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Logan noted Staci is leaving in a few weeks which will create some pinch points as the project falls to him to coordinate. There was some concern around the level of carry forwards, Logan didn't see an issue once work progresses with consultants.

Jonathan Procter joined at 6:43 pm.

Di noted the need to redirect funds for communications and noted capacity would also need to be given to communication and engagement with lake owners. Jon Roygard confirmed the intent to increase communication across the project and noted the effect of that on the partners. Options are to be considered as to how this could be covered through the project budgets. Di requested this be added to the risk register.

Jon Roygard advised he is willing to share the groundwater conceptual model. Di thought it would be good if the report was circulated and discussed. Jon Roygard questioned the level the group wanted to be involved in assessing all reports produced for the project. Rachel thought it best if information about these

reports is circulated to the group if interested. Di asked for the agenda to have a section on reports. Shannon suggested having some check-in days where anyone interested parties could come and ask questions.

There was some discussion to understand if the whole governance group and project team needed to reach consensus before the resource consent application is lodged.

ACTIONS

- Logan to obtain Overseer information to confirm nutrient loss.
- Logan to include a section on reports in future agendas.
- Di to report back on possible names for the wetland and governance group to the next meeting.
- Jon to look at how communication and engagement with owners can be funded.
- Logan to include engagement with owners in the risk register.

RESOLVED:

The Governance Group accepted the Annual Report for submission to the Ministry for Environment.

Bernie / Sam

CARRIED

Di Rump abstained

6 Communication Plan Update

Ideas were presented in the material circulated some of which is already underway. Rachel noted it would be useful to have another press release soon. Di is happy to provide input if a draft is provided.

Di asked if there was further communication proposed regarding the mortality event, Clinton advised he is currently working on some communications for the trust.

Jo suggested also considering the Hōkio community as a location for an event.

Sam suggested the website isn't that informative for those that aren't involved in the project and there is nothing tangible for them to see. Jon Roygard undertook to get another media release out. Sam also thought the website should show some of the key timeframes and events. Jon Roygard undertook to take the points discussed back to be discussed with the project team including how it could be resourced.

Jon Procter asked about revenue collected for the wider Lake restoration programme, Jon Roygard advised this was being used for the lake weed operations. Jon Procter also questioned income being collected from the dairy farm and Jon Roygard advised that some of that has been used to repair fences etc and the budget can be provided to a future meeting.

ACTIONS:

- Logan to include the Hōkio community for a community event.
- Jon Roygard to arrange a press release to go out soon.
- Jon Roygard to discuss issues raised at this meeting with the project team.
- Logan to include the budget for the dairy farm in a future agenda.

7 Project Risk Register

Overall, the project is at risk of delay with regards to development of the wetland design and consent application process.

Sam noted some of the neighboring properties are possibly using this project to raise issues associated with water tables. Jon Roygard noted that groundwater levels were an issue across the region and conversations were being held with some landowners.

8 Health and safety

No health and safety incidents have been reported since the previous meeting.

9 Other Business

Jon Roygard advised a further meeting was required around 19 September to be able to progress the concept design.

There was some discussion around the recent bird and fish deaths at the lake. Clinton noted that Dean had managed to get some birds tested with MPI that confirmed botulism. The trust is working on some communication to send out to the community. Clinton mentioned that the type of botulism was not one that could pass from birds to fish so there are still questions around the cause of the fish deaths. Dean confirmed the rahui was lifted on Tuesday.

Dean closed the meeting at 8:20 pm with a karakia.

Action Summary

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| 1 | Quentin and Jonathan to send any conflicts of interests to Maria | Quentin and Jonathan |
| 2 | Logan to obtain Overseer information to confirm nutrient loss. | Logan |
| 3 | Logan to include a section on reports in future agendas. | Logan |
| 4 | Di to report back on possible names for the wetland and governance group to the next meeting. | Di |
| 5 | Jon to look at how communication and engagement with owners can be funded. | Jon Roygard |
| 6 | Logan to include engagement with owners in the risk register. | Logan |
| 7 | Logan to include the Hōkio community for a community event. | Logan |
| 8 | Jon Roygard to arrange a press release to go out soon. | Jon Roygard |
| 9 | Jon Roygard to discuss issues raised at this meeting with the project team. | Jon Roygard |
| 10 | Logan to include the budget for the dairy farm in a future agenda. | Logan |


Appendix 1 - Register of Interests

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Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions Governance Group

Register of Interests

| Rachel Keedwell | |
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| Position | Horizons Regional Council Chair |
| Responsibilities | Co-chairperson and voting member |
| Interests | NA |

| Sam Ferguson | |
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| Position | Horizons Regional Council Councillor |
| Responsibilities | Voting member |
| Interests | Private home – [REDACTED] Levin  |

| Bernie Wanden | |
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| Position | Horowhenua Mayor |
| Responsibilities | Voting member |
| Interests | Fellow Rotarian with Geoff Kane |

| Jo Mason | |
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| Position | Horowhenua Deputy Mayor |
| Responsibilities | Voting member |
| Interests | Geoff has been in contact with Jo and is known to her. |

| Eva Weatherall | |
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| Position | Ministry for the Environment lead contact |
| Responsibilities | Non-voting member |
| Interests | |

| Di Rump | |
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| Position | Muaūpoko Tribal Authority CE |
| Responsibilities | Voting member |
| Interests | NA |

| Clinton Hemana | |
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| Position | Lake Horowhenua Trust Chair |
| Responsibilities | Co-chairperson and voting member |
| Interests | NA |

| Dean Wilson | |
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| Position | Lake Horowhenua Trustee |
| Responsibilities | Voting member |
| Interests | NA |

Rārite Mātaki

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| Position | Executive Te Runanga o Raukawa |
| Responsibilities | Voting member |
| Interests | NA |

Bryan Smith

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| Position | Ministry for the Environment |
| Responsibilities | Non-voting member |
| Interests | NA |

Jon Procter

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| Position | MTA board member |
| Responsibilities | Voting member |
| Interests | |

Quentin Parr

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| Position | Te Runanga o Raukawa representative |
| Responsibilities | Voting member |
| Interests | |