

MINUTES

In Attendance: Rachel Keedwell (Chair), Sam Ferguson, Bernie Wanden, Jo Mason, Clinton Hemana, Dean Wilson, Lindsay Poutama, Nadeine Dommissie, Lorena Stephen, Eva Weatherall, Shannon Johnstone, Jon Roygard, Logan Brown, Staci Boyt, Maria Burgess (minutes)

1 Welcome

Dean Wilson opened the meeting with a karakia, the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Michael McCartney and Di Rump. It was noted Di may join the meeting later. Di joined the meeting at 7:35 pm.

3 Conflicts of interest

The declarations received prior to the meeting were added to the register. The following conflicts were noted at the meeting and will be included in the conflicts of interest register (Appendix 1). Jo will be a commissioner on the hearings for Taraika (420 hectare block of land that has been identified as a growth area for Horowhenua).

RESOLVED:

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

Keedwell/Wanden

CARRIED

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record. It was noted that Sam Ferguson who attended via Zoom left at 9:00 am.

Keedwell/Wanden

CARRIED

5 Terms of Reference

The updated Terms of Reference (ToR) were presented. MfE requested the addition of Brian Smith as a non-voting member and Wes Patrick as an alternate. Confidentiality was discussed and agreed representatives were able to discuss issues with the organisations they were representing. The ability to send an alternate was discussed and it was agreed to leave the ToR as it is currently worded.

RESOLVED:

That the Governance Group confirmed the updated ToR document as amended and agreed to sign the amended ToR as a follow up to the meeting within two weeks of the meeting date.

Ferguson/Wanden

CARRIED

5 Introduction to the project

In addition to the material in the meeting pack Jon outlined the project and work completed to date.

6 Project Update

Objective 3 – Wetland Complex

Jon overviewed the item on the wetland complex.

The land purchase was discussed, including the significant increase in land area and cost to the project and the rationale for that providing for future opportunities around connection between the lakes. Dean spoke of how happy he was about the land purchase and the opportunities this enabled.

The impact of this on the budget for the project and what will be able to be achieved in terms of construction of the wetland and the other objectives of the project, including science, monitoring and communication were discussed.

The land purchase has provided for additional opportunities and limited what can be achieved with this projects budget. The Governance Group confirmed they wanted to take a Master Plan approach, recognising this project was not a one step journey. The Governance Group considered there are other opportunities for funding beyond this project.

Di Rump jointed the meeting at 7:35 pm.

The Governance Group discussed the purpose of the wetland complex and confirmed an approach where water quality improvement in Lake Horowhenua was the primary purpose, but not limiting cultural, social and economic opportunities. The Governance Group identified a need for options around the design and indicators of the success/impact of the design being open to both passive and engineered components of the design. Overall more information was considered to be required before substantive decisions could be made.

A working group approach to development was agreed as a path forward. The importance of iwi involvement and community involvement were emphasised by the Governance Group including the importance of resourcing iwi involvement.

7 Annual Work Plan 2021-22

Logan outlined the work plan provided.

RESOLVED:

The Governance Group received the draft annual work plan and do not recommend any changes.

Keedwell/Poutama

CARRIED

8 Health & Safety and Governance Group Remuneration

Jon summarised the information provided and options were discussed.

ACTIONS:

[Redacted text]

RESOLVED



The Governance Group receives the item on health and safety and remuneration and resolves to undertake best practice in assuming the roles of officers under the Health and Safety at Work Act. The group seeks improved reporting on health and safety for the next meeting and beyond and resolves to remunerate members at a rate of \$600 per quarter plus mileage and out of pocket expenses (as approved by the Chair in advance). The group seeks to reprioritise budget from within

the work programme through discussion with MfE, noting that costs will be backdated to the start of the project and any out of pocket expenses will be discussed with the Chair in advance.”

Hemana/Mason

CARRIED

9 Other Business

An interim meeting via Zoom in six weeks time was agreed.

Sam noted questions being asked by Horowhenua residents re mosquitos and water levels.

Dean Wilson closed the meeting closed at 8:34 pm with a karakia.