

MINUTES

In Attendance

Governance Group: Clinton Hemana (Co-Chair), Rachel Keedwell (Co-Chair), Jo Mason, Jon Procter, Dean Wilson, Sam Ferguson, Bryan Smith, Eva Weatherall,

Support Team: Shannon Johnston, Jon Roygard, Staci Boyte, Logan Brown, Rob van Duivenboden, Becky Macdonald, and Lisa Gooch.

1 Welcome

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

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Rārite Mātaki, Di Rump, Siobhan Karaitiana, and Bernie Wanden.

3 Conflicts of interest

No new conflicts of interest added, Clinton noted a new interest to be registered which is a role at DairyNZ.

Action:

Jon Procter to fill in COI table and return to Logan for inclusion in the minutes.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED:

Previous meeting minutes were accepted by the Governance Group.

Sam/Jo
CARRIED

5 Project Update – Quarter 3 reporting

The Quarter 3 report was taken as read.

RESOLVED:

The Governance Group accepts the quarterly report (Annex B) for submission to the Ministry for Environment.

Clinton/Jon P
CARRIED

6 Draft annual work plan 2022-23

RESOLVED:

The Governance Group accepts the draft annual work plan (Annex C) for submission to the Ministry for Environment.

Clinton/Jon P
CARRIED

7 Horowhenua FMU web-tool update

Logan talked to the item that had been provided in the meeting pack. The web-tool is still a work in progress with it to go live at the end of June 2022. More information on the Ōhau and Waikawa catchments is to be included in the page.

8 Presentation on wetland design options and MCA process

Becky (Jacobs) and Logan provided a presentation to the Governance Group on the wetland complex options that are being considered in the evaluation process for the project.

Jon outlined the process from here with the project team and experts associated with the wetland undertaking the evaluation of the options on the 1st June 2022. From this will come information pack to the Governance Group which provides analysis of each of the options that have been considered. A half-day workshop with the Governance Group is to be held at the end of June 2022 to consider this information.

There was a range of feedback and questions received from the Governance Group. Some of which are noted below:

- The ability of the wetland complex to handle the variation in flows and nutrient concentrations during different events and seasons?
- Operational costs and requirements of the options;
- The availability of water during drier periods to keep the wetland operational.
- The management of sediment both within the wetland complex (prior to hitting the wetland) and at other places within the catchment.
- The use of pa harakeke for coppicing/nutrient removal.
- Will *E.coli* be or become an issues with a wetland complex?
- Methane and whether this in an issue or opportunity within the wetland complex. Could a carbon sink provide an annuity?
- If forest options were being considered what type of forest would be used.
- Future funding of the wetland complex. Potential with Waka Kotahi and O2NL and offsets? Other offsetting legislation?
- The potential use of some of the land for wetland treatment systems for HDC stormwater. This is a discussion to be had with HDC.

There was general discussion around the commissioning of the CIA through Raukawa for the project. The project team continue to work with Raukawa in accordance with the Governance Group resolution for Raukawa to provide a CIA for the wetland complex project.

There was general discussion around when and how the wetland options information and decision making process is to be feed into the Horowhenua Wetland Complex Community Stakeholder Group. Sam, Dean and the project team are to consider how this is to be completed.

The Governance Group noted that they had received the presentation on the wetland options to be evaluated and they look forward to the next steps in the process to select the preferred option/s.

Action:

Logan to circulate a copy of the wetland complex presentation.

Initial evaluation workshop with the Governance Group is to be booked in for the end of June.

Thanks to be passed onto Becky and Rob for their presence and input into the meeting and presentation.

9 Project risk register

There was a question around timeframes within the project and the ability to meet these. Once the preferred wetland complex option is selected the timeframes will be revisited and this information brought through to the Governance Group.

There was discussion around the neighboring properties to the land and on-going discussion with them. Those conversations are on-going but can't be refined to far until the preferred option/s are chosen and the potential effects assessment can be undertaken and allow for more informed discussion.

9 Health and safety

Nothing to report.

12 Other Business

- Riding for the disabled – no new information from the last meeting. The horses are not yet being grazed on HDC land.
- Kowhai Park to Hōkio Beach Rd pathway – there has been discussion around the potential creation of a pathway that would link Kowhai Park through to Hōkio Beach Rd. This current discussion is being lead through Rotary of which Geoff Kane is a member and also the lease holder for the land that is owned for the project. At this point in the time for the focus for the project team will be on the development of the wetland options and will be something to be aware of but not to dedicate time to.
- Jon R informed the group that Horizons Councilors had earlier that day signed off the annual plan. The plan includes an additional \$375,000 to allow for the operation of the weed harvester across the whole lake.

- An update on the tuna and birds deaths on Lake Horowhenua is to be provided through Horizons Councilors this messaging with be run past the Lake Horowhenua Trust and Muaupoko Tribal Authority prior to going public.

Update on actions from previous meeting:

- Project name - is in development.
- Copy of the previous presentation has been circulated to the Governance Group.
- Logan has provided the COI to Jon Procter. This will be filled in and returned.

Dean thanked Bernie, Jo and others involved in the mahi associated with the tornado.

Dean Wilson closed the meeting at 2000 with a karakia.

Action Summary

Jon Procter to fill in COI table and return to Logan for inclusion in the minutes.	Jon Procter
Sam, Dean and the PT to decide on a date for the next CSG meeting.	Logan
A copy of the presentation is to be provided to the Governance Group.	Logan
Thanks to be passed onto Becky and Rob.	Project team
Initial evaluation workshop with the Governance Group is to be booked in for the end of June.	Logan
Provide the Governance Group with a list of sites and parameters being monitored for the sites listed 1 to 9 in the presentation.	Staci
Dean to follow up with MTA on the naming of the project.	Dean
Project team are to provide an information pack to the Governance Group which assess each of the options that are available prior to the Governance Group making decisions on the preferred option/s.	Project team


Appendix 1 - Register of Interests

JOBS FOR NATURE

Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions Governance Group

Register of Interests

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clinton Hemana	
Position	Lake Horowhenua Trust Chair
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson and voting member
Interests	Role at DairyNZ

Dean Wilson	
Position	Lake Horowhenua Trustee
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	NA

Rārite Mātaki	
Position	Interim Chief Executive Te Runanga o Raukawa
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	NA

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