

FNQ NRM Ltd Directors Meeting
2 March 2004, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Innisfail Office, 45 Rankin St, Innisfail
Ratified Minutes

Present

Bill Shannon	Industry (Chair)
Chris Gloor	Coastal & Marine
Ken Atkinson	Upper Herbert
Cr Ray Byrnes	Local Government

Staff & Advisors

Brad Dorrington	Executive Officer, FNQ NRM Ltd
Wendy Finlayson	Project Officer, FNQ NRM Ltd - minutes

Apologies

Cr Mike Berwick	Chair
Caroline Coppo	Community / Catchment
Troy Wyles-Whelan	Traditional Owners
Peter Stanton	Conservation

1 Welcome & Apologies

Brad Dorrington informed the Directors present that Cr Mike Berwick has advised by telephone that he is flooded in and will not be attending. Bill Shannon, as Company Secretary, assumed the Chair and declared this Director's Meeting open at 9:25 AM. Bill noted further apologies and declared a chorum present.

2 Confirmation of Minutes – Directors Meeting held 16 February 2004.

Resolution 1: That the draft Minutes are adopted without amendment.

3 Business arising from the Minutes

3.1 Tropical Futures CRC Proposal

Resolution 2: Brad Dorrington to attend the workshop and dinner on behalf of the company and formalise acceptance of the offer to join as a core partner.

3.2 NLP (Landcare) Funding Proposal

Resolution 3: The BMP incentives scheme for primary producers, with an emphasis on extension and recognition of industry work, to be submitted to Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for NLP funding.

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3.3 Board Vacancy - World Heritage Director

Resolution 4: That the Board Vacancy will be filled as per the initial selection process, with revised residency and competency conditions. Brad Dorrington to request Bill Kennedy to engage employment agency and reconvene the Independent Selection Committee, who will make a recommendation for appointment.

4 Correspondence Report

Resolution 5: That the Correspondence Report is received as presented.

5 Finance Committee Report

5.1 Financial Statement

Resolution 6: That the Financial Statement is adopted as presented.

Resolution 7: That Financial Statements will now be produced monthly, once all data is entered, and mailed to Directors.

6 Plan Committee Report

6.1 Plan Roadshows

Progress report regarding Roadshows noted.

6.2 Regional Investment Strategy (RIS)

The presentation by Dr Stefan Hajkowicz and Dr Mark Temple-Smith, regarding the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) is noted.

Resolution 8: Brad Dorrington to continue liaising with Geoff McDonald and team in developing the RIS and appropriate prioritisation tools such as the EBI. The framework to be presented to the Board when completed.

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7 Executive Officer's Report

7.1 Regional Coordination Group Meeting - 13 February, Cairns

Cr Mike Berwick & Brad Dorrington's report noted and accepted.

Resolution 9: Brad Dorrington to continue negotiating in-kind support with State agencies and ensure State agency Management Action Targets are included in the NRM Plan.

7.2 Regional Groups Collective Meeting – 18 to 20 February 2004, Brisbane

Bill Shannon and Brad Dorrington's reports noted and accepted.

Resolution 10: That FNQ NRM Ltd will contribute \$10 000 per year for RGC Membership, commencing in 2004 / 2005.

7.3 Far North Qld Pest Advisory Forum – 1 March 2004, Innisfail

Cr Ray Byrnes and Brad Dorrington's reports noted and accepted.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12.20 PM, and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

8 General Business

8.1 NHT Competitive Regional Funding Round 2

Resolution 11: That the community based water quality monitoring proposal, which is a priority for Catchment Groups, is submitted in this round.

8.2 Douglas Shire Cane Industry Restructure Package

This item deferred until next meeting as Cr Mike Berwick is not present.

9 Close

The meeting was closed at 3.00 PM.

Minutes ratified at the Directors Meeting held 1 April 2004.

Signed _____

Mike Berwick, Chair FNQ NRM Ltd.