

FNQ NRM Ltd Directors Meeting
2 July 2004, 9:00AM
EPA District Office, Ingham
Ratified Minutes

Present

Cr Mike Berwick	Chair
Bill Shannon	Industry
Cr Ray Byrnes	Local Government
Ken Atkinson	Upper Herbert
Caroline Coppo	Community / Catchment
Peter Stanton	Conservation
Troy Wyles-Whelan	Traditional Owners
Chris Gloor	Coastal & Marine
Peter Valentine	World Heritage

Staff & Advisors

Brad Dorrington	Executive Officer, FNQ NRM Ltd
Angie Gattera	Client Services Manager, FNQ NRM Ltd
Rowena Grace	Biodiversity Coordinator, FNQ NRM Ltd
Jean Fenton	Indigenous Project Officer, FNQ NRM Ltd
Libby Larsen	FNQ NRM Plan Team - Rainforest CRC
Cath de Voil	FNQ NRM Plan Team - Rainforest CRC

Apologies

Geoff McDonald	FNQ NRM Plan Team - Rainforest CRC
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Presenters / Guests

Dr Geoff Dyne	Australian Government
Mike Bradby	Queensland Government – DNRM&E
Rebecca Clear	Australian Government
David Skelton	Private Forestry North Queensland (PFNQ)
Daryl Killen	Pentarch Forest Products

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Directors Meeting was opened at 9:15 am.

The Board welcomed government agency representatives to this meeting which will focus on fine tuning the NRM Plan.

2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 7 June 2004

Resolution: That the draft minutes of the 7 June 2004 Directors Meeting are adopted as presented.

3 Business Arising

No business arising was noted.

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4 Correspondence

4.1 Significant Correspondence

- 4.1.1** 21 June 04: Letter from Johnstone River Catchment Management Association - concern over recent changes to Envirofund Guidelines.

It was noted that Rebecca Clear can assist as a direct point of contact for Envirofund enquiries.

Resolution: That a letter is sent to the relevant Ministers in regards to this matter.

- 4.1.2** 22 June 04: Letter from Burdekin Dry Tropics Board - \$9,322 as contribution towards hosting Indigenous Land Management Facilitator.

Government representatives present advised that other regional bodies have responded with concern regarding this request, though a percentage of the request should actually be for in-kind support rather than cash.

Action: Held over pending further information regarding support required and other regional bodies' positions.

5 Finance Committee Report

5.1 May 2004 Financial Statement

Government representatives present congratulated the Board and the efforts of Bill Shannon in designing a clear financial reporting method. The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) has found that FNQ NRM Ltd's reporting is by far the best in Queensland and will be adopting this method as a model for other regional groups.

Resolution: That the May 2004 Financial Statement is adopted as presented.

Brad Dorrington noted that the Company has previously been congratulated by JSC regarding its activities reporting system.

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5.2 Finance Committee Activities

Bill Shannon reported that professional advice has been obtained that the current contractor / employee arrangements are satisfactory.

6 Constitution Committee Report

Special Resolution: That the draft Constitution is adopted and lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

Resolution: That an application for the Natural Capital Fund to be placed on the Register of Environmental Organisations is lodged with the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH).

7 Plan Committee Report

The format and contents of the draft NRM Plan were discussed, together with the process for the Joint Meeting with the Regional Coordination Group (RCG) to be held tomorrow, 2 July 2004.

8 Executive Officer's Report

8.1 Regional Groups Collective (RGC) Meeting Debrief

Action: The Board is to be kept apprised of developments regarding the funding or replacement of CRC's issue.

8.2 Industry Engagement Committee

Resolution: That the terms "Industry and Primary Industry" are replaced by the term "Agricultural Industry" in Company operations and communications.

Resolution: That the Company will engage with other industries and initially convene a meeting with environmentally based industries such as tourism and bio-discovery in the future.

Action: The Roundtable with agricultural industry is to be rescheduled for 28 July with a Directors Meeting to be held on 29 July.

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8.3 Tilapia in the Upper Herbert Catchment

Resolution: That the Company will work with the parties involved to facilitate action being taken to eradicate Tilapia in the Herberton town weir.

9 General Business

9.1 Cairns Climate Change Workshop

Resolution: That the Company will participate in the Cairns Climate Change Workshop in partnership with CAFNEC and Earthwatch.

9.2 IFA Projects

It was noted that IFA funds have been received.

9.3 Riversymposium

The decision regarding a delegate attending the Riversymposium is held over until the next Directors Meeting.

9.4 Queensland Landcare Conference

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10 Presentation – Current Forestry Issues

The Board thanked David Skelton (PFNQ) and Daryl Killen (Pentarch) for their presentations.

11 Close

The meeting was closed at 3:10 pm.

Minutes ratified at the Director's Meeting held 29 July 2004

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Cr Mike Berwick, Chair FNQ NRM Ltd.