

FNQ NRM Ltd Directors Meeting
16 April 2004, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Innisfail Office, 45 Rankin St, Innisfail
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Present

Cr Mike Berwick	Chair
Ken Atkinson	Upper Herbert
Cr Ray Byrnes	Local Government
Caroline Coppo	Community / Catchment
Peter Stanton	Conservation
Bill Shannon	Industry

Staff & Advisors

Brad Dorrington	Executive Officer, FNQ NRM Ltd
Rachel Wicks	Operations Manager, FNQ NRM Ltd

Apologies

Chris Gloor	Coastal & Marine
Troy Wyles-Whelan	Traditional Owners

Presenters / Guests

Dr Mark Smith	CSIRO
Sheridan Morris	CSIRO
Sonya Maley	TBL Vision Pty Ltd

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was opened at 9:15 AM.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (1st April 2004)

Chris Gloor noted by correspondence that Resolution 20 should be amended to read \$10,000 (not \$10,0000) with regards to the approved advance for the fine scale vegetation mapping.

Resolution: That the draft Minutes are adopted with the above amendment.

3. Business Arising

3.1 World Heritage Directorship Selection Process

Noted

3.2 Further Business Arising

None noted

4. Correspondence

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4.1 Significant Correspondence

1. Adam West, DPI regarding a request to address the Board.

Action: Copy of letter to be provided to the Board.

2. 7th April - Regional Aboriginal Language Maintenance Committee –
Re: letter of support.

Action: Provide letter of support.

3. 8th April - Malanda Beef Plan Group Re: targets survey

Action: Response to acknowledge comments and address inaccuracies.

4. 8 April - DPI re: secondment of Neil Sing.

5. 8 April - DNRM re: Most appropriate use of State Lots at Mission Beach.

Action: Respond raising matters of concern – concern re tenure of land and potential for protection in perpetuity.

6. 13 April - GBRMPA re: Draft Policy Sewage discharges from marine outfalls into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Action: Respond to GBRMPA stating that it is the Board's view that the Authority should immediately apply for sewage to be returned to land where facilities are available.

7. 13th April - Douglas Shire Council re: support for photocopy - noted.

Action: Respond with letter of thanks.

8. 7 April - Green Australia re: Regional Support Contract

Action: Respond seeking clarification on amount of funds invested in the arrangement and obligations of GA.

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4.2 Media Report

Tablelander, Tuesday 13th April, 'Draft plan survey a hot topic at public meeting' – Noted.

5. Financial Committee Report

5.1 February 2004 Financial Statement - Adopted

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

5.2 March 2004 Financial Statement – To be distributed by mail.

6. Constitution Committee Report

Email from Chris Gloor re finalisation of constitution was tabled and noted.

6.1 Membership - Designation Considerations

Action: That matters relating to Deductible Gift Recipient and Income Tax Exempt status (non-profit statuses) be raised with Vince Vandeleur. The constitution be circularised via email for final consideration.

6.2 Draft Constitution

Joint Steering Committee Letter 6 April 2004, re: IFA Extension Projects – Outcomes of JSC Considerations

Resolution: Contact Alan Dale and provide a comprehensive response including commenting on the recruitment process underway for the World Heritage Director.

Resolution: Adopt the recommendation re: Affiliate Members

6.3 Membership Body

Resolution: That a membership brochure (including application form) be developed for consideration.

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7. Plan Committee Report

7.1 Preliminary Consultation Analysis – consideration of future strategy for engagement.

Process prior to formal consultation:

- WQ round table – aimed at generating mutual understanding/agreement between farmers and technical community on water quality issues and benchmarks.
- Consultation Analysis – produce a summary of key findings and possibly gather further input via brief survey (CD/floppy as powerpoint presentation). Timing for release mid May.
- Global Carbon – Urban Engagement (CAFNEC/Earthwatch).

7.2 Water Quality Round Table Proposal

Peter Gilbey advised he would be unable to attend. Andrew Solomon will be his proxy.

Resolution: That the Board endorses the WQ Round Table process and adopt the supporting recommendation.

7.3 Aboriginal Plan Targets & Update

Brad Dorrington informed the Board of:

- The integration of Aboriginal Plan and the NRM Plan is progressing with natural linkages obvious.
- Issues regarding the integration and resourcing of cultural matters.
- Issues within the investment strategy process re: the difficulties of integrating Cultural Matters (Socio Economic possible) into the trade off analysis tool. As such, they may consider quarantining a percentage for cultural matters.
- The process and linkages with the NRM Plan/Board and the Bama Plan and Investment Strategy. Advised that the Aboriginal Rainforest Council may take carriage of the proposed stand alone investment strategy with some activities linked to the Board's investment strategy through a partnership arrangement.

Libby Larsen (Planning Officer – Rainforest CRC) and Jean Fenton (Project Officer – FNQ NRM Ltd) provided an update on the Aboriginal Plan process.

7.4 Riparian Zone & Wetland Management

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Resolution: That the Board pursues a program of mapping for the purposes of determining how streams/riparian areas should be managed including an amalgamation of existing information.

7.5 Plan Team Activities - Noted.

8. Executive Officer's Report

- 8.1 Visits with Commonwealth/State Members Re: Plan Consultation
- 8.2 Partnership and Alliance Building

Resolution: The Board work to develop an effective working relationship with the northern Agforce group.

- 8.3 Commonwealth Coastal Facilitator

9. General Business

- 9.1 Designation - Further Requirements
- 9.2 Indigenous Engagement Case Study
- 9.3 WTMA request for advances against IFA Project - Completion of Fine Scale Vegetation Mapping

Resolution: Recommendation of the further cash advancement of \$10,000 from the Interim Funding Agreement approved.

- 9.4 IFA Funding Process

Resolution: Adopt the recommendation.

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9.5

Further Business

Peter Gilbey provided feedback from the RCG on the Plan:

- Targets - Board should consider coastal and marine.
- Remote sensing of cover particularly in the grazing lands – while top four talk around the issue, need to get targets for how much pasture we retain (seasonal variation will impact) picking up the condition of the ground cover year by year.
- Water quality targets could be the enhanced monitoring (work in conjunction with DNRM and GBR to identify areas that won't be picked up the state monitoring system – all agreed need for calculating total fluxes which will identify amount of sediment/events producing a correlation to the nutrients).

10. Presentations

10.1 CAPS Project (Mark Smith (CSIRO), Sonya Maley (TBL))

Proposal to integrate Dave Skelton (Farm Forestry) into Board's coordinator network.

Resolution: A letter be developed incorporating the following:

- ***Board supports the research***
- ***Board views this project as integrating well with its work in integrated NRM.***
- ***Seek indication of scale.***
- ***Request to be kept updated on progress in the developing of the feasibility.***

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11. Future Activities

11.1 QFF/RGC Workshop - 28th April 2004, Brisbane

11.2 Board Meeting and Other Commitments

- Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th May - WQ Round Table Cairns
- Wednesday 5th May *Board Meeting Cairns PM*
- Monday 7th June 2004 - Board/Plan Team Meeting Ingham
- Monday 21st June 2004 - Draft Plan Distributed to Board
- Thursday 1st July and Friday 2nd July - Joint Board/RCG Meeting Cairns

12. Close – meeting closed 5.30pm.

Minutes ratified at the Director's Meeting held 7 June 2004

Signed _____

Cr Mike Berwick, Chair FNQ NRM Ltd.