

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board receive, note and confirm the Minutes and business arising from the Minutes of 2 December 2022

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF  
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION  
HELD AT RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FRIDAY 02 December 2022**

The meeting commenced 9:32am

In attendance:

Councillors:

- Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Ballina Shire Council (Chair)
- Cr Kylie Thomas, Kyogle Council (Deputy Chair)
- Cr Chris Cherry, Tweed Shire Council
- Cr Steve Krieg, Lismore City Council
- Cr Michael Lyon, Byron Shire Council
- Cr Jeff McConnell, Scenic Rim
- Cr Robert Mustow, Richmond Valley Council

General Managers:

- Mark Arnold, Byron Shire Council
- Vaughan Macdonald, Richmond Valley Council
- Paul Hickey, Ballina Shire Council
- Graham Kennett, Kyogle Council
- David Oxenham, on behalf of Troy Green, Tweed Shire Council
- John Walker, Lismore City Council
- Cameron Thomas, Scenic Rim Regional Council

Other Attendees:

- Jodie Healey (OLG)
- Alley Dench, (OLG)
- Lisa Almond, on behalf of Alley Dench (OLG)
- Ian Tiley (CVC)

- Laura Black, (CVC)
- Cameron Arnold (DNC)
- Michael Thurston (DNC)
- Louise McMeeking (Dept. Regional NSW)
- Brenda Walker – (SRRC)
- Gareth James, Executive Director Program Delivery (NRRC)
- Daryl Buckingham – Associate Member, Tenterfield Shire Council (TSC)
- Phillip Rudd (NRJO)
- Megan Gibbons (minute taker)

Presenters:

- Dr Jai Vaze, Senior Principal Research Scientist (Hydrologist), CSIRO
- Linda Merrin, Land and Water, CSIRO
- Louise McMeeking (Regional NSW) Will distribute report.

## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chair.

## 2 APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Associate Member, Daryl Buckingham, Tenterfield Shire Council; Anita Gambhir, Office of Local Government; Tim Williamson RDA-Northern Rivers; Graham Kennett, Kyogle Council and Vaughan McDonald, Richmond Valley Council.

**02122022/1 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry      SECONDED: K Thomas**

*THAT the apologies received for the meeting be noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE:** All voted unanimously.

**02122022/2 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry      SECONDED: K Thomas**

*THAT the NRJO Board accept Cr M Lyon joining the NRJO Board meeting online.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE:** All voted unanimously.

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

## 4 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil received.

## 5 ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITOR(S)

Dr Jai Vaze, Senior Principal Research Scientist (Hydrologist), CSIRO and Linda Merrin, Land and Water, CSIRO, provided the meeting with an update. Louise McMeeking, Regional NSW, provided the meeting with an update. Alley Dench, OLG, provided the meeting with an update.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the NRJO Board note and receive presentations by official visitors.

**ACTIONS:**

David Witherdin (NRRC) to provide an update.

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 6.1 MINUTES OF NRJO BOARD MEETING HELD 19 AUGUST 2022

**02122022/3 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: S Krieg      SECONDED: K Thomas**

*THAT the minutes of the NRJO Board meeting held 19 August 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE:** All voted unanimously

### 6.2 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE NRJO HELD 15 NOVEMBER 2022

**02122022/4 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: R Mustow      SECONDED: C Cherry**

*THAT the minutes of the NRJO Board extraordinary meeting held 15 November 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE:** All voted unanimously

## 7 URGENT BUSINESS

### 7.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

#### **02122022/5 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry      SECONDED: R Mustow**

*THAT the NRJO Executive Officer Report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE:** All voted unanimously

#### **02122022/6 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry      SECONDED: K Thomas**

*THAT the NRJO write to the federal minister in support of an application for extension, continuation for Lismore grant funding; grant round 5 Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE –** All voted unanimously

#### **ACTION:**

NRJO Financial reports October 2022 to be ratified via flying minute.

Contact Public Works for an update on whether/when Councils will be notified of details of Public Lands and advice to land owners.

NRJO to provide a summary of points in resolutions, such as a register table/Councillor summary covering key items.

P Rudd to follow up with Tweed Shire Council regarding management of governance arrangements of Rail Trail grant funding.

M Lyon to email S Cadwallader with points regarding the buy back and landowners process.

### 7.2 CHAIRS REPORT

#### **02122022/7 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry      SECONDED: R Mustow**

*THAT the NRJO Council Meeting receive The Chairs report.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE –** All voted unanimously

**7.3 NRJO COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE****02122022/8 RESOLVED****MOVED: M Lyon      SECONDED: S Krieg***THAT the NRJO Council Meeting Schedule be amended to as follows:*

Meeting Date	Council Venue
17 February	Tweed Shire Council
19 May	Byron Shire Council
18 August	Ballina Shire Council
17 November	Lismore City Council

*Clarence Valley Council in the year 2024.**THAT the NRJO Council Meeting Schedule be received and noted.***CARRIED****FOR VOTE:** All voted unanimously**7.4 NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION STRATEGIC REGIONAL PRIORITIES****02122022/9 RESOLVED****MOVED: K Thomas      SECONDED: R Mustow***THAT the Report from the NRJO Strategic Regional Priorities be received and noted.**THAT NRJO adopts the Strategic Regional Priorities document, inclusive of an additional principle to seek opportunities to work together to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes for the region, with the Executive Officer authorised to include any additional changes to the document based on feedback received over the next seven days.***CARRIED****FOR VOTE -** All voted unanimously**7.5 NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT POST-ELECTION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS****02122022/10 RESOLVED****MOVED: R Mustow      SECONDED: K Thomas***THAT the Report from the NRJO Post-Election Compliance Requirements be received and noted.***CARRIED****FOR VOTE –** All voted unanimously**7.6 NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT****02122022/11 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: K Thomas      SECONDED: R Mustow**

*THAT the report from the NRJO Executive Officer be received and noted.*

*THAT the NRJO Replace September in 'RECOMMENDATION 2' of the NRJO Executive Officers Report with May 2025.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All voted unanimously

## **7.7      FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**02122022/12 RESOLVED**

*THAT the NRJO agree to ratify financial reports by way of flying minute when they are received.*

**MOVED: K Thomas      SECONDED: S Krieg**

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All voted unanimously

## **7.8      ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT: DESTINATION NORTH COAST**

**02122022/13 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry      SECONDED: R Mustow**

*THAT the Destination North Coast report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All voted unanimously.

## **7.9      ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT: SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**02122022/14 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: K Thomas      SECONDED: C Cherry**

*THAT the Scenic Rim Regional Council report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All voted unanimously.

## **7.10      ASSOCIATE MEMBER VERBAL REPORT: CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL**

**I Tiley**

Intends to engage in the broadening of the NRJO Regional Strategic Priorities.

Phil does this need to be included?

### **7.11 ASSOCIATE MEMBER VERBAL REPORT: LISMORE CITY COUNCIL**

S Krieg

The Premier has accepted invitation to visit the region 04 and 05 March 2023 to support the Regional Flood Commemoration event program initiative.

Letter from the MP Premier Dominic Perrottet was tabled.

Phil does this need to be included?

## **8 URGENT BUSINESS**

### **02122022/15 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: S Krieg      SECONDED: R Mustow**

*That the General Managers co-ordinate a meeting with the council events teams and recovery officers to look at opportunities to schedule events and activities to acknowledge the impact of the flood, to coincide with the Premier's visit to Lismore from Saturday 4 March to Sunday 5 March 2023.*

**SECONDED:**

**FOR VOTE** - All voted unanimously.

## **9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

No items of confidential business were raised

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

### **02122022/16 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry      SECONDED: S Krieg**

*THAT the Board receive and note correspondence.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All voted unanimously.

*Meeting closed 12:36PM*

**Next meeting**

**17 February 2023 at Tweed Shire Council Chambers, Murwillumbah.**