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**MINUTES OF NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING HELD  
FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2024 AT CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL - 50 RIVER STREET,  
MACLEAN**

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The Chair opened the meeting at 10:10am

In attendance:

Voting Committee:

- Cr Michael Lyon, Byron Shire Council (Chair)
- Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Ballina Shire Council (Deputy Chair)
- Cr Peter Johnstone, Clarence Valley Council
- Cr Steve Krieg, Lismore City Council
- Cr Robert Mustow, Richmond Valley Council ([online](#))
- Cr Chris Cherry, Tweed Shire Council

General Managers

- Mark Arnold, Byron Shire Council
- Paul Hickey, Ballina Shire Council
- Laura Black, Clarence Valley Council
- Jon Gibbons, Lismore City Council
- Naomi Searle, Tweed Shire Council (representing Troy Green)

Other attendees:

- Phillip Rudd, Executive Officer NRJO
- Lauren Edwards, NRJO
- Anita Gambhir, Office of Local Government
- Cass Wilson, Regional NSW ([online](#))
- Anthony Schreenan, Regional Development Australia
- Cr Stephen Moriarty, Scenic Rim Regional Council

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**1 OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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*NRJO showed respect and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land, of Elders past and present, on which this meeting took place.*

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**3 APOLOGIES**

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**RESOLVED** that the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation accept Cr Kylie Webster, Kyogle Shire Council apologies.

**CARRIED**

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#### 4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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Nil.

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#### 5 ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITOR(S)

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Nil.

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#### 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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**RESOLVED** (Johnstone/Cadwallader) that Northern Rivers Joint Organisation receive and note the minutes from the previous meeting held 17 May 2024.

Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting (Resolution)		
For	Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Peter Johnstone, Cr Steve Krieg and Cr Michael Lyon	5
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Conflict of Interests	None	0
Absent	Cr Robert Mustow	1
<b>Carried</b>		

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#### 7 URGENT BUSINESS

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**RESOLVED** (Lyon/Cadwallader) that the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation accept the below Item 7.1 as an urgent business 'Notice of Motion'.

**CARRIED**

Change order of business –

**RESOLVED** that agenda "Notice of Motion" and Item 7.1 Northern Rivers Regional Vision and Master Plan be moved to last item of business to Item 11.1

**CARRIED**

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#### 8 REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

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##### 8.1 Executive Officer report

**RESOLVED** (Cherry/Lyon) that the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Board receive and note the Executive Officer's report as presented.

Executive Officer report (Resolution)		
For	Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Peter Johnstone, Cr Steve Krieg and Cr Michael Lyon	5
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Conflict of Interests	None	0
Absent	Cr Robert Mustow	1
<b>Carried</b>		

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## 8.2 LGNSW Annual Conference - Motion - Urban Drainage Systems

**RESOLVED** (Cadwallader/Cherry) That the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Board approve the below for pursuing its resolution to submit a motion to the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference in relation to funding arrangements for urban drainage systems post 2022 floods and the effectiveness of the Stormwater Management Service Charge:

- (a) The Board nominate and support Ballina Shire Council to submit the motion contained in this report to the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference on behalf of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO);
- (b) The NRJO apply for Associate Membership of LGNSW;
- (c) The Board revokes item (2) of resolution 8.1 made at its ordinary meeting on 17 May 2024.

LGNSW Annual Conference – Motion – Urban Drainage Systems (Resolution)		
For	Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Peter Johnstone, Cr Steve Krieg and Cr Michael Lyon	5
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Conflict of Interests	None	0
Absent	Cr Robert Mustow	1
<b>Carried</b>		

*Cr. Robert Mustow joined the meeting at 10:30am*

## 8.3 Financial Report

**RESOLVED** (Johnstone/Cadwallader) that the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Board receive and note the financial report ending 31 July 2024 as presented.

Financial Report (Resolution)		
For	Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Peter Johnstone, Cr Steve Krieg, Cr Michael Lyon and Cr Robert Mustow	6
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Conflict of Interests	None	0
Absent	None	0
<b>Carried</b>		

## 8.4 Appointment of Alternative Voting Representatives

**RESOLVED** (Cherry/Lyon) that the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Board receive the report on the options to amend the Charter in relation to the method of appointment of alternative voting representatives by Member Councils.

<b>Appointment of Alternative Voting Representatives (Resolution)</b>		
For	Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Peter Johnstone, Cr Steve Krieg, Cr Michael Lyon and Cr Robert Mustow	6
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Conflict of Interests	None	0
Absent	None	0
<b>Carried</b>		

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## 9 INFORMATION REPORTS - COVER REPORT

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**RESOLVED** (Mustow/Krieg) That the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation receive and note the following information reports:-

1. Renewable Energy Projects
2. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - update
3. Associate member – Office of Local Government – verbal and attached
4. Associate member – Regional Development Australia – verbal introduction
5. Associate member – Destination North Coast
6. Associate member – Department of Premier and Cabinet
7. Associate member – Scenic Rim Regional Council
8. Correspondence – Incoming and Outgoing

<b>Information Reports (Resolution)</b>		
For	Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Peter Johnstone, Cr Steve Krieg, Cr Michael Lyon and Cr Robert Mustow	6
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Conflict of Interests	None	0
Absent	None	0
<b>Carried</b>		

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## 10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

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Nil.

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## 11 NOTICE OF MOTION

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**RESOLVED** (Lyon/Krieg) that the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation move into committee session mode.

**CARRIED**

*Meeting moved into committee session mode at 11:23am*

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## 11.1 Northern Rivers Regional Vision and Masterplan

**RESOLVED** that the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation move out of committee session mode.

### **CARRIED**

*Meeting moved out of committee session mode at 12.23pm*

*Meeting broke for a brief recess 12:24pm*

*Meeting returned at 12:39pm*

**RESOLVED** (Krieg/Cadwallader) that:-

1. The Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO) is recognised as the client for the development of the Northern Rivers Regional Vision & Masterplan.
2. The NRJO Regional Vision & Masterplan be delivered to international best practice standards.
3. The team leading the CSIRO Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative (NRRI) project leader to be engaged to lead the Northern Rivers Regional Vision and Masterplan.
4. NRJO request RA and Living Lab to halt further work as from today's date 16 August 2024 on the Northern Rivers Regional Vision and Masterplan and present an update on work to date to the first meeting of NRJO following Local Government Elections in September.
5. That in addition to the NSWRA and NEMA the NRJO informs the following agencies of the key details of NRJO's urgency motion:
  - NSW Premier
  - Federal Minister for Emergency Management
  - NSW Minister for Planning

Northern Rivers Regional Vision and Masterplan ( <b>Resolution</b> )		
For	Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Peter Johnstone, Cr Steve Krieg, Cr Michael Lyon and Cr Robert Mustow	6
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Conflict of Interests	None	0
Absent	None	0
<b>Carried</b>		

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## 12 **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:49pm