

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF  
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION  
HELD AT BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL  
FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022**

**ATTENDANCE**

Crs Sharon Cadwallader (Chair) Steve Krieg, , Michael Lyon, Robert Mustow

Cr Kylie Thomas (Deputy Chair) arrived 9.40am, Cr Chris Cherry arrived 10.05am

General Managers Mark Arnold, Vaughan Macdonald, John Walker, Graham Kennett, Troy Green

Cr Jeff McConnell (Scenic Rim Regional Council), Tim Williamson (RDA NR), Michael Thurston (DNC)

Jodie Healy (OLG) via Zoom

Phil Rudd, Donna McIntyre (minute taker)

James McTavish (Cross Border Commissioner), Ange Anderson (Dept Regional NSW)

## **1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chair

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Cr Ian Tiley, Clarence Valley Council, Tenterfield Shire Council

***20052022/1 RESOLVED***

***MOVED: M Lyon/ S Krieg***

*THAT the apologies received for the meeting be noted*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE:** Cr Lyon, Mustow, Cadwallader, Krieg

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

## **4 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil received.

## 5 ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITOR(S)

The Hon Stephanie Cooke MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery updated the group on the roll out of flood recovery grants, requesting Councils to encourage applicants to submit the additional information required to complete the process for the 3,400 incomplete applications totalling over \$50M.

James McTavish, Cross Border Commissioner provided the meeting with an update on activities of the agency.

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

### 6.1 MINUTES OF NRJO BOARD MEETING HELD 4 FEBRUARY 2022

**20052022/2 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: M Lyon/ S Krieg**

*THAT the minutes of the NRJO Board meeting held 4 February 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE:** Cr Lyon, Mustow, Cadwallader, Krieg

### 6.2 RATIFICATION OF CIRCULAR RESOLUTION

**20052022/3 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: M Lyon/ S Krieg**

*THAT the Board of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation note the decisions of the Circular Resolution dated April 2022*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE:** Cr Lyon, Mustow, Cadwallader, Krieg

## 7 REPORTS

### 7.1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT - DESTINATION NORTH COAST

**20052022/4 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: R Mustow/ S Krieg**

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

**CARRIED****FOR VOTE** – Cr Lyon, Mustow, Cadwallader, Krieg

Cr Thomas joined the meeting at 9.40am

**7.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – RDA NORTHERN RIVERS****20052022/5 RESOLVED****MOVED: M Lyon/ R Mustow***THAT the report from RDA Northern Rivers be received and noted.***CARRIED****FOR VOTE** – Cr Lyon, Mustow, Cadwallader, Krieg, Thomas

Tweed Shire Council requested RDA Northern Rivers lobby for decisions and funding for Voluntary House Purchase and House Raising programs to be made in a timely manner

**ACTION:**

NRJO write to relevant ministers regarding Member Councils' concerns and the need for guidance and focus on recovery on behalf of the community and urgent allocation of funding for VHP and house raising programs

**7.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL****20052022/6 RESOLVED****MOVED: R Mustow/ K Thomas***THAT the report from Rous County Council be received and noted.***CARRIED****FOR VOTE** – Cr Lyon, Mustow, Cadwallader, Krieg, Thomas

Cr Cherry joined the meeting at 10.05am

**7.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL****20052022/7 RESOLVED****MOVED: R Mustow/ K Thomas***THAT the report from Scenic Rim Regional Council be received and noted.***CARRIED****FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously

A foreshadowed motion was made

**20052022/8 RESOLVED****MOVED: C Cherry / S Krieg**

*THAT the NRJO write to the 2032 Regional Working Group and request representation on the group in terms of opportunities across the Northern Rivers*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously

**ACTION**

NRJO write to the 2032 Regional Working Group and request representation on the group in terms of opportunities across the Northern Rivers

**7.5 DELEGATES REPORT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW SPECIAL CONFERENCE**

**20052022/9 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: K Thomas/ R Mustow**

*THAT the report from the Local Government NSW Special Conference be received and noted*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously

**7.6 CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL'S JOINT ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIP**

**20052022/10 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: R Mustow/ C Cherry**

*THAT the Board receive and note the provided report*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously

**7.7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**200052022/11 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry/ M Lyon**

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

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**7.8 EXTENTION OF THE MYROADINFO PLATFORM**

**200052022/12 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry/ K Thomas**

*The Board approve:*

- 1. the extension of the MyRoadInfo platform's operation for up to six months until 31 December 2022; and*
- 2. funding of \$15,000.00 to facilitate the MyRoadInfo platform's extended operation period.*

**CARRIED****FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.**7.9 SHARED AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WITH ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL****200052022/13 RESOLVED****MOVED: C Cherry/ K Thomas**

*The Board approve the interim Executive Officer to enter into an arrangement with associate member Rous County Council by 4 June 2022 to share its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee with the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation and ensure compliance with section 428A of the Local Government Act 1993.*

**CARRIED****FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Minister Steph Cooke, Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery joined the meeting at 10.30am

**7.10 MANAGEMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES****200052022/14 RESOLVED****MOVED: K Thomas/ M Lyon**

*The Board approve the proposal from Rous County Council for the provision of the financial management services required by the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation.*

**CARRIED****FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.**7.11 STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY****200052022/15 RESOLVED****MOVED: M Lyon/ R Mustow**

*That:*

- 1. The Board endorses the draft the 2022/23 Budget and Statement of Revenue policy attached to this report, for public exhibition.*
- 2. Publish the Draft Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2022/23 on the website for 28 days.*
- 3. If public submissions are made during the public exhibition period, a report be furnished to the NRJO August 2022 meeting, including Executive Officer comments on how the submissions have been*
- 4. considered, for the Board to determine a position on endorsement of the 2022/23 Budget and Statement of Revenue policy.*

5. *If no public submissions are made during the public exhibition period, the version of the draft the 2022/23 Budget and Statement of Revenue policy placed on public exhibition, is deemed to be adopted by the Board.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

#### **7.12 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**20052022/16 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: M Lyon/ C Cherry**

*THAT the Board receive and note the financial reports for the period ending 30 April 2022*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

#### **7.13 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

**20052022/17 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: K Thomas/ R Mustow**

*THAT the Board receive and note the Audit Engagement Plan for period ending 30 June 2022*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

#### **7.14 TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL**

**20052022/18 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: C Cherry/ R Mustow**

*THAT the NRJO advocate against the proposed amendments to local infrastructure contributions*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

## **8 URGENT BUSINESS**

Cr Lyon circulated a motion to be considered as urgent business

**20052022/19 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: M Lyon/ C Cherry**

*THAT the NRJO:*

1. *Endorse Byron Shire Council's planning proposal to implement a precinct system in the Byron Shire regarding Short-term Rental Accommodation, which will see 90-day cap precincts and unlimited cap precincts established with respect to unhosted holiday letting*
2. *Request the Minister for Planning and Environment, in light of the exacerbated housing crisis following the recent flood events, to place the planning proposal on public exhibition without further delay.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

## 9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No items of confidential business were raised

## 10 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Items were noted

*Meeting closed 10.46am*

### **Next meeting**

**19 August 2022 at Kyogle Council**

Following the Board meeting a Flood Recovery Forum was held. Copies of presentations were circulated to the group prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda is included.

## NRJO Board meeting/disaster forum

20 May 2022

Organisation	Presenter
Department of Regional NSW	Gary Barnes – Departmental Secretary
Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation	David Witherdin <a href="mailto:David.witherdin@regional.nsw.gov.au">David.witherdin@regional.nsw.gov.au</a>
Regional NSW	Kristy Swain <a href="mailto:kristy.swain@regional.nsw.gov.au">kristy.swain@regional.nsw.gov.au</a>
Cross Border Commissioner	James McTavish <a href="mailto:ange.anderson@regional.nsw.gov.au">ange.anderson@regional.nsw.gov.au</a> 0428 963 855
Destination North Coast	Michael Thurston <a href="mailto:michael.thurston@dncnsw.com">michael.thurston@dncnsw.com</a> 0409 982 913
Business NSW – Northern Rivers	Jane Lavery Jane.Lavery@businessnsw.com 0419 260 220
RDA Northern Rivers	Tim Williamson <a href="mailto:director@rdanorthernrivers.org.au">director@rdanorthernrivers.org.au</a> 0407 724 110
Resilience NSW	Gary McKinnon <a href="mailto:Gary.McKinnon@resilience.nsw.gov.au">Gary.McKinnon@resilience.nsw.gov.au</a> 0412 464 564
Northern Rivers Together (NR Brand)	Dean Gould Dean.gould@scu.edu.au

Minutes approved



Cr Sharon Cadwallader

Chair