



Minutes - Public Meeting 140
SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board
Thursday 24 August 2017 – Murray Bridge NRC – 15:18 pm

1. Meeting Procedure

240817-140-1.1 Attendance Present:

Chair: Sharon Starick

Members: Rod Ralph, Deana Mildren, Gioia Small, Peter Duggin, Tim Smyth and Garry Fyfe

Ex Officio: Mike Williams, Melanie Rowe, Claire Stephenson, Sonia Dominelli, Louisa Halliday, Kim Arnott and Renee Clark (minutes)

Apologies: Owen Love, Kim Blenkiron, Dan Jordan Ben Fee and Denise Fowles Andrew Kassebaum and Sonia Dominelli

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Opening

The Chair opened the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians. The Presiding Member on behalf of the Board sincerely thanks John Oates for his leadership and dedication as the Rangelands NRM Group chair. The Presiding Member would also like to thank the Community Engagement staff that pulled together the summary document. The Presiding Member wishes the Board to acknowledge that it's Louisa Halliday's final Board meeting and a sincere thank you and wish you well in your AMLR 6 week stint before returning to Major Projects.

240817-140-1.2 Declaration of Interest

Sharon Starick has an interest in the feral pig paper as a pork producer.

240817-140-1.3 Consent Schedule

Topic	Motion
Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No. 139 held on 27 July 2017	The Board approves the Minutes of Meeting 139 held on 27 July 2017 Board notes the attachments (presentations)
Presiding Members Report	The Board notes the report.
Regional Directors Report	The Board notes the report.
Development Planning Summary	The Board approves the Planning Summary for July/August.
Update – Flows for the future	To note activities and implementation progress of the F4F program.
Update - Review of the operation of the position of Commonwealth Environmental water holder	To note the advice of the pending review of the operation of the position of Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder
Update - Australian Government Funded Irrigation Efficiency Investment	To note the current status of irrigation efficiency investment being delivered via the SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board.
Seeking Endorsement of draft policies for Public Consultation – Feral Deer and Feral Pigs	To endorse the objectives of the draft feral deer policy: to reduce the number of feral deer, and the number of deer that are released or escape. To endorse the objectives of the draft feral pig policy: to reduce the number of feral pigs in established populations, eradicate

	<p>incursions, and reduce the number of pigs that are released or escape.</p> <p>Endorse: the feral deer and pig draft plant policies for public consultation.</p> <p>To note that endorsement will be sought from the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation to seek feedback from the public (via the YourSAy website). Following public consultation, the working group will consider public feedback and amend draft policies. Revised drafts of the policies will be presented to all NRM Boards for approval before going to the Minister for final endorsement. If endorsed by the Minister, the NRM Act declaration will then change for feral deer and pigs.</p>
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- The Burra feed lot - Comments have been made and advice will be given to the Rangelands group regarding the water.
- The Rangelands group have been trying to obtain groundwater monitoring information and feel left in the dark.
- Stella Kondylas District Manager LMDN will provide the groundwater information to the Rangelands NRM group at their upcoming meeting.

Action: Burra Feedlot ground water report to be provided at the September Board meeting.

240817-140-1.4 Action Sheet

Board received and noted the Action Sheet to July 2017 meeting.

The Board endorsed the recommendation:

To note the Action Sheet for information. - Resolved

2. Board Matters

240817-140-2.1 Board Performance self-assessment

Renee Clark, Executive Officer provided the Board with a paper to ensure the Board is continuing good governance practices by conducting a self-assessment on the Boards performance over the past 12 months.

The Board endorsed the recommendation:

**To note the Board paper
Resolved**

240817-140-2.2 18/19 Levy increase

Louisa Halliday, acting Manager Planning and Evaluation to confirm the Board’s intention to make no further amendments to the Business Plan for 2018-19 in relation to the Income Proposal – NRM Levies and Investment proposal.

Discussion

- The only risk is around the NLP2 program it is highly likely that the region will receive considerably less funding.
- With the less funding there will need to be significant changes and the Board need to consider the prioritisation now. The program presentations outline the programs in their current state to help assist the Board in making decisions around funding.

The Board endorsed the recommendation:

To make no further amendments to the Business Plan for 2018-19 in relation to the Income Proposal- NRM Levies and Investment Proposal, noting that implementing the RAP is currently a work in progress

that will support future investment decisions by March 2018, and that the water affecting activity policies can be considered independently in certain circumstances (if necessary).

Resolved

240817-140-2.3 Implementing the RAP

Alison Skinner and Amy Lee provided a paper to the Board with an update on the proposed approach to using the Regional Action Plan (RAP) to shape strategic planning and decision making processes, including improving the line of sight from the Strategic NRM Plan to project delivery.

The Board endorsed the recommendations:

That the Board notes the information provided in relation to implementing the RAP.

240817-140-2.4 State Landcare Conference

Regional Director Mike Williams offered tickets to the Board members for the State Landcare conference for 2017.

24082017-140-2.5 Community Connect Update

Board member Deana Mildren provided a verbal update on the Community Connect Committee's first meeting within the in-camera meeting.

3. Finance and Risk

240817-140-3.1 Finance and Risk Committee Report

Board members were provided with the following to note and approve:

- Financial Reports and Statements to the 31 July 2017
- Minutes of the Financial Governance Committee meeting held in August

Discussion

- Deana Mildren the Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee and the Manager Business Services provided a verbal update from the August Finance and Risk Committee Meeting.
- The budgets have now been loaded and the Finance and Risk committee have considered the financial statements.
- All but two of the 15/16 audit requirements have been completed.
- An accounts payable deep dive will be performed in September.
- The working capital request have been submitted and the journal will be processed today. The higher amount was decided upon to lower the risk, the decision was time critical.
- The Board need to consider other mechanisms in the future so there is no reliance on the working capital. The Finance and Risk Committee will consider all the options and bring a paper back to the Board.
- The SLA schedules are with the Chief Executive Sandy Pitcher this week for sign off.
- The Finance and Risk Committee action regarding the policy review schedule and specific projects for the risk register are in progress.

The Board endorse the out of session application for \$2m of working capital for 17/18.

The Board endorsed the recommendation:

To notes the financial reports for the period ending 31 July 2017.

The Board also endorse the out of session application for \$2m of working capital for 17/18

Resolved

4. Correspondence and Information Items

240817-140-4.1 Correspondence

- The Annual Report will go up to Minister Hunter with all the other Boards instead of with DEWNR.

- The request for funding for the Murray Mallee Planting guide, the Board suggest that a letter is sent back to the requestor outlining how to apply for sponsorship or a Connecting Communities Grant. It should also include how their request aligns with the priorities within the RAP.

Action: Executive Officer to send information to the Group's Executive Officers regarding the Kangaroo management plan.

Action: A letter to be drafted to Caroline DeRieu advising on how to apply for sponsorship or a connecting community grant.

The Board endorsed the recommendation:

To note the correspondence received - Resolved

240817-140-4.2 Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder Watering Schedule

Darren Willis, Team Leaver Floodplains and Wetlands provided a paper for the Board to note the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) water schedule: watering schedule for 2015A MDB NRM Board wetland and floodplain sites for 2017/18.

The Board endorsed the recommendation:

To note the attached correspondence regarding the Commonwealth Water Holder Watering Schedule for 2017/18.

Resolved

5. Board Committees and NRM Groups

240817-140-5.1 Board Committees - Reports and Minutes from Meetings

- Sharon will be attending the Local Government Advisory Committee meeting and the Mallee Coorong Group Meeting
- The Mallee Coorong subgroup are working on the landholder flyer. The group generated the draft and it is suggested that it would be for all groups but they are going to be the pilot and then later expand to the other groups within the region.
- Pre reading for GARP papers is under review.
- The Riverland Group meeting didn't have any Board representation. Rod is able to attend these meetings at short notice if Peter is unavailable.

The Board endorsed the recommendation:

To note the reports - Resolved

240817-140-5.2 Members Reports

- Board member Deana Mildren provided an update on GARP, there are still letters to go out to recipients that didn't receive grants. The innovation trail grant Jem Tesoriero, Team Leader NRM Communities will talk to the group.
- Board members Deana Mildren and Rod Ralph along with Louisa Halliday acting Manager Planning and Evaluation have been discussing the GARP process and Louisa is putting together a paper for the Board.
- Board member Peter Duggin provided an update on his meeting with the Minister and provided a River Murray Advisory Committee update regarding the issue of replacing outgoing members. There are people who are interested in taking over from the outgoing members.
- Peter suggested having Peter Ebner attend a future Board meeting and present along with Andrew Biel or Jarod Eaton to discuss river operations. Jo from the MDBA would also be desirable.
- Rod thank you to Mike for getting the finance and risk papers to Board so quickly and it is working well.

6. Presentations/Overview of Meeting

240817-140-6.1 Board Presentations Overview

- There is a potential risk that we spent a lot of time on the presentations but when it comes to the meeting it's rushed.
- Sonia fewer bigger better trying to spread yourself out to much.
- With the program area overview sending out the information for prior reading is helpful and will allow more time for questions.
- To avoid the technology delays the Board suggested that the Executive Officer obtain the presentations prior to the meeting.
- The presentation from Gale was more of a sales pitch rather than the overarching information the Board were interested in.

240817-140-6.2 Board Meeting Overview

240817-140-6.3 Items for future Board Meetings

Lower Murray Irrigation - Peter Ebner

MDBA - Jo Davis RE: Implications for the state around capacity risks and options.

Carbon Credits - Julia Grants team RE: opportunities for the region around carbon credits and what that might look like and for the Board to get an understanding of Green, Brown and Blue carbon credits and what they mean in terms of positive and negative impacts.

240817-140-6.4 Any other business

Nil

240817-140-6.5 Next Meeting

Thursday 28 September 2017 Mount Barker NRO

240817-140-6.6 Public Meeting closed at 16:32pm

Presiding Member Sharon Starick

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SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board