PRESENT: A/Chair: Rachael Siddall
Members: Alison Cusack
David Greenhough
Alexandra Kentish
Jeffrey Newchurch

APOLOGIES: Felicity-ann Lewis

IN ATTENDANCE: Brenton Grear, Regional Director
Joyce Osborne, Executive Officer
Lisien Loan, Manager Parks and Sustainable Landscapes
Katharine Ward, Manager Water Projects
Marguerite Swart, Manager Business Support
Louisa Halliday, Manager Planning and Evaluation
Kim Krebs, Manager Community Engagement
Roisin McAlary, Manager Financial Services

27062019-153-1.0 MEETING PROCEDURE
In the absence of the Presiding Member, the Board members nominated Rachael Siddall to Chair the meeting.

27062019-153-1.1 Welcome
The Chair opened the meeting and invited Jeffrey Newchurch to give the Welcome to Country.

27062019-153-1.2 Apologies
Apologies were received from Felicity-ann Lewis.

27062019-153-1.3 Declarations of Interest
Brenton Grear as Chair of Nature Play SA Board will step out for any discussions relating to Nature Play.
27062019-153-1.4 Consent Schedule

The Board confirmed the items within the consent schedule be adopted.

CARRIED

27062019-153-1.5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board confirmed the minutes of meeting number 152 held on 23 May 2019 as a true and accurate record with the following changes:
a) Correct date of meeting inserted
b) Jeffrey Newchurch removed from attendees as already listed as an apology
c) Item 2.13 – wording rephrased to say ‘suggested that the independent role of the Audit Committee would function more effectively with an independent Chair’.

CARRIED

27062019-153-1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Board noted the matters arising.

CARRIED

27062019-153-1.7 Resolution Register

A Landscape SA reform update to be included as a standing item for future meetings.

The Board noted the resolution register.

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.0 BOARD MATTERS

27062019-153-2.1 Patawalonga Lake System

Issue to be included in monthly letter to Minister re Ministerial directive

The Board:

2.1.1 noted the issues relating to funding the Patawalonga Lake System in the 2019/20 financial year.

2.1.2 approved the presiding Member writing to the Chief Executive of DEW to highlight the issues created by AMLR staff administering management of the Patawalonga Lake
system and find alternate staffing arrangements from the 2019/20 financial year.

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.2 Implementation Plan

All projects approved at last meeting. New information included in tables are the staff and governance costs.

The Board agreed that there needs to be more transparency on transition costs and requested clarity from the Minister on this.

Action: Insert line that says board is absorbing some costs of transition as outlined in the implementation plan and will continue to review this as the transition process progresses. To be added as footnote of table 3 and NRM Reform pg 1. Typo on pg 4 to be corrected.

The Board:

2.2.1 approved the publishing of the 2019-20 Implementation Plan on the Board’s website subject to changes

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.3 Information Sheet on Board’s Position on Hardship

The Board:

2.3.1 endorsed the draft information sheet

2.3.2 advised its preferred method for distribution of the information sheet

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.4 Developing a New Governance Model for the River Torrens

The Board:

2.4.1 noted the progress on the River Torrens governance review project to date

2.4.2 approved board member Ms Alison Cusack to represent the board at future stakeholder engagement workshops, including those at which decisions will be made about the preferred governance model.

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.5 2019 AMLR Volunteer Celebration Event
It is assumed that the Presiding Member will want to attend this event. Confirmation will be sought on her return from overseas. David Greenough was nominated as a proxy.

The Board:

2.5.1 noted the upcoming 2019 AMLR volunteer celebration event
2.5.2 nominated one Board member to the 2019 AMLR volunteer celebration event and give a thank-you speech to the volunteers.

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.6 SA Urban Food Network 2018-19

The Board:

2.6.1 noted that the SA Urban Food Network is established and with the assistance of the Board will continue to enable the exchange of connections, knowledge and opportunities to help grow a regenerative local food system.

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.7 Status of Water Allocation Planning in the AMLR Region

The Board:

2.7.1 noted the update on water allocation planning in the region.

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.8 Regional Director's Report

The Regional Director provided an update on the status of the Landscape Bill in Parliament and the transition phase following passing of the Bill.

An update of the DEW structure was provided and the Regional Director advised that as of 1 July the Regional Director position would be abolishes and replaced by an interim NRM Manager. An EOI has been called. The Board agreed that there needs to be an A/NRM Manager while the EOI is underway.

Green Adelaide will be set up as a NRM Board as part of transition. The Board expressed concern as to where accountabilities lie with 2 boards.

Action: Breakout Creek Stage 3 re detailed project work to be added to August agenda

The Board:
2.8.1 noted the Regional Director's report

27062019-153-2.9 Board Authorisations and Delegations

Amendments removed the Regional Director position and added the AMLR NRM Manager and the Director, Green Adelaide.

The Board:

2.9.1 approved all the updated Instrument of Authorisations and Delegations but will review at the July meeting based on the appointment of the AMLR NRM Manager.

2.9.2 approved the delegation of Contract Execution – Purchase Cards to the AMLR NRM Manager and the Director of Green Adelaide but will be reviewed at next meeting based on the appointment of AMLR NRM Manager.

2.9.3 endorsed the use of the Common Seal and nominated Alison Cusack and David Greenhough to sign all of the Instruments of Authorisation and Delegations.

CARRIED

27062019-153-2.10 Appointment of a Regional Authorised Officer

The Board:

2.10.1 approved the appointment of Rachel Jean Godoy

2.10.2 authorised the Presiding Member (or Board member proxy) and the Regional Director to sign the associated instruments of appointment

2.10.3 authorised the use of the Board’s common seal by the Presiding Member (or Board member proxy) and Regional Director so that it may be affixed to the associated instruments of appointment.

CARRIED

27062019-153-3.0 FINANCE

27062019-153-3.1 Finance Report

The Board:

3.1.1 accepted the financial reports and statistics for the financial period ending 31 May 2019
3.1.2 noted the carryover expenditure budget that is forecast by year-end.

CARRIED

27062019-153-3.2 2019-20 Business and Operational Plan Budget

SLA expires 30 June 2019 but it will be business as usual until new one signed off.

The Board expressed concerns re the cost of transition and will seek confirmation of the Minister's expectation, advising that they want to work with the transition but asking for a "no surprises" approach and open dialogue on potential transition costs to ensure transparency to our levy contributors and community and to ensure the Board operated within the agreed Business and Operational plan budget and commitments. Although the Board has approved the 2019/20 budget it would also appreciate the Minister investigating other opportunities to fund transition.

Transition costs will be detailed and reviewed monthly and included in monthly finance reports. As soon as a transition budget is available it will be tabled for the Board and the proportion the Board is requested to to fund will be discussed and decided by the Board. A clearer idea of costs should be available in October.

Action: Invite Matt Ward to next board meeting to discuss Landscape Boards.

The Board:

3.2.1 approved the 2019-20 Business and Operational Plan Budget – income and key driver expenditure of $34.891M.

3.2.2 approved the 2019-20 Operational Project Budget – expenditure by project (action) of $19.290M.

3.2.3 approved the 2019-20 Administration and Governance Budget and Salary Budget, including $10.691M for salaries and $5M for administration and governance expenses and notes the Board reserves the right to review its decision in regard to Greening Adelaide transition costs.

3.2.4 delegated responsibility for approving variations to projects, within the project (action), in the Board's budget to the Regional Management Team consistent with existing expenditure authorisations, noting that
approval for major projects over $550K (GST inclusive) will remain with the Board.

3.2.5 delegated to the AMLR NRM Manager, the authority to approve variations to budget of up to $150K (GST exclusive) between projects (actions)

CARRIED

27062019-153-4.0 PAPERS TO NOTE

27062019-153-4.1 Register of Interests

27062019-153-4.2 Letter to Minister Speirs dated 30 May re May meeting


27062019-153-4.4 Letter from Minister Speirs dated 13 June regarding Water Penalty Allocation

The Board noted information papers 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4

CARRIED

27062019-153-5.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business noted.

27062019-153-6.0 MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.25pm

The next meeting of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board will be held on Thursday, 25 July 2019 at Office for Natural Resources AMLR, 205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood.

Felicity-ann Lewis
Presiding Member

Date: 25/10/2019