MINUTES OF MEETING NO 161

Held from 10.00am – 11.19am on Thursday 26 March 2020 at the Office for Natural Resources AMLR 205 Greenhill Road, EASTWOOD via video and telephone conference

PRESENT: Board Member: David Greenhough

IN ATTENDANCE: Kim Krebs, Regional NRM Manager Roisin McAlary, Manager Business Support Wendy Telfer, Manager Planning and Evaluation Adele Macphee, Executive Officer

26032020-161-1.0 MEETING PROCEDURE

26032020-161-1.1 Welcome

The Board meeting was opened, acknowledging that the land is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and the Board respects their spiritual relationship with their Country. The Board also acknowledged the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today. The Board Member welcomed all attendees to the meeting via video and telephone conference.

26032020-161-1.2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

26032020-161-1.3 Declaration of Interest

There were no additional declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

26032020-161-1.4 Consent Schedule

The Board confirmed all items on the Consent Schedule be adopted.

CARRIED

26032020-161-1.5 Confirmation of Minutes 160 – 27 February 2020

The Board confirmed the minutes of meeting number 160 held on 27 February 2020 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED
Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Board noted the matters arising.

CARRIED

Resolution Register

The Board noted the Resolution Register.

CARRIED

BOARD MATTERS

Items 2.3 and 2.4 were raised for discussion.

Community based approach to low flows

Paul Wainwright (Project Manager, Securing Low Flows) highlighted the importance of environmental flows to achieve environmental outcomes such as biodiversity and to fulfill statutory requirements. The difficulties in getting landholders to voluntarily install low flow devices, further exacerbated by drought and recent fires, was discussed. There is a need to look at affordable and more community based alternatives. The Board deliberated alternative delivery models based on the merits of a community based proposal presented by the Inman Valley community.

The Board:

2.1.1 discussed the ‘community driven’ low flows proposal suggested by Inman Valley landholders; and

2.1.2 considered the request by landholders in the Inman River to support a catchment-scale trial of the approach in the Inman River; and

2.1.3 endorsed staff to undertake further work to explore how a trial using the community-led approach could be implemented and to document the costs involved, with the following provisos:

1. the trial is undertaken by interacting with a formal structured community group (possibly existing) with a plan and a clear set of deliverables; and

2. initial trials are no longer than 12 months, especially if a permanent device is used, to reduce long term liability to the Board; and

3. a feasibility concept proposal is brought back to the Board that includes alternatives to assist progression to a multi-year scheme.

CARRIED
26032020-161-2.2  Cudlee Creek Landscape Recovery Grants

The Board discussed the large amount of grant applications received, and the potential of being oversubscribed.

The Board:

2.2.1 approved the delivery of the non-recourse grants program - Cudlee Creek Landscape Recovery Grants

CARRIED

26032020-161-2.3  School Environment Grants 2019-20

The Board discussed ranking and funding of the 61 projects the panel recommended, in particular the 2 lowest ranked projects over the funding limit

The Board:

2.3.1 noted the recommended list of successful projects submitted for the Schools Environment Grants round for 2019-20; and

2.3.2 requested a resolution regarding whether the 2 lowest ranked projects would be funded, and if so, where the additional funds would be sourced.

CARRIED

26032020-161-2.4  Current recommended practice for water affecting activities in bushfire recovery areas

The Board:

2.4.1 endorsed the current recommended practice for sediment control within a watercourse in a fire-affected area, noting that the final layout will be approved by the Regional Manager prior to publication and:

2.4.2 noted that the current recommended practice will be reviewed in June.

CARRIED

26032020-161-2.5  Regional NRM Manager's Report

The Board:

2.5.1 noted the Regional NRM Manager's Report.
CARRIED

26032020-161-2.6  Green Adelaide A/Director’s Report

   The Board:

   2.6.1 **noted** the Green Adelaide A/Director’s Report.

CARRIED

26032020-161-2.7  Yellowish Sedge Skipper Site Assessments Stage 1 and 2 Final Reports

   The Board:

   2.7.1 **noted** the tabling of the report; and

   2.7.2 **endorsed** the release of the report via the Board’s website; and

   2.7.3 **noted** that reintroduction of the Yellowish Sedge Skipper has commenced to Gahnia restoration sites in the region, but further sedgeland restoration and reintroduction has been identified to ensure successful re-establishment of this once locally extinct butterfly.

CARRIED

26032020-161-2.8  Leafy Seadragon Population Monitoring in the AMLR NRM Region - Pilot Study at Rapid Bay

   The Board:

   2.8.1 **noted** the tabling of the report; and

   2.8.2 **endorsed** the release of the report via the Board’s website.

CARRIED

26032020-161-3.0  FINANCE

   26032020-161-3.1  Finance Report

   The Board discussed the reduction of expenditure due to the current COVID-19 climate with deliverables slowing down. This may put pressure on future budgets. Budget savings could be directed to a stimulus package.

   The Board:

   3.1.1 **accepted** the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 29 February 2020; and
3.1.2 approved the material budget adjustments requested in the Budget Revision Feb-Mar 2020 that have been endorsed by the Regional NRM Manager; and

3.1.3 noted the other budget adjustments requested in the Budget Revision Feb-Mar 2020 that have been approved by the Regional NRM Manager.

CARRIED

26032020-161-4.0 PAPERS TO NOTE

26032020-161-4.1 Register of Interest

26032020-161-4.2 Use of the Common Seal

26032020-161-4.3 Letter to Minister Spiers, dated 18 March 2020

26032020-161-4.4 Letter to Mr Michael Lennon-State Planning Commission, dated 27 February 2020

26032020-161-4.5 Letter to Stormwater Management Authority, dated 2 March 2020

The Board noted Papers 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5.

CARRIED

26032020-161-5.0 Other Business

There was no other business tabled at this meeting.

26032020-161-6.0 Meeting Closed

There being no further business, the Board declared the meeting closed at 11.19am.

The next public meeting of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, will be held on Thursday 23 April 2020, at the offices for Natural Resources AMLR, 205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood via video and telephone conference.

David Greenhough
Board Member

Date: 23 / 04 / 2020