

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF  
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
ON FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Isaac Smith, David Wright, Simon Richardson, Robert Mustow, Chris Cherry

Anita Gambhir (Office of Local Government); Louise McMeeking (Regional NSW)

General Managers Troy Green, Vaughan MacDonald, Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Paul Hickey, Shelley Oldham

Michael Thurston (Destination North Coast), Phil Rudd, Keith Williams (Rous County Council),

Isabel Perdriau, Donna McIntyre (minute taker)

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

The meeting opened at 11.00am with Executive Officer Isabel Perdriau presiding as the Returning Officer for the election of a Chair and Deputy Chair for the NRJO.

Voting representatives for the election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are the Mayors of the member councils as listed in the Proclamation.

These are:

- Cr Danielle Mulholland      Mayor Kyogle Council
- Cr Robert Mustow          Mayor Richmond Valley Council
- Cr Isaac Smith              Mayor Lismore City Council
- Cr Simon Richardson      Mayor Byron Shire Council
- Cr David Wright          Mayor Ballina Shire Council
- Cr Chris Cherry             Deputy Mayor Tweed Shire Council

Only one nomination for the position of Chair was received. A further call for nominations was made by the Returning Officer and no additional nominations were received. There being only one nomination, the Returning Officer declared Cr Danielle Mulholland to be elected to the role of Chair of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation.

**2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

Cr Danielle Mulholland nominated Cr Isaac Smith for the role of Deputy Chair. This was seconded by Cr Richardson. Cr Smith accepted the nomination. A further call for nominations was made by the Returning Officer and no additional nominations were received. There being only one nomination, the Returning Officer declared Cr Isaac Smith to be elected to the role of Deputy Chair of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation. Cr Danielle Mulholland assumed the Chair.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

**4. APOLOGIES**

Cr Katie Milne; Cr Virginia West and Cr Derek Swanborough (Scenic Rim Council), Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers), Ashley Lindsay (Clarence Valley Council)

**26062020/1 RESOLVED**

**Moved: S Richardson/I Smith**

*THAT the apologies tabled for the NRJO Board meeting be accepted*

**CARRIED**

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

**ABSENT/DID NOT VOTE** – Cr Wright

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**6. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS**

No official address

**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES and BUSINESS ARISING**

7.1 Confirmation of Minutes – NRJO Meeting 7 February 2020

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**26062020/2 RESOLVED**

**Moved: S Richardson/D Mulholland**

*THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 7 February 2020 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.*

**CARRIED**

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

**ABSENT/DID NOT VOTE** – Cr Wright

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**NIL received**

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT - DESTINATION NORTH COAST**

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**26062020/3 RESOLVED**

**Moved: I Smith/R Mustow**

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

**CARRIED**

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

**ABSENT/DID NOT VOTE** – Cr Wright

**9.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – RDA NORTHERN RIVERS**

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**26062020/4 RESOLVED**

**Moved: S Richardson/D Mulholland**

*THAT the report from RDA Northern Rivers be noted.*

**CARRIED**

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

**ABSENT/DID NOT VOTE** – Cr Wright

**9.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**26062020/5 RESOLVED**

**Moved: R Mustow/S Richardson**

*THAT the report from Scenic Rim regional Council be noted.*

**CARRIED**

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

**ABSENT/DID NOT VOTE** – Cr Wright

Cr David Wright joined the meeting at 11:17am

**9.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**26062020/6 RESOLVED**

**Moved: R Mustow/I Smith**

*THAT the Northern Rivers Joint organisation;*

- 1. Receive and note the report*
- 2. Recognise the proposed Future Water Project 2060 Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan as a regionally significant initiative in order to support Rous County Council's efforts to secure State and Federal Government funding assistance.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

## **9.5 CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

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**26062020/7 RESOLVED**

**Moved: D Mulholland/S Richardson**

*THAT,*

*I. the NRJO does not support a financial contribution for a secretariat to the Chairs network.*

*II. should the Minister for Local Government and/or the NSW Office of Local Government be prepared to fund the provision of a secretariat, it would have the NRJO's support.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

**26062020/8 RESOLVED**

**Moved: S Richardson/R Mustow**

*THAT the existing service agreement between NRJO and RDA NR is renewed until 31 December 2020.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

**26062020/9 RESOLVED**

**Moved: R Mustow/I Smith**

*THAT the Chair and Executive Officer's report be received and noted*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

## **9.6 NORTH COAST WASTE PROJECT UPDATE**

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Nil

## **9.7 JO CAPACITY BUILDING FUND**

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**26062020/10 RESOLVED**

**Moved: D Wright/R Mustow**

*THAT the report be received and noted*

**CARRIED**

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

**9.8 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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**26062020/11 RESOLVED**

**Moved: C Cherry/S Richardson**

*THAT the financial statements for the period ending 31 May 2020 be accepted*

**CARRIED**

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

**10. URGENT BUSINESS**

**26062020/12 RESOLVED**

**Moved: D Mulholland/I Smith**

*THAT the Board moved into closed session to consider an urgent report from the Chair in relation to the Executive Officer role.*

**CARRIED**

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

The Board went into closed session at 11:25am

**26062020/15 RESOLVED**

**Moved: D Wright/I Smith**

*THAT the Board move out of closed session and into open session.*

**CARRIED**

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

Open session resumed at 11:31am and the following resolutions from closed session were recorded;

**26062020/13 RESOLVED**

**Moved: D Wright/I Smith**

*THAT the Board receive and note a verbal report from the Chair on the Executive Officer recruitment and note that the selection panel will remain as per last resolution and will consist of Cr Mulholland (Chair), Cr Smith (Deputy Chair) and Cr Mustow, with any other member of the NRJO Board able to attend as an observer.*

**CARRIED**

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

**26062020/14 RESOLVED**

**Moved: D Mulholland/ D Wright**

*THAT Graham Kennett be appointed as interim Executive Officer without remuneration until the position is filled.*

**CARRIED**

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

**11. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Nil

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**26062020/16 RESOLVED**

**Moved: R Mustow/I Smith**

*THAT the correspondence report be noted*

**CARRIED**

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

MEETING CLOSED 11.33am

NEXT MEETING

21 AUGUST 2020

TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes approved



Cr Danielle Mulholland

Chair