Meeting 7, 17 December 2020, Tatiara Council Chambers, 43 Woolshed Street, Bordertown Confirmed Minutes (Formal Session)

BOARD MEETING at 11:55am		
1.0	PROCEDURAL	
1.1	Opening/Welcome by Kerry DeGaris (Chair)	
1.2	Acknowledgment of Country by Kerry DeGaris (Chair)	
	We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners of the ancestral lands that we are meeting upon here today. We acknowledge Elders past and present and we respect the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to country.	
1.3	Board Attendance: Kerry DeGaris (KD) (Chair), Ben Hood (BH), Bruce Wood (BW), Mark Bachmann (MB), Miles Hannemann (MH), Penny Schulz (PS) and Robbie Davis (RD).	
	Apologies: Nil.	
	Staff Attendance: Steve Bourne (SB), Le-Anne Thomson (LT), Liz Perkins (LP), Nat Misic (NM), Deb Lang (DL) - item 3.3, Sue Botting (Sue B) - item 3.5, Ryan Judd (RJ) – item 3.5 & Stephanie Ward (SW) (Minutetaker).	
1.4	Declarations of Interest	
	Consistent with the Code of Conduct, board members and staff, in the interests of transparency, are required to declare any personal or pecuniary interests in any item forming part of the agenda as modified. The declaration of interest may become a conflict of interest if the matter has direct personal or pecuniary benefit or dis-benefit that would not be generally experienced by the wider community. At this point, the person must not take further part in the agenda item and must absent themselves from the meeting.  • MB advised that item 6.8, he had professional input in the development of the Limestone Coast Water Balancing Project.	
1.5	Agenda Check	
	Additional agenda items:	
	Nil Order of items amended as follows:	

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	Pursuant to section 23(5) of the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> , it was resolved that the following items be determined by the board <i>closed to public</i> , for the reasons prescribed as per section 7(3) of the <i>Landscape South Australia (General) Regulations 2020</i> (regulations):	
	<u>Item</u>	Prescribed reason
	6.1 Border Groundwater Agreement	(g)(j)
	6.2 Water Planning – MacDonnell Consultation	(g)(j)
	6.3 Bathymetry in SA – Coastal Monitoring Proposal for ARC LIEF bid	(g)(j)
	6.4 LCLB Board – Closed Session Minutes for endorsement (6, 26/11/2020)	(g)
	6.5 Business Arising	(g)(j)
	6.6 Closed Session Action List	(g)
	6.7 Enforcement and Compliance Register – nil entries	(e)(f)(g)
	6.8 Landscape Priority Fund	(g)(j)
	6.9 Green Triangle Forestry Industry Hub	(g)(j)
2.0	PUBLIC GALLERY	
2.1	Public Gallery  Ms Lee Williams in attendance. Ms Williams gave the board a first-hand account of the impacts of feral deer on her property.	
3.0	MEETING ITEMS	
3.1	Regional Landscape Update	
	Presenter: Liz Perkins	
	Points of Discussion:	
	<ul> <li>LP advised drafts based on consultations with Board and the team. Development on the draft Regional Landscape Plan he information to be provided in February 2021</li> </ul>	nas commenced with further
	<ul> <li>Board members were advised that there was opportunity t</li> <li>Feedback from board to be directed to LP.</li> </ul>	o stili provide input.
1	Resolution - The board:	
	Resolution - The board:  1. Noted progress on the Regional Landscape Plan.	

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A whole of Region Co-operative Approach to Achieving Effective Roadside Vegetation Management

**Presenter: Steve Bourne** 

#### **Resolution - The board:**

1. Noted the 'A Whole of Region Cooperative Approach to Achieving Effective Roadside Vegetation Management' briefing paper presented to the Limestone Coast Local Government Roadside Committee on 2 December 2020.

#### Carried.

#### 3.3 Pest Management Strategy Review

**Presenter: Deb Lang** 

#### **Points of Discussion:**

- The board members determined the Pest Management Strategy document was overly long and was more a technical assessment than a strategy.
- DL explained that the document had been developed to cover the Limestone Coast region as the state-wide process did not allow for smaller scale assessments aligned to the diverse habitats in the region.
- The Board members advised that they would like to be provided with a summary document to be tabled at a future meeting.

#### **Resolution - The board:**

- Noted Part 1 and Part 2 of the Limestone Coast Pest Management Strategy Review 2020.
- 2. Approved Part 2 of the Limestone Coast Pest Management Strategy Review 2020, including the reviewed and updated regional policies for pest plants and animals for internal use.
- 3. Requested that a Summary document be tabled at a future board meeting.
- 4. Noted Part 3 and Part 4 of the Limestone Coast Pest Management Strategy have not yet been reviewed.
- 5. Noted that a budget for the review of Part 3 and Part 4 of the Limestone Coast Pest Management Strategy is being developed and is expected to be presented to the board prior to 30 June 2021.
- 6. Approved that the Pest Management Strategy will be reviewed in 5 years' time.

#### Carried.

#### 3.4 Work Health Safety and Injury Management Plan

**Presenter: Le-Anne Thomson** 

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#### **Resolution - The board:**

- 1. Noted the WHS & IM Framework, and the activities currently undertaken to maintain the health and safety of staff, volunteers and board members.
- 2. Approved the timeline for the development of the WHS & IM Plan.

#### Carried.

#### 3.5 Water Planning - Padthaway Review

Presenter: Sue Botting, Ryan Judd

#### **Points of Discussion:**

- Clarity was sought on the Board's legal responsibility regarding the Water Plan. Limestone Coast Landscape Board is delegated to undertake the planning and make recommendations to the Minister with DEW as the ultimate authority.
- The Board requested and was provided with some historical information primarily around viticulture practices that would impact water use and the introduction of water meters for improved data collection.
- The terms 'water allocations', 'unbundling' and 'partial unbundling' were further discussed.
- Groundwater modelling was discussed. Data was presented to the Board that identified potential scenarios where ground water use may be significantly impacted.

#### **Resolution - The board:**

1. Noted the progress of the Padthaway WAP Review Stakeholder Advisory Group on the revision of the Water Allocation Plan for the Padthaway Prescribed Wells Area.

#### Carried.

#### Protocol for Landscape Board staff in DEW Fire Management Brigade

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#### **Presenter: Steve Bourne**

### **Points of Discussion:**

- The Board discussed the impact of brigade participation on Board projects. SB clarified that many of the current staff on the brigade are from the Landscape Operations team. A number of these staff are held in high regard with specialised skills.
- The Board agreed that release of staff needed to be balanced with delivery of work programs. The cost to the board is estimated to be approximately \$70,000 per annum.

#### **Resolution - The board:**

1. Noted the significant and long standing contribution from landscape board staff to the DEW fire management program, and the Minister's expectations that this arrangement continue to be supported through a formal protocol.

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	<ol><li>Noted the cost to supporting the Fire Operational Protocol is estimated at around \$70,000 per annum.</li></ol>	
	3. Approved the Fire Operational Protocol that outlines arrangements for the continuing involvement of landscape board staff in the DEW fire management program.	
	4. Approved that the Chair's signature be applied to the final version of the protocol on behalf of the board, once endorsed by all parties.	
	Carried.	
3.7	Action List	
	Presenter: Steve Bourne:	
	Points of discussion:	
	Item 9: Executive summary to be presented at the February meeting.      Items 12: 14: Enquiries regarding the weather station naturally to be referred to NIM.	
	<ul> <li>Items 12-14: Enquiries regarding the weather station network to be referred to NM</li> </ul>	
	Resolution - The board:	
	1. Noted the Action List.	
	Carried.	
	carried.	
4.0	CONSENT SCHEDULE	
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	The Board:
	1. Accepted the correspondence for November-December 2020.
	Carried via consent schedule.
5.0	STANDING ITEMS
5.1	Limestone Coast Landscape Board – Formal (6, 26/11/2020)
	Presenter: Kerry DeGaris
	Resolution – The Board:
	<ol> <li>Approved the minutes of the formal Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting No 6, held on 26/11/2020.</li> </ol>
	Carried.
5.2	Business Arising
	Nil.
5.3	Forward Planner
	The Board noted the forward planner and the location of Meeting No. 8 in Lucindale 25 February
	2021.
	<ul> <li>PS will be an apology.</li> <li>RD will need to participate via Teams.</li> </ul>
	Noted.
5.4	Contract Register Report
	The board noted nil contract register entries received.
	Noted.
5.5	Presiding Member's Report
	Presenter Korry De Caris
	Presenter: Kerry DeGaris
	Points of Discussion:
	<ul> <li>KD advised that she has joined the Heritage Agreement Alliance and that the state government had recently committed \$2 million dollars to revitalise the Heritage</li> </ul>
	Agreement program.

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	The Board noted the Presiding Member's report.	
5.6	Board Members' Reports	
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5.7	General Manager's Report	
	<ul> <li>The Healthy Coorong Healthy Basin Project may involve work around Lake Hawdon and has sought interest from the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. SB has requested further information on the scope of work.</li> <li>The Naracoorte to Penola Trail is a Nature Based Tourism project recently submitted to the Minister. There is an opportunity for the Limestone Coast Landscape Board to get involved through Aboriginal Engagement and Education.</li> </ul>	
	1. The Board noted the General Manager's Report.	
5.8	GFAC – out of session (3A, 16/12/2020)	
	Presenter: Bruce Wood	
	<ol> <li>Resolution – The board:         <ol> <li>Noted the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee met outside of session on 16 December 2020</li> <li>Noted the financial report for the period ended 30 November 2020 and the key points highlighted in the summary.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Noted the draft Formal Session of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee No. 3A, Wednesday 16 December 2020.</li> </ol>	
	Carried.	
5.9	Approval for the General Manager to action the decisions from the closed session of the meeting No. 7	
	Resolution – The Board:	
	<ol> <li>Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items from meeting No. 7 and resolutions to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.</li> </ol>	
	Carried.	
5.10	Meeting Review and Communication The following topics to be communicated to the media:  1. Roadside Vegetation. 2. ARC and supporting councils. 3. African Lovegrass.	

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5.11	Other Business
	1. Fox and rabbit baiting
	<ol> <li>Resolution – The Board:         <ol> <li>Requests develop of an action plan including communications for fox and rabbit baiting programs.</li> <li>Vehicle branding</li> <li>In response to a question regarding vehicle branding, LT advised that this should be completed in the near future.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Dingoes         <ol> <li>It was noted from the Pest Strategy Review that dingoes exist in the region (Ngarkat).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	Closed Session – Commencement
	Resolution – The board:
	<ol> <li>Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 2:55pm with staff members SB, LT, LP, Sue B, and NM and SW present in the meeting.</li> </ol>
	Carried.
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6.4	LCLB Board – Closed session (6, 26/11/2020) Minutes for endorsement
6.5	Business Arising
6.6	Closed session action list
6.7	Enforcement and Compliance Register – nil new entries
6.8	Landscape Priority Fund
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6.9	Green Triangle Forestry Industry Hub
	Closed session – cessation
	Resolution – The board:
	Moved out of the closed session of the meeting at 5:00pm.
	Carried.
8.0	CLOSING
	Meeting closed at 5:00pm.

Formal minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting No. 7, 17 December 2020 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

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	Penny Schulz, Presiding Member
Date:	22 February 2020