

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Waters Governance Board Meeting of the Waikato District Council held in Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 2019** commencing at **9.13am**.

**Present:**

Ms R Schaafhausen (Chair)  
Mr D Wright  
Mr G Dibley  
Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive, Waikato District Council)  
Ms J Colliar (Intern)

**Attending:**

Mr I Cathcart (General Manager Service Delivery)  
Ms C Nutt (Project Manager)  
Ms C Pidduck (Legal Counsel)  
Mr K Pavlovich (Waters Manager)  
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)  
Mrs R Gray (Senior Committee Secretary)

The Chair opened the meeting and expressed thanks from the Board members to staff on achieving the signing of the contract which was completed on 15 August 2019.

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

All members were present.

**CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolved: (Mr Ion/Mr Wright)**

**THAT** the agenda for a meeting of the **Waters Governance Board Meeting** held on **Thursday 29 August 2019** be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 6 which shall be discussed with the public excluded;

**AND THAT** the Board resolves that the following matter be discussed at an appropriate time during the course of the meeting:

- **Scheduling for Future Meetings.**

**CARRIED on the voices**

**WGB1908/01**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

It is noted that Mr Dibley is a Board Member of Water New Zealand.

It is noted that Ms Schaafhausen is the Chair of the Freshwater Iwi Leaders Group.

It is noted that Mr Wright is the Chair of Wellington Water Limited and also a director of Waimea Water Ltd.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Mr Ion/Mr Wright)**

**THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Waters Governance Board Meeting held on Wednesday 24 July 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**CARRIED on the voices**

**WGBI908/02**

## **REPORTS**

Update on the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Initiative  
Agenda Item 5.1

The Strategic Projects Manager, Vishal Ramduny, presented on the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Initiative and the Board Intern, Ms Colliar, presented on the three waters component of the initiative. Both responded to questions on the following issues:

- A number of co-design workshops had been held to develop the River Communities Spatial Plans. Engagement had been held with all the relevant community boards and community committees and further engagement was planned with public sector organisations and the private sector (including utility providers).
- The Sub-regional Three Waters study covered urban and rural environments. A boundaryless view had been taken.
- It was important to look at options for development without impacting the linkages between three waters infrastructure and the blue/green network.
- At the Future Proof Implementation Committee meeting held on 15 August 2019, it was noted that Waters should be a key focus area of the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Initiative.
- The views of mana whenua on water matters reflected a true partnership approach.
- Agreement by collective parties on the geographic scope, and 'all of river' approach with particular focus on the Waikato River Catchment area.
- The key parties involved in the project were the Future Proof partners and central government (through the Department of Internal Affairs).
- Phase Two of the study (full technical study) remained unfunded. This would be scheduled to start in October 2019.

- A moratorium had been placed in Hamilton around water provision for any additional wet industry.
- Next steps were to complete the strategic business case, input into the spatial planning projects and to complete Phase Two, subject to funding.

**Resolved: (Mr Dibley/Mr Wright)**

**THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.**

**CARRIED on the voices**

**WGBI908/03**

The meeting adjourned at 9.53am and resumed at 11.37am.

Mobilisation Plan  
Agenda Item 5.2

The report was taken as read by the General Manager Service Delivery who highlighted, and responded to questions on, the following issues:

- The risk of determining staff numbers retained in this area.
- Future Board meetings would focus on a structured agenda to ensure appropriate provision for proper governance oversight over transition periods.
- In addition, reports are also expected on managing affordability on water charging for vulnerable people in the community and on giving effect to the roles and responsibilities of the Board.

**Resolved: (Mr Wright/Mr Dibley)**

**THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery be received.**

**CARRIED on the voices**

**WGBI908/04**

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Agenda Item 6

**Resolved: (Ms Schaafhausen/Mr Wright)**

**THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;**

**AND THAT the public be excluded from the meeting to enable the Waters Governance Board to deliberate and make decisions on the following items of business:**

**Confirmation of Minutes dated Wednesday 24 July 2019**

## **REPORTS**

### **a. Watercare Contract Approval Confirmation**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are as follows:

**Reason for passing this resolution to withhold exists under:**

**Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution is:**

**Section 7(2)(i)  
Section 7(2)(j)**

**Section 48(1)(a)**

### **b. Te Kauwhata Water Association Water Supply Network**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are as follows:

**Reason for passing this resolution to withhold exists under:**

**Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution is:**

**Section 7(2)(b)(i) and (ii)  
Section 7(2)(i)**

**Section 48(1)(a)**

**CARRIED on the voices**

**WGB1908/05**

*Resolutions WGB1908/06 – WGB1908/09 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.*

Having resumed the Open Meeting the following item was discussed.

#### **Scheduling for Future Meetings**

**Add.Item**

Discussion was held on scheduling a meeting date in December and it was agreed that it be held on Monday 16 December 2019 at 12.30pm.

**ACTION: Agenda item for the next meeting: Scheduling of Meeting Dates for 2020.**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.52pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

day of September 2019.

Rukumoana Schaafhausen  
**CHAIRPERSON**