

Mid North Coast
Joint Organisation

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Minutes for the MNCJO BOARD MEETING

Date: 12 March 2021

Location: Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

Time: 9:05 AM

1 ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Mayor Liz Campbell, Kempsey Shire Council (Chair) Mayor Dominic King, Bellingen Shire Council Mayor Peta Pinson, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

Non-Voting Members

Liz Jeremy, General Manager, Bellingen Shire Council, MNCJO Executive Officer John Alexander, Craig Milburn, General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council, Dr Clare Allen, Chief Executive Officer Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, Louise McMeeking, Director North Coast, Department of Regional, NSW Michael Thurston, General Manager, Other Attendees Darren Boulet - Office of Emergency Management Dr Rebecca Montague Drake - Koala Recovery Partnership

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The MNCJO acknowledges the various people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and learn. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3 APOLOGIES

Kerry Grace, Regional Development Australia

4 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST

NIL

5 MINUTES

Item 5.1

Subject Minutes from the Board Meeting 4 December 2020

Resolved: King/Campbell

That the MNCJO Board adopt the Minutes from the Board Meeting 4 December 2020

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

6 BUSINESS ARISING

Resolved: King/Campbell

That the Board note that there is no Business Arising to be tabled at this MNCJO Board meeting, but there will be Business Arising items tabled at future MNCJO Board meetings.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

7 SPEAKERS

Item 7.1

John Fulwood - Telstra

Ian Scott - NBN

Chris Simon - Optus

Mathew Reedy - Essential Energy

8 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MANAGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Item 8.1

Subject Minutes - GMAC 19 February 2021

Resolved: King/Campbell

That the MNCJO Board receive and note that attached Minutes - GMAC 19 February 2021.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Item 9.1

Subject Correspondence as at 2 March 2021

Resolved: King/Campbell

That MNCJO receive and note the attached correspondence.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

10 MNCJO PROJECT UPDATES

Item 10.1

Subject Koala Recovery Partnership
Presented by Rebecca Montague-Drake

Resolved: Pinson/Campbell

That MNCJO Board

1. Receive and note this report.
2. Recommend the Koala Ecologist present to the MNC JO Board at the March meeting the Preliminary Findings of the Koala Habitat Study and Monitoring Program.
3. Recommend that Koala Ecologist present to relevant staff in each of the member Councils of the Joint Organisation.
4. Request that the GMAC and the Koala Recovery Partnership Officer develop a broader engagement and communications plan.
5. Ensure the regional strategic planning statement is informed by the findings so far.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 10.2

Subject Regional Disaster Preparedness Officer Update
Presented by Darren Boulet

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board receive and note this report.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 10.3

Subject MNCJO Project Manager's Report
Presented by John Alexander, Project Officer

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board receive and note this report which provides an update on the work of the MNCJO Project Manager.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

11 OTHER JO FORUMS

Item 11.1

Subject NSW Joint Organisation Chairs

Resolved: Pinson/Campbell

That the Board receive and note this summary report.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

12 STANDING UPDATES

Item 12.1

Subject Office of Local Government Update - Anita Gambhir
Presented by Anita Gambhir

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board receive and note this report.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Notice of Motion - Code of Conduct Complaints

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO request that a service level agreement or similar be developed that outlines the process and timeframe for dealing with code of conduct complaints and investigation.

This agreement is to be provided to the NSW Premier, Ms Gladys Berejiklian.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 12.2

Subject Regional Development Australia - Mid North Coast - Kerry Grace
Presented by Kerry Grace

Apology - No update provided

Item 12.3

Subject Regional NSW - Louise McMeeking
Presented by Mark McLean

Resolved: Pinson/Campbell

Mark provided a verbal update during the meeting.

Items discussed included; Regional Job Creation Fund, The \$2 Billion Regional Growth Fund, The Regional Events Acceleration Fund, Skills associated with Training Services NSW and an update on the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 12.4

Subject Destination NSW - Michael Thurston
Presented by Michael Thurston

Resolved: Pinson/King

Michael provided a verbal update during the meeting.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

13 REPORTS FOR THIS MEETING

Item 13.1

Subject MNCJO Resilience Scholarship - Adapt NSW Grant
Presented by Liz Jeremy, General Manager

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board receive and note this report which provides an update on the MNCJO Resilience Scholarship Program.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 13.2

Subject Review of Joint Organisations of Councils
Presented by John Alexander, Project Officer

Resolved: Pinson/King

That MNCJO Board note correspondence received from the Minister for Local Government relating to a proposed review of Joint Organisations of Councils.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 13.3

Subject Climate Risk Ready Program
Presented by John Alexander, Project Officer

Resolved: Pinson/King

That MNCJO Board note commitments made to participate in the Climate Risk Ready Course sponsored by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 13.4

Subject Fixing Country Bridges Program
Presented by John Alexander, Project Officer

Resolved: King/Pinson

That the MNCJO Board

1. Receive and note this report which provides an update on the status of the Fixing Country Bridges Program.
2. Approve on-going development of a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the Fixing Country Bridges Program.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 13.5

Subject Regional Leadership Executive Sub-Committees
Presented by Liz Jeremy, General Manager

Resolved: Pinson/king

That MNCJO Board note the establishment of sub-committees of the Regional Leadership Executive (RLE) of Regional NSW and their relevance to the MNCJO.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 13.6

Subject Statement of Business Ethics Policy
Presented by

Resolved: King/Pinson

That MNCJO Board adopt the attached Statement of Business Ethics Policy and place it on the MNCJO website.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 13.7

Subject Local Government Elections 2021
Presented by John Alexander, Project Officer

Resolved: Pinson/Campbell

That the MNCJO Board

1. Note the progress being made in relation to advertising and training associated with the NSW local government elections in 4 September 2021.
2. Approve expenditure of \$10,000 toward the cost of television advertising associated with the upcoming local government elections.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / Campbell
AGAINST: King

Item 13.8

Subject Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs) Act 1994
Presented by John Alexander, Project Officer

Resolved: Pinson/King

That the MNCJO Board note this report

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item 13.9

Subject Regional Leadership Executive Sub-Committees
Presented by Liz Jeremy, General Manager

Resolved: Pinson/King

That MNCJO Board note the establishment of sub-committees of the Regional Leadership Executive (RLE) of Regional NSW and their relevance to the MNCJO.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson / King / Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

The meeting closed: 1.56pm