



FWJO
Far West Joint
Organisation

**FAR WEST JOINT ORGANISATION
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

24 JANUARY 2020

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Meeting was declared open at 11:05am.

2 PRESENT

Voting Members

Mayors:

Cr Henderics	Wentworth Shire Council (Chair)
Bob Stewart	Central Darling Shire
Cr Turley	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Byron	Balranald Shire Council

Non-Voting Members

Deputy Mayors

Cr Christine Adams	Broken Hill City Council
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General Managers:

Michael Kitzelmann	Balranald Shire Council (by video)
James Roncon	Broken Hill City Council
Greg Hill	Central Darling Shire
Ken Ross	Wentworth Shire Council

State Representatives:

Ashley Albury	Department of Premier and Cabinet
Peter Evans	Office of Local Government

Chief Executive Officer:

Mark Forbes	Far West Joint Organisation CEO
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Guests

Kris Kershaw	Balranald Shire Council
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3 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Karen Purser (OLG)

Resolution

That the Board notes the apologies received from Karen Purser (OLG)

Moved: Cr Turley

Seconded: Bob Stewart

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Far West Joint Organisation Board Meeting held 22 November 2019 be confirmed as circulated.

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Far West Joint Organisation Board Meeting held 22 November 2019 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved: Cr Turley

Seconded: Bob Stewart

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 Financial Report and Budget Review

Summary

Provide the Far West Joint Organisation with a Financial Review report for the period 1 July 2019 to 19 January 2020.

The Board recorded their appreciation to Mr Kris Kershaw for this for assistance with the preparation of the financial report and management of the FWJO financial systems.

Recommendation

That the board receive and note the year to date financial review report.

Resolution

That the Board receive the Financial Review report for the period 1 July 2019 to 19 January 2020.

Moved: Cr Turley

Seconded: Cr Byron

CARRIED

6.2 Canberra Board Meeting

Summary

A Board meeting has been scheduled to be held in Canberra on 18 June 2020. The Chief Executive Officer provided an update in relation to the Canberra meeting arrangements.

Recommendation

That the board note the Chief Executive Officer's update.

Resolution

That the board note the Chief Executive Officer's update regarding arrangements for the Canberra Board meeting

Moved: Cr Turley

Seconded: Cr Byron

CARRIED

6.3 JO Chairs Resolution**Summary**

At the JO Chairs' meeting held on 31 October 2019 it was determined that an agreed definition of "Financial Sustainability" be adopted across all NSW Joint Organisations (JOs) for the purpose of establishing a taskforce into the long term financial sustainability of JOs.

Recommendation

That the definition of Financial Sustainability, for the purpose of the taskforce, be determined as a "A Joint Organisation will be financially sustainable over the long term when it is able to achieve sufficient funding and deliver on the Strategic Regional Priorities agreed with its members and stakeholders."

Resolution

That the definition of Financial Sustainability, for the purpose of the taskforce, be determined as a "A Joint Organisation will be financially sustainable over the long term when it is able to achieve sufficient funding and deliver on the Strategic Regional Priorities agreed with its members and stakeholders."

Moved: Bob Stewart

Seconded: Cr Turley

CARRIED

7 Other Items**7.1 Action Items Review**

Verbal update was provided by the CEO and action items list updated accordingly.

7.2 CEO Review

LG Solutions will provide report which will include the CEO's performance agreement for the coming 12 months. This will include a mid term review and the establishment of a review panel comprising two Board members.

7.3 Western Division Conference Motion

Central Darling Shire Council requested a motion be submitted from FWJO to Western Division Conference for continued funding for the FWJO by the State Government to ensure the sustainability of the JOs. Broken Hill City Council recommended the inclusion of a change in JOs structure to reduce red tape. Suggested that a motion be drafted for submission to the Western Division and ALG Conference in Canberra to retain the independent capability of the JO operations.

7.4 Local Council Updates**7.4.1 Balranald Shire Council**

The Balranald Shire Council's tourism project has been endorsed by council and the project plan and estimates will be submitted by the next FWJO tourism infrastructure meeting to be held in February.

- 7.4.2 Statewide Mutual have made a request to present to FWJO relating to their services, including risk management, continuous improvement funding etc. It was determined that the presentation should be made first to the GMs meeting with recommendation to come from the GMs to the Board accordingly.

7.5 Apologies for next Board Meeting

Bob Stewart (CDSC) will be an apology for next Board meeting to be held at the Western Division Conference

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the FWJO Board is proposed to be held prior to registration at the Western Division Conference on 18 March 2020, to be held at Broken Hill.

9 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:50am