



MINUTES

**FWJO Board Meeting
Thursday, 29 October 2020**

**MINUTES OF FAR WEST JOINT ORGANISATION
FWJO BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE / BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATIVE
BUILDING, 240 BLENDE STREET, COUNCILLOR ROOM, GROUND FLOOR
ON THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2020 AT 4PM**

1 OPENING

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 PRESENT

Chairperson Mayor Darriea Turley AM (Broken Hill City Council) , Mr Ashley Albury (Department of Premier and Cabinet), Administrator Mike Colreavy (Balranald Shire Council), Mayor Darriea Turley AM (Broken Hill City Council), Deputy Mayor Christine Adams (Broken Hill City Council), Administrator Bob Stewart (Central Darling Shire Council).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Greg Hill (General Manager Central Darling Shire Council), Mr James Roncon (General Manager Broken Hill City Council) Mr Peter Evans ???, Mr Peter Kozlowski (General Manager Balranald Shire Council), Mr Jay Nankivell (Chief Financial Officer Broken Hill City Council) Ms Anne Andrews (City Growth Coordinator Broken Hill City Council), Mr Ken Ross (General Manager Wentworth Shire Council), Mr Kris Kershaw (Finance Manager Balranald Shire Council), Ms Leisa Bartlett (Governance Officer Broken Hill City Council) and Ms Bridgett Leopold (Executive Officer RAMJO) - part of meeting .

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2020

RESOLUTION 043/20

Moved: Mr Mike Colreavy

Seconded: Mr Bob Stewart

1. That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 28 August 2020 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2020**RESOLUTION 044/20**

Moved: Mr Bob Stewart

Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy

1. That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Board Meeting held on 11 September 2020 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

7 FINANCIAL REPORTS**7.1 FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Provide the Far West Joint Organisation with a Financial Review report for the period 1 July 2020 to 22 October 2020.

RESOLUTION 045/20

Moved: Mr Bob Stewart

Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy

That the Board receive and note the year to date Financial Report.

CARRIED

8 BOARD REPORTS**8.1 FAR WEST JOINT ORGANISATION TRANSITION TO BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Following the change of Chair at the Far Wes Joint Organisation (FWJO) Board meeting held 28 August 2020, and in the absence of a formal handover from the former Executive Officer, the Broken Hill City Council (BHCC) has been working on a number of different fronts seeking to transition the operations of the FWJO from Wentworth Shire Council, to BHCC.

Mr James Roncon spoke to the report.

Mr Kris Kershaw gave an update on the progress of the financial statements advising that they are currently with the Auditors and that Nexia have advised that they should be finalised ready for lodgement by the due date (30 November 2020).

RESOLUTION 046/20

Moved: Mr Bob Stewart

Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy

That the Far Wes Joint Organisation Board note the report.

CARRIED

8.2 ENGAGEMENT OF RAMJO - INTERIM 12 MONTH APPOINTMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Far West Joint Organisation (FWJO) Chair has been liaising with the RAMJO Chair and Executive Officer as per the resolution of the Board, seeking to explore the available options to more closely align and engage the expertise of the RAMJO in furthering the work of the FWJO.

At this point in the meeting procedures, the Chairperson welcomed Ms Bridgett Leopold, Executive Officer of RAMJO.

Ms Leopold gave an overview of the framework proposal for the sharing of resources between the FWJO and RAMJO to achieve efficiencies and gains and to leverage off of established partnerships and collaborations for the benefit of both regions.

All attending members attested to Ms Leopold's professionalism and the outstanding results delivered during her association with RAMROC and now RAMJO; and agreed that a FWJO partnership with RAMJO would be beneficial.

It was suggested that a heads of agreement for the partnership (containing the finer details) should be negotiated with RAMJO.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Leopold for her presentation.

Ms Leopold left the meeting at the point in the meeting procedures.

RESOLUTION 047/20

Moved: Mr Bob Stewart

Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy

1. That the FWJO Board endorse the appointment of RAMJO for an interim 12-month period, to perform the role of Executive Officer.
2. That the FWJO Board review the RAMJO interim Executive Officer engagement on a quarterly basis to ensure key performance indicator milestones are being achieved.
3. That following the third quarter review, the FWJO Board advise RAMJO of its intentions beyond the interim 12-month appointment, with regard an ongoing role
4. That a heads of agreement containing the finer details, be negotiated between the FWJO and RAMJO.

CARRIED

8.3 STATUS REPORT ON THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT STUDY (RTS)**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the Regional Transport Study and the progress of a survey which was circulated to stakeholders.

RESOLUTION 048/20

Moved: Mr Mike Colreavy

Seconded: Mr Bob Stewart

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.3a MOTION ARISING

The Chairperson spoke of Melisa Hederics' recent resignation from Local Government and therefore from this Committee, and acknowledged her contribution as founding Chair of the FWJO, and put forward the following motion:

MOTION**RESOLUTION 049/20**

Moved: Mr Bob Stewart

Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy

That correspondence be sent to Melisa Hederics, former Mayor of Wentworth Shire Council and founding Chair of the Far West Joint Organisation, thanking her for her contribution to the region and wishing her well for the future.

CARRIED

8.4 ACTION LIST REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to ensure that FWJO are informed on the status of actions required by previous resolutions.

RESOLUTION 050/20

Moved: Mr Bob Stewart

Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy

That the Action List Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 051/20

Moved: Mr Bob Stewart

Seconded: Mr Mike Colreavy

That Board considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

11.1 Executive Officer Contract

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Board is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

CARRIED

The meeting moved into closed session at 4:27 p.m.

Mr Ashley Albury, Mr Greg Hill, Mr Peter Evans, Mr Peter Kozlowski, Mr Jay Nankivell, Ms Anne Andrews, Mr Ken Ross and Mr Kris Kershaw left the meeting.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

13 NEXT MEETING

The next FWJO Board Meeting will be held on 18 December 2020.

14 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 4:34 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at FWJO Board held on 18 December 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON