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MRWVG Ordinary General Meeting Minutes

11:30 Mitchell Room DPI Mareeba

10th November, 2011

Meeting Opened: 11:30 am by Ian Adcock (Chair). Chair advised a quorum was present

Attendance: Ian Adcock (Chair), Estelle Waia (Deputy Chairperson), Rob Ryan (Treasurer), Paul Turpin (Exec), Clairrene Grogan, Geoff Kuhn, John Wason, John Colless, Bob Frazer, Rob Miller, Neil Bryde, Peter Thompson, Aaron Crosbie, Bill Sokolich (Coordinator), Pam Schultz (Project Officer), Brynn Mathews (Project Officer)

Apologies: John Guise, Tom Gilmore, H Kuhn, N Ikin, C Douras, J Cavill-Jones, T Grainer, R Grogan, J Royal, C Taylor, T Hoogwerf, V Lake, Jay Santacatterina, Colleen Taylor,

Introductions: All present introduced themselves for the benefit of new attendees.

Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting 3rd December, 2010 were read.

Motion: That the Minutes from the previous Ordinary General Meeting of, 2010 be accepted.

Moved: John Colless

2nd: Rob Ryan

Carried

Matters arising

John Colless brought up the Walsh River issues.

Asphalt plant appears to be withdrawn and Bruce Weir sand mining appeal has been reported as withdrawn. A letter will be sent to SWAG thanking them for their advice. It was noted that the need for vigilance to ensure that these projects get picked up. Brynn Mathews suggested that the Environmental Protection Act (Federal) could be used if necessary.

Correspondence

Notice of Cape York RMG Annual General Meeting and Terrain Annual General Meeting.

Membership of the Gulf Horizon discussed.

Moved: Rob Ryan that MRWVG become a member of the group

2nd: Paul Turpin

Vote 6 for 1 against

Carried

Moved: Estelle Waia moved correspondence be accepted

2nd Geoff Kuhn

Approved

General Business

Treasurers Report

Project balances tabled and future funding discussed.

Moved treasurers report be accepted: John Colless

2nd: Estelle Waia

Carried

MOU between MRWVG and NGRMG

Discussion held on the Memorandum of Understanding between MRWVG and Northern Gulf Resource Management Group

Moved: Geoff Kuhn moved that the membership receive and comment on the MOU before it's approved

2nd: Rob Ryan

Motion defeated 6 for and 9 against (including proxies)

Motion that the circulated MOU be approved signed today.

Moved: John Colless

2nd Rob Ryan

Carried

Moved by John Colless that the MOU be circulated amongst members of both groups for discussion and comment before the next review period of November, 2012.

2nd: Rob Ryan

Carried

Mitchell River Group Website

Mitchell River Group website portal discussed. Report made by Geoff Kuhn.

Moved: John Colless that we seek pro bono help via NGRMG

Action to be taken on checking our logo. Rob Ryan will use Perth contact to find out more about the group.

Other Business

Julatten – Molloy Biodiversity Project Report

Brynn Mathews gave a report on the Molloy, Julatten Biodiversity project

Walsh River Planning Issues

Kristjan Sorensen gave an update on the asphalt plant – appears EPA has approved for water/flood but not concerned about air quality. Likely to be approved.

Project Reports

Bob Frazer spoke on the new CFOC Funding. Bob received 850K for the Holroyd aggregation for indigenous groups. Land tenure issues outlined. Proposed need to work at clan "estate" level –see reference groups. Some groups do not like clan level but more rep groups. CYNRM has taken on business development in Wild River declared areas.

Kowanyama Report- Aaron gave an outline on their projects. Lots of weed and exclusion fencing

Brynn Mathews- Irvinebank, Small Mammal Biodiversity and Erosion. Q2 program.

Pam Schultz- Reported on the Q2 project.

Bill Sokolich Reported on the Mitchell River Catchment Stakeholder Engagement

Comments from the floor – Things remain the same. Two main issues, weeds and fire, then property productivity, erosion and stream bank management.

No further business

Next MRWVG Ordinary General Meeting – To be set at a later date.

Close: Meeting closed at 4.00 pm