

**NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT THE NORTHLAND FISH & GAME OFFICE
NELL PLACE, WHANGAREI
7.00 PM FRIDAY 13th AUGUST 2021**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Phil Durham

Councillors: Russell Daniels, Darryl Reardon, Cameron Shanks, Mark Bell, Mike Newson, Noel Birchall, Peter Allen, Kris Batelaan

Staff: Rudi Hoetjes (Manager), Fay Stodart (Administrator)

The Chairman welcomed the Councillors to the Council table. The Conflict of Interest register was circulated around the table for all councillors to sign and declare any conflicts.

APOLOGIES: John Skeates, Stefan Seitzer
Ross Atkinson (Department of Conservation)

It was moved: *That these apologies are accepted.*

Russell Daniels/Mike Newson **CARRIED.**

The Chairman asked the Council for any late items to be addressed in the agenda. There were no other matters to add to the agenda.

Previous Minutes

It was resolved: *That the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th June 2021 are confirmed as true and correct.*

Kris Batelaan/Mark Bell **CARRIED.**

Matters Arising

Flaxmill Wetland Boundary Adjustment

The manager emailed Mr Graeme Edwards on the possibility of acquiring 2 hectares of land that encroaches onto the Flaxmill Wetland. The response from the email was circulated to the councillors. Mr Edwards will consider a possible land swap. The land swap would include land that is owned by Fish & Game between Waihue Road and the Awakino River and is currently farmed by the other adjacent neighbour, Mr Wordley. Mr Edwards gave some terms and conditions that would need to be addressed by the council and recorded on Fish & Game land title to ensure safe access. The manager priced the boundary changes through Lands & Survey to be approximately \$2,000.

It was moved: *That the manager continues to negotiate the land swap with Mr Graeme Edwards.*

Darryl Reardon/Cameron Shanks **CARRIED.**

Whangarei Hunting & Fishing Clubs Funds

No responses were received from the public notice which was placed in the local newspaper. Councillor Allen queried the motion from the previous meeting about using the funds for wetland development work. The Council agreed that all requirements were met to transfer the funds and to close the bank account.

It was moved: *That the Council will transfer the funds (approx. \$3,132.76) from the Whangarei Hunting & Fishing bank account to the Habitat Development Fund held by Northland Fish & Game Council and close the Whangarei Hunting & Fishing bank account.*

Noel Birchall/Mike Newson **CARRIED.**

Update of Minister Review of Governance of Fish & Game Councils

The chairman reported on the zoom meeting he attended with all the regional chairpersons, Ray Grubb (NZC chairperson) and the new acting NZCE, Di Taylor. The chairman expressed his extreme disappointment with NZC's chairperson in not meeting with the Northland Fish & Game Council to discuss the Minister's review. He also expressed his concerns on the size of regions and the Iwi representation as there are so many Iwi in the Far North alone.

Mr Anderton and Mr Grubb will arrange a meeting with the Northland Council in September. Other regions have agreed to reduce their number of councillors representing their councils.

Manager's Report

1711 Council Elections

The councillors discussed the upcoming Fish & Game Council election. Nomination forms were circulated for any councillors who wished to stand again. The Chairman believed that it is an individual choice on putting their names forward for nomination.

It was moved: *That the Manager's Activity Report is accepted.*

Peter Allen/Cameron Shanks **CARRIED.**

Field Officer Reports

The Council discussed the Field Officers' reports briefly. They also considered the matter in front of the Houhora Tavern. The councillors agreed that this matter is referred to Iwi, NRC, the Harbour Master and DOC.

It was moved: *That the Manager and Field Officers' Activity Reports are received.*

Russell Daniels/Mark Bell **CARRIED.**

2022 Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition

Some anglers have written letters to the editor of the local newspaper, Kaipara District Council and to the Minister of Conservation expressing their concerns on the banning of trout releases in the Kai Iwi Lakes.

It was moved: *That the Health and Safety Report is received.*

Mike Newson/Russell Daniels

CARRIED.

Executive Limitations Report

It was moved: *That the Executive Limitations Report is received.*

Cameron Shanks/Kris Batelaan

CARRIED.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.



Phil Durham
Chairman