

Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Trust Board Meeting Minutes
Sir James Wattie meeting room, Hastings Library, Cnr Eastbourne and Warren St, Hastings
14 April 2023

Attendees: Charles Daugherty (Chair), James Buwalda, Natalie de Burgh, Mark Ericksen, Mike Halliday, Debbie Monahan (GM) and Sarah Reddish (Administration Manager).

Apologies: Alice Tregunna, Pieri Munro

Minutes: Sarah Reddish

Meeting commenced at 1.10pm

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Board.

2. Apologies

Alice Tregunna and Pieri Munro

3. Board Only Time

4. Board Register of Interests

No changes to be made.

5. Minutes and Action List of 18 October 2022 meeting

The minutes of the previous Trust Board meeting held on 18 October 2022 were confirmed by the Board as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved – James Buwalda

Seconded – Mike Halliday

All in favour

Actions

Both actions from the October 2022 meeting were completed.

6. Board Paper: Future of Biodiversity Hawke's Bay

The trustees discussed the current operational funding situation for Biodiversity HB and the need to rely on continued donations from the HB Biodiversity Trust to enable operations to continue. The trustees discussed the proposal to present to the five Hawke's Bay Councils for funding as part of their 2024 – 2034 Long-Term Plan.

The trustees endorsed the approach outlined in the paper and agreed that the Trust Board will select a representative to work as a small team with the General Manager and a Strategy Stewardship Group (SSG) representative on the approach to councils for funding.

The trustees also agreed that if councils indicate to Biodiversity Hawke's Bay there will be no funding in their Long-Term Plans for operational costs, trustees will need to make a decision on the future form and function of the trust, the remaining endowment fund, as well as a home for key Biodiversity HB activities.

7. Trust Board membership and leadership (verbal update by Charles)

As agreed by the trustees at the October 2022 Trust Board meeting, Charles Daugherty approached Evelyn Ratima to join the HB Biodiversity Board.

Charles Daugherty's nominating statement is as follows:

"I'm pleased to nominate Evelyn Ratima, QSM, for the role of Trustee of the Biodiversity Hawke's Bay Trust. Evelyn is known to many of you and has had a stellar lifetime of service to her people and to Hawke's Bay. Evelyn is a Trustee and Treasurer of Tangoio Marae, an active member of Te Tira Toitū te Whenua, the Hastings District Plan Cultural Values Subcommittee, and the Hastings District Council Māori Joint Committee. She has also been key in the restoration of Te Karamu at Whakatu, along with her late husband Des. Her support and promotion of the Māori language and culture will be positive for Biodiversity Hawke's Bay and can play a significant role in enhancing our relationship with mana whenua."

Moved – Charles Daugherty **Seconded** – Mark Ericksen
All in favour

It was noted that the HBRC Māori Partnerships Group have also been approached for input / representation on the SSG and Trust Board.

8. Forsyth Barr Update

The Forsyth Barr / HB Biodiversity Trust Quarterly Report to 31 December 2022 was taken as read.

9. SSG Engagement Committee Update (verbal update by Sarah)

The trustees were updated on future events being organised by the SSG Engagement Committee, including:

- City Nature Challenge 2023
- Beautiful Bay in May 2023
- Biodiversity Week at Hawke's Bay Airport
- Fundraising event scheduled for February 2024

10. 2023 Meeting dates and times

27 June – to be rescheduled.

10 October (and AGM) – to be rescheduled.

11. Health and Safety

Nothing to report

12. Any other business

- i) An update was given on the work of the Projects Committee for the Environmental Enhancement Contestable Fund and the relationship with Pan Pac Environmental Trust, which is supported by the trustees.

13. Meeting concludes

Meeting concluded: 2.30pm

Next Trust Board meeting: 27 June – to be rescheduled.