

NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT THE NORTHLAND FISH & GAME OFFICE
NELL PLACE, WHANGAREI
7.00PM THURSDAY 25th JANUARY 2024

PRESENT:

Chairman: Phil Durham

Councillors: Cameron Shanks, Russell Daniels, Darryl Reardon, John McEntee,
Mark Bell, Kelvin Ellis

Staff: Craig Deal (Manager), Rachael Quin (Administrator)

Conservation Board: Nyree Porter (via teleconference)

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and the Conservation Board representative. The Conflict-of-Interest register was circulated around the table for all councillors to sign and declare any conflicts.

APOLOGIES: John Skeates, Penny Smart

It was moved: *That apologies are accepted.*

Russell Daniels / Mark Bell *CARRIED*

It was moved: *That speaking rights are extended to Nyree Porter.*

Russell Daniels / Mark Bell *CARRIED*

Previous Minutes

It was resolved: *That the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December 2023 are confirmed as true and correct.*

Cameron Shanks / John McEntee *CARRIED*

Matters Arising

Trout numbers

Manager advised the number of trout ordered have been reduced from 1100 to 900 and the sounder has been procured.

Managers' Report

1221 Jack Bisset Wetlands

Manager took the QEII representative to Jack Bisset Wetland on a covenant monitoring visit where they observed a pair of bitterns. A monitoring report is to come.

1228.01 Awakino Wetland

Issue allowing DOC access to fix a bund wall. Manager suggests surrendering the resource consent as there is no hunter benefit due to Northland Regional Council not allowing development.

It was moved: *That the Managers and Field Officers' reports be received.*

Cameron Shanks / Darryl Reardon **CARRIED**

NZFGC Update

Next meeting is 17 February 2024.

Auditor Management Letter

Northland Fish & Game Council received a positive auditor letter for 2022-2023 financial year. The chairman credited Craig Deal and Rachael Quin.

It was moved: *That the Auditor Management Letter is accepted.*

Russell Daniels / Kelvin Ellis **CARRIED**

Northland Region Fraud Policy

No changes were required except to update the last paragraph with the current chairman and date.

It was moved: *That the reviewed Northland region fraud policy remains unchanged except to update the Chairman details and date 25 January 2024.*

Cameron Shanks / Mark Bell **CARRIED**

Game Gazette

The Trend Count report was circulated with the recommendation that there be no change to the game gazette.

It was moved: *That the game gazette be confirmed.*

Mark Bell / Darryl Reardon **CARRIED**

Health and Safety Report

Northland Fish & Game is required to give a Health & Safety report at each council meeting detailing:

- The implementation and adherence to Health & Safety policy/manual
- Any new issues or hazards that have arisen and how these have been addressed
- Progress with any ongoing issues
- Outcomes of audits and reviews required in the Health & Safety manual
- Any near misses or injuries

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

Darryl Reardon / John McEntee **CARRIED**

Executive Limitations Report

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

Russell Daniels / Cameron Shanks **CARRIED**

Financial Reports

The financial report ending 31 December 2023 with fish licence sales YTD to 14 January 2024 was circulated to the councillors.

It was moved: **That the Financial Report is adopted.**

Kelvin Ellis / Cameron Shanks **CARRIED**

General Business

Cr. Bell suggested an overlay of weather conditions with trend counts. He also noted the dramatic decrease in rural ponds due to reticulated water sources for stock becoming more popular and practical.

The Chairman proposed that focus for councillors should be on recruiting licence holders rather than reducing human resources and amalgamating. The Chairman asked the councillors for their agreement that he put forward this position at the next chairman meeting. All were in favour.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.19pm.



Phil Durham
Chairman