

Hunter Joint Organisation Extraordinary Board Meeting Minutes

1:00 – 2:00pm, Tuesday 29 June 2021

HJO Board Room, 4 Sandringham Avenue, Thornton

Voting Directors Present

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| Cr Bob Pynsent, | Cessnock City Council |
| Cr John Connors, | Dungog Shire Council |
| Cr Kay Fraser, | Lake Macquarie City Council |
| Cr Loretta Baker, | Maitland City Council |
| Cr Nuatali Nelmes, | Newcastle City Council |
| Cr Sue Moore, | Singleton Shire Council |
| Cr David West, | MidCoast Council |
| Cr Maurice Collison | Upper Hunter Shire Council |
| Cr Ryan Palmer, | Port Stephens Council |

Non-Voting Members Present

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| Lotta Jackson | General Manager, Cessnock City Council |
| Gareth Curtis, | General Manager, Dungog Shire Council |
| Adrian Panuccio, | General Manager, MidCoast Council |
| Wayne Wallis, | General Manager, Port Stephens Council |
| Greg McDonald, | General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council |
| Morven Cameron, | CEO, Lake Macquarie City Council |
| David Evans, | General Manager, Maitland City Council |

Apologies

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| Cr Martin Rush, | Muswellbrook Shire Council |
| Jason Linnane, | General Manager, Singleton Council |
| Fiona Plesman, | General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council |
| Jeremy Bath, | CEO, Newcastle City Council |
| Alison McGaffin | Director, Hunter & Central Coast, Regional NSW (DPIE) |

Staff in attendance

Joe James, CEO, Hunter Joint Organisation
Steve Wilson, Director, Regional Policy and Program Division, Hunter JO
Melinda Curtis, Policy and Program Manager, Hunter JO
Tim Askew, Policy and Program Manager, Hunter JO
Louisa Bulley, Executive Officer, Hunter JO (Secretariat)

Also Present

Virginia Errington Council Engagement Manager, Office of Local Government

The meeting opened at 11:01am.

Item 1 Welcomes and Apologies

1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting, and noted the apologies.

Resolved:

- ***That the apologies be noted.***

Moved: Sue Moore

Seconded: John Connors

Carried.

1.2 Conflicts of Interest

The Chair called for any conflicts of interest to be registered by members of the Board. No conflicts were noted.

Item 2 Reports

2.1 Hunter JO Draft Budget 2021-22 incl. Member Subscriptions

The CEO spoke to the report. The Board sought clarification on Muswellbrook's withdrawal from the Hunter JO and the progress. The CEO noted that he is waiting for further clarification from Muswellbrook.

The report was taken as read.

Resolved:

- ***That the Hunter JO Draft Budget for the 2021-22 financial year be endorsed and approved***

Moved: Sue Moore

Seconded: Ryan Palmer

Carried.

2.2 General Business

The Chair noted that there would be no general business as part of the extraordinary meeting and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed 1:10 pm
