



Minutes of Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Board of Trustees Meeting Pioke House, Kaitaia, Thursday 14 August 2014, 3pm

Attendees:

Wallace Rivers (Chairman), Trudy Brown-Patuwairua, Mangu Awarau, Dale Mehana, Jasmine Marino, Robert Tamati

Rangitane Marsden (CEO), Kaio Hooper, Lau'rell Pratt

Karakia: Mangu Awarau

Mihi: Mangu Awarau

Meeting commenced: 3:25pm

Context of discussions had by Board member's:

The issue discussed was in relation to the identity and rohe boundaries not being recognised and or respected by Te Rarawa, and Ngati Kahu. It has come to a point where NgaiTakoto need to make a stand on this matter (defending its rohe and cultural identity and footprint) as the implications further down the track of not having this matter sorted now will have serious consequences for our NgaiTakoto people in the future with the potential for us to lose our lands again or be subsumed into the other iwi.

Mangu lead opening Mihi, he talked about a Hui at REAP re Kaupapa - Policy and Protocol around Whale strandings and storing, and more significantly our mana moana. DOC, Aupouri, Te Rarawa, NgaiTakoto.

Sweetwater Farms should be referred to as Te Make otherwise it's about the money stuff, rather than the mana. We need to protect our Mana Whenua and Mana Moana

Next Tuesday, invitation to Kings Coronation, 18 August 2014. Take a photo of uncle Whare Mehana down to the coronation and a delegation of the whanau.

Wallace – we need to make it loud and clear to Te Rarawa re our position and mana in this environment – we need to protect this space and our authority.

Trudy - Mining and drilling, a discussion and opportunity to come out with a position on mana moana should it not include a discussion and view from the board on those bigger issues?

Rangitane reviewed History. 1860 we were obliterated, 1986 creates the NgaiTakoto identify again. 2000 obliterated again. 2007 not included in settlement process, 2009 with the Te Hiku forum we were back in the picture and was all about sharing – cultural redress and commercial redress.

Negotiations have finished. We now have a governance roll. We have established who we are, our rohe, our job is to protect it. From the whole of the peninsula and now back to a contemporary position. Our boundaries are respected by Te Aupouri and Ngati Kuri, but not Te Rarawa and Ngati Kahu. Identity is not about money in the bank, we need to be careful of being expended by other peoples money – not to mix Tikanga and Money cause one will cancel out the other. How do we move forward with a commercial space without moving the cultural space.

Whale is a good example of a test. The whale is in our rohe and we need to be clear that it is in our space.

We have negotiated deals but never really settled the mana whenua thing. There is an agreement in place and this is legislated. Perhaps the other tribes have not socialized that with their membership.

This board makes the decisions, not as individuals acting on their whakapapa connections. On the beach Mangu needs to make it clear and how it is going to work, as the Chief this is your role, this is our rohe.

We should be clear and confident in our leadership that this is the mana whenua. If we are leaders then let's lead, if we are decision makers let's decide, and if we are to be responsible, then let's take responsibility.

Need to include it in our Environmental Strategy and remind DOC, other tribes at the hui of the following:

NgaiTakoto rohe
Korowai agreement
Cultural aspects

Puts the discussion in order. Sets a precedent.

Receive previous minutes from Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Board Meeting, Saturday 24 May 2014.

Moved: Robert Tamati

Seconded: Trudy Brown-Patuwairua

Receive Minutes from Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Extraordinary Board Meeting Monday 21 July 2014

Moved: Robert Tamati

Seconded: Dale Mehana

0.0 Matters arising from the 21 July Extraordinary Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Board Meeting,

Chairman – We have had partnership discussions on Te Make up to this point, we have verbal agreements to the likes of our Sweetwater farm partners - we have made some interim ideas/goals on how this would work and have indicated a 5 year plan. Can this run along side the Mana Whenua process, can it be done at the same time?

Our JV partners (both Te Rarawa and Landcorp) are needing a commitment around the farming strategy, what is our position?

WorkTask 8, Partnership Alliances,

Paper 8.1 Sweetwater Farm (Te Make) Letter to Te Rarawa Mana Whenua process, and Paper 8.2 Kaumaumau (Mekerene Land Purchase) Chairman - proposed we agree to move agenda items up the order paper to discuss at this point, as matters arising from the Extraordinary Board Minutes, 21 July. All trustees agreed to that making sense, as our priority.

Board reviewed the paper 8.1 Sweetwater Mana whenua Process. The Executive Summary outlined the proposed action and outcomes sought. Trustees agreed to this papers recommendations and each signed the agreement enclosed in the paper in support of this resolution.

The Meeting Resolved:

To accept the outcome/options sought as outlined in the paper 8.1 Sweetwater Mana Whenua Process, and that,

- 1. Recognition, agreement, and a solution with Te Rarawa is achieved voluntarily***
- 2. and that, the Mana Whenua process is immediately undertaken with Te Rarawa to resolve the NgaiTakoto concerns***
- 3. and that, no commercial business relationship is entered into, until Mana Whenua / rohe recognition resolution is achieved***
- 4. and that, the proposed timeframe to achieve this is by 30 October 2014***

Moved: Robert Tamati

Seconded: Jasmine Marino

8.2 Kaumaumau (Mekerene) Land Purchase

Discuss the Paper as outlined 8.2 and the options for the tender package with Westpac Bank. General discussion around opportunity with DOC, but it comes with limitations, as they will lock up land as a 'Scientific Reserve'. Is there an option to get the money back, RFR's built into the claims? Can we get that? Do we want to do it that way?

CEO would prefer option 2, as our priority is to secure the land, all 945 Ha. The DOC partnership at this stage invests a significant portion of the land into Crown ownership. Would be preferable for DOC to invest 700K to develop the boardwalks, development, infrastructure, developing a conservation and environmental space. We can achieve the same goal but how can they invest and we still own the land?

Westpac is going to do this deal in a partnership and relationships with us.

We have reached this understanding that we want to develop opportunities, under our determination Kauri Logs, Resin/wax project, Eco Tourism - venture with Doc, Beef Farm operation

The Meeting Resolved:

Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto is to progress with the Tender package to Westpac bank over the next month as outlined in Paper 8.2 Kaumaumau (Mekerene) Land Purchase,

And that, the Runanga is to proceed with the tender package in our own right. DOC can be invited into the partnership on our terms at a later date.

Moved: Robert Tamati

Seconded: Dale Mehana

No other matters arising from Minutes 21 July, continue with meeting agenda.

1.0 He Tupono

Relationship model and work with local government. Based around Treaty principles and working with the LGC to design a Partnership and Participation model for iwi-Maori and Local Government. We are working towards some agreements on that by November – meeting with Ministers and high level people in Wellington to progress this option.

This item is for information only.

2.1 Post Settlement Structure Recommendations

Further to the detailed paper Post Settlement Structure Recommendations and the presentation from Craig Wells at the May 23rd Board Meeting, the meeting discussed again the recommended post-settlement NgaiTakoto Group structure. White board discussion reiterated the establishment of a Group Holdings entity that has a management agreement back to the Board of the PSGE, and a Charitable Trust that shares governance with the PSGE Board. Income is generated in the Group Holdings Company and returned to the PSGE to distribute as dividends/donations via the Charitable

The meeting resolves:

To Accept the Paper 2.1 Post Settlement Structure Recommendations from Tuia Group and Sumpter Baughen,

and to, Adopt Option 2 as being the initial Post-Settlement NgaiTakoto group structure.

Moved: Trudy Brown-Patuwairua

Seconded: Robert Tamiti

arm. It keeps the Runanga Board focused on the People and the Group Holdings on the Profit. The management agreement between the PSGE Board and the Holdings company sets the criteria and framework for commercial activity.

2.2 Investment Recommendations

Review the Investment Recommendations paper from BNZ. This investment strategy is reviewable every three years, 2017 and sets about developing a sustainable investment strategy for our Capital Funds.

The Meeting Resolved:

To receive the paper 2.2 Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Investment Proposal prepared by BNZ, and accepts the recommendations as general investment guidelines, that being

- 1. Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto agree to a range of short, medium and long term investment options, to enable both Capital and Operational expenditure, and secure, sustainable long term investment***
- 2. Of a total Capital Fund of \$16.6M, \$6.3M is identified as Short Term Capital and Operational Expenditure (tagged for Settlement obligations and PSGE development over the next 3 years), with \$10.3M available for long term investment***
- 3. 20% of long term funds will be available for strategic investment in business opportunities that meet set criteria (\$2.3m), and the balance (\$8.0m) is to be managed in a conservative portfolio fund with a reputable provider such as the BNZ***
- 4. This investment strategy is to be reviewed every three years, the next date being 2017***

Moved: Robert Tamati

Seconded: Trudy Brown-Patuwairua

2.3 Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto PSGE Progress Report

CEO Paper outlines progress on three key PSGE considerations. The paper was received as read and there was discussion regarding the 100K to Marae. CEO reiterated this was about developing the capacity and capability of the Marae and they needed to provide the plans and meet criteria for this entitlement, none of them have done this (except Australia). It was never just a hand out to Marae. We need to meet our obligations to Beneficiaries. This will again be considered as we develop our Distribution Strategy, but first there are a number of Constitutional changes, such as accountability, representation and Criteria for legibility which is being developed now along with the PSGE structure.

Paper for information only

3.1 Update on Youth Hui

Report from the first Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto youth hui held in Whangarei on 2nd August 2014. This is a start of the conversation about how youth see themselves in the NgaiTakoto future, vision and values of the tribe and purpose of the Runanga. It was a great start and we look forward to two more, 16th August in Kaitaia and the 23rd in Auckland.

This item is for information only.

4.1 Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Budget 2014-2015

This budget has been presented at the May Board meeting and was approved at \$963,000.

This item is for information only.

6.1 Response Letter to Marae

This letter has been sent to each of our Marae and has been written so as to be available for all beneficiaries to read. It answers the questions posed by 3 of our Marae, whom each issued a similar letter to the Runanga.

This item is for information only.

6.3 Sponsorship Report Rapz Hokianga

Report to the Board following rugby scholarship to participate in national reps. Working on activities around the Runanga as contribution to the flights, such as cleaning, gardening and attending and tautoko each of the youth hui across August.

This item is for information only.

6.4 Grant Allocation Maori and Tikiahi Erstich (Carpentry Tools)

Further request to purchase tools. Initial grant (2 for 4,500). This is part of a capability and capacity of the tribe as we will have two qualified builders following. CEO recommendation is to purchase tools, per the detailed paper and quote (\$4824) so as Maori and Tikiahi can complete their Carpentry Apprentiship.

The Meeting Resolved:

That Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto purchase the required tools directly from the supplier.

Moved: Robert

Seconded: Trudy

7.1 Letter to the Far North District Council re NgaiTakoto Lands of Significance

Letter enclosed in Board Papers to CEO Colin Dale. Meeting set for next week to progress discussion around our culturally significant land and return of those to NgaiTakoto. This includes over 12 properties currently in council ownership and is supported by the Office of Treaty Settlements.

There is also a separate letter sent to the Far North District Council regarding their proposal to close roads (paper roads) and return that to adjacent land owners in Awanui. Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto has submitted a rejection letter and seeks an appropriate level of engagement as the Tribal Authority in the first instance, before this matter is decided upon.

This item is for information only.

8.1 Sweet Water Farm (Te Make) – Letter to Te Rarawa – Mana Whenua Process resolved earlier in the agenda

8.2 Kaumaumau (Mekerene) Land Purchase resolved earlier in the agenda

8.3 NZ Forests Kauri Log extraction report.

Discussion of Kauri Logging opportunity moving forward. Consider contract timeframes and log prices. I.e.: cubic metres or month-by-month process, re Kauri Logging.. Agreements and expectations have not been met yet and the opportunity now is to seek a better deal with the contractor, improved financial return out of the process, but not get locked into the contract. If the contractor is unwilling to negotiate better terms then we will not progress extraction opportunity at this stage.

The meeting resolved:

That the CEO has the support of the Board to push the boundaries of the current relationship and report back following meeting with the contractor in email to the Board.

Moved: Wallace Rivers

Seconded: Robert Tamiti

8.4 He Tangata, He Whenua, He Oranga-

This presentation is enclosed to share with the Board the bigger picture economic strategy been developed for Te Taitokerau. It is a Maori Economic Development Strategy that builds up from the He Kai Kei Aku Ringa Crown – Maori Economic Strategy.

This item is for information only.

General business:

Discussion around the development of criteria for Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Board members participation in events that are not organized or administered by NgaiTakoto, as per Mangu's example of the 3-day MPI hui.

CEO to develop a clear understanding around Trustee participation and payment of expenses.

Meeting closed at 7:18pm