

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Central South Island Fish and Game Council held on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Present: C Weatherall L Koevoet (Chair)
S Bannister C McKenzie
P Centofanti D Rattray
B Chisholm (zoom) A Simpson
J deWit

In Attendance: M Webb (Fish and Game Officer), H Stevens (Fish and Game Officer), I Hadland (Otago FGC CE), S McKnight, Melanie Cheung (Winnemem Wintu).

In pre meeting CSI's new CEO, Steve McKnight, was introduced to the full Council and welcomed to our organisation noting his commencement date of employment was 20th March 2023.

At commencement of meeting incoming CSI Chair Linn Koevoet took the Chair.

23-018 APOLOGIES:

J Henry (Ngai Tahu)

Resolved (Weatherall/Rattray)

23-034

THAT THE APOLOGY OF JOHN HENRY BE RECEIVED.

23-019 COUNCILLOR INTEREST REGISTER:

Chair queried if Councillors had any new interests to add to the register or any conflicts, or perceived conflicts, between their current interests and the business of tonight's meeting? None were forthcoming.

23-020 WINNEMEM WINTU:

Melanie Cheung on behalf of Winnemem Wintu addressed Council on the background of the project and expressed Winnemem's desire to continue working with Fish and Game. She was keen to start a dialogue as to how collaboration might work moving forward. Council didn't feel it was in a position to make decisions at this meeting but felt it would be useful if a written summary of options from Winnemem be provided to staff to allow consideration on how Council can assist. It was **AGREED** that H Stevens and M Webb would continue a dialogue with Melanie and report back to Council at a further date. Council thanked Melanie for her attendance.

23-021 HEALTH & SAFETY:

M Webb pointed out exit points of the building and assembly point for evacuation of the premises in case of an emergency.

C Weatherall introduced Ian Hadland, CE from Otago Fish and Game who was attending this meeting to assist in discussions surrounding CSI's budget and OWP.

23-022 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolved (Simpson/Centofanti)

23-035

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 FEBRUARY 2023 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

Resolved (Simpson/Rattray)

23-036

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 28 FEBRUARY 2023 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

23-023 BUDGET & FINANCE:

Chair responded to a query related to the financial reports.

Resolved (Simpson/McKenzie)

23-037

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RATIFIES THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE GST INCLUSIVE AMOUNT OF \$318,688.09.

23-024 OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

Staff responded to various queries in their reports.

Resolved (Rattray/McKenzie)

23-038

THAT THE OPERATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS BE RECEIVED.

23-025 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

025.1 Draft 2023/24 OWP (7.1)

Discussion ensued on the projects contained in the OWP. Staff responded to queries related to various objectives including All Day Bay (2.2.2 – **amend** that the wording of the objective to include an option for permanent protection of the wetland from actions of third parties), Ranger Training (5.2.1 – **amend** to add the word 'honorary' to Fish and Game Ranger training). In response to a query on cost recovery for ballots it was explained that the administration cost, implementation and collection of monies far out way the income that would be received.

Resolved (Simpson/Rattray)

23-039

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DRAFT OWP FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR WITH COUNCIL AMENDMENTS STATED ABOVE.

025.2 Draft 2023/24 Budget (7.2)

I Hadland explained the budget process once CSI Council has given its approval. He felt that CSI's Contestable Funding bids and expenditure from Reserves looked reasonable. These will go into the process to be assessed by Managers/CE's and are prioritised. The NZ Council will make the final decision on the funding that goes to each region.

Resolved (McKenzie/Simpson)

23-040

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR IN THE BULK FUND AMOUNT OF \$791,033 AND AUTHORISE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBER AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE CONTESTABLE FUND FOR FOUR LISTED OBJECTIVES AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM COUNCIL'S RESERVES FOR THE ADDITIONAL FOUR LISTED OBJECTIVES.

I Hadland left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

23-026 NZC REPORT:

L Koevoet drew Councils attention to C Jordan's (NZ Council CE) update from the February 2023 NZ Council meeting. He explained that the decision of the Non Resident Levy didn't go the way CSI would have preferred. Therefore, starting in the 2023/24 fishing season the non-resident licence income will now go into the national system and regions will need to apply through the contestable funding process for funds from that. C Weatherall stated if a region contributes the larger share of the non-resident licence sales then that region should get a large share of it back.

23-027 CHAIR'S REPORT:

027.1 Account Operating Authority (11.3)

As a result of J Graybill's retirement Council must add it's new CE as a signing authority with the BNZ. To complete this process the BNZ requires a copy of minutes showing Council's approval for its new CE to be added.

Resolved (Centofanti/McKenzie)

23-041

THAT COUNCIL AUTHORISES STEVE MCKNIGHT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TO BE ADDED AS A BNZ ACCOUNT OPERATING AUTHORITY FOR CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL.

Resolved (Centofanti/Rattray)

23-042

THAT COUNCIL AUTHORISES STEVE MCKNIGHT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TO BE THE HOLDER OF A BNZ CREDIT CARD WITH THE CREDIT VALUE OF \$5,000 FOR COUNCIL EXPENSES RELATED TO CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL.

H Stevens left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

23-028 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION:

Resolved (Rattray/McKenzie) at 8:30 pm

23-043

THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FOLLOWING PARTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS MEETING.

THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED WHILE THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED, THE REASON FOR PASSING THIS

RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND THE SPECIFIC GROUNDS UNDER SECTION 48(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

028.1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes: Meetings of 9 February 2023 and 28 February 2023

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Approval of Public Excluded Minutes.	OIA section 9(2)(j)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.

028.2 Confidential Matters

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter [i.e., OIA interest protected]	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Confidential Matters	OIA section 9(2)(a)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.

PUBLIC MEETING RESUMED:

Council resumed in open session at . pm.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 18 May 2023 at 7 pm.

Meeting closed: 10:45 pm

Signed h.c. Koopman

Date 25th May 2023.