

**FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND
NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD
AT 10AM ON 16 MARCH 2021, AT FAIRWEATHERS 36 SCOTT STREET,
BLLENHEIM.**

Present: Owen Baigent Chair
 Ben Minehan
 Bill O’Leary
 Robin Blackmore
 Jean Willis
 Steve Holmes
 Jim Anderson

In Attendance

Rhys Barrier	Manager
Karen Crook	Secretary
Lawson Davey	Field Officer
Vaughan Lynn	Field Officer
Keepa Timms	(Ngai Tahu Representative)

- 1. APOLOGIES.** Bill Cash, Tom Kroos, Jack Gauld, Ben Sowry, David Haynes
FO Jacob Lucas. P Bradfield DOC Representative.

C1/03/21 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED
J Anderson/R Blackmore
CARRIED

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA
ORDER**

Two general business items were put forward.

- Trust Power’s request for an extension on their consent on the Wairau River.
- Firearms Licence renewals and game bird hunting.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Annual agenda noted, no changes made.

No one identified any conflicts with the listed agenda items.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

C2/03/21 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING BE
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.
R Blackmore/J Willis
CARRIED

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5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE

A meeting date is still to be set between the Whale Trail Cycle Trust and Fish & Game to look further into a concept plan going forward.

Fish & Game Resource Allocation Project has been put on hold pending the release of the Ministerial Review.

6. DRAFT BUDGET & CONTESTABLE FUND BIDS.

The draft 21/22 budget was considered, and all contestable fund applications were discussed.

Application 1 Loss of Interest Income	Moved B O'Leary/J Anderson	Carried
Application 2 CPI 1.4%	Moved J Willis/R Blackmore	Carried
Application 3 Overhead Cost Increases	Moved J Willis/J Anderson	Carried
Application 4 Project Costs	Moved J Willis/B Minehan	Carried

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

**C3/03/21 MOVE THAT THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TALLING \$117,651.00 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT
R Blackmore/B O'Leary
CARRIED**

The Financial Report to 28 February and Licence Sales report was received.
J Willis/R Blackmore

8. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

Tabled and received J Willis/O Baigent

9. NEW ZEALAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL REPORT

- Paul Shortis who was Acting CEO is now contracted to NZF&G as Acting CEO and has resigned from his National and Regional roles.
- A job description is currently being put together for the CEO position.
- NZ Council is not expecting an increase in income over the next year.
- The present delay in getting firearm licence applications processed by the Police will have an effect on the up-and-coming game season. This was discussed and each region will have to have a policy on how to deal with those hunters who buy a gamebird licence then they do not get their firearms licences renewed in time for the game season.

C4/03/21 MOVE THAT THIS COUNCIL GIVE GAMEBIRD HUNTERS A FULL REFUND OF THEIR LICENCE FEE ON RECEIPT OF A SIGNED AFFIDAVIT THAT THEY DID NOT GET THEIR FIREARMS LICENCE RENEWED IN TIME FOR THE SEASON AND THAT THEY DID NOT HUNT DURING THE SEASON.
**B O'Leary/R Blackmore
CARRIED**

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10. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair reported that the Executive Committee meet and reviewed the Manger's KPI's with him and approved the following.

- That this Council retain the \$39,348 COVID 19 wage subsidy considering our \$110,362 loss of non-resident income due to the borders still being closed.
- That up to \$4,000 be spent from reserves due to unexpected expenditure, mainly new laptop for the Manager, new wand for the electric fishing machine and signage for the new Tasman Pine Upland Game hunting blocks.

11. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.

The manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

HATCHERY UPDATE

C5/03/21 **MOVE THAT THE MANAGER APPLIES TO MPI TO HAVE THE FISH FARM LICENCE TRANSFERRED TO NM F&G FROM NZCC 2019**
J Anderson/S Holmes
CARRIED

A health check will be done on the hatchery accommodation and Councillor Jean Willis will look at and report back to Council on the feasibility of connecting the farm to mains power.

The Manager reported that he was working with National Office on writing a formal letter to DOC questioning why F&G are not being consulted on the national application from the professional Fishing Guides Association to renew their blanket DOC concession.

FO Lynn will be meeting with the Farm Manager of Vernon Station again this year to negotiate Duck Shooters Access across the Station.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

TRUSTPOWER CONSENT – POWER STATION WAIRAU RIVER

The Manger will ask Jacob Smyth at Southland F&G for his opinion on extensions to consents.

MEETING CLOSED 2.30 pm

CHAIRMAN *Dee Hargreaves* DATED *18.3* 2021.

