TAMATEA PŌKAI WHENUA

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS FROM BOARD MEETING

30 APRIL 2024

1.	 New Staff Appointments Dianne Smith has been appointed as the General Manager for Te Mātai Ao. The Trust was unable to fill the Environmental Planner role for Te Mātai Ao and will go back to market to find a suitable candidate. Tere Smith and Ashleigh Mitchell have been appointed as the new Relationship Advisors for the Trust.
2.	Budget 2024/2025 The draft Budget for 2024/2025 was presented to the Board for feedback. A final budget will be presented to Board for endorsement in June, including the Heretaunga Tamatea Pou Tahua budget.
3.	Internal and External Governance Appointments ○ The Trust endorsed the following appointments on internal and external Boards, Committees and Groups: - Heretaunga Tamatea Pou Tahua – Robin Hape and Daniel Mussett (Independent) - Kaweka Gwavas – Robin Hape and Edwin Jansen (Independent) - Audit and Risk Committee – Laura Kele and Andrea Rakete - TREC Liaison Group – Pōhatu Paku - Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazards Joint Committee – Noel Hanley - Ngaruroro Tangata Whenua Gravel Group – Florence Karaitiana - Tukituki Tangata Whenua Gravel Group – Selwyn Gillies
4.	 Future Development Strategy A draft Statement of Hapū Values and Aspirations for Urban Development in Heretaunga was presented to the Board for feedback. Several engagements have been held within the project with marae and hapū representatives. Subject to Board feedback, the Board endorsed in principle the draft Statement of Hapū Values and Aspirations for Urban Development in Heretaunga.
5.	 TPW Strategy Strategy Advisor, Patrick Hape, presented on the process and timeframes for the review of the Trust's Five Year Strategy, Whanake Te Kura. A desk analysis of meeting records and Trust engagements since settlement has commenced to provide a community voice to the strategy development process.

- A strategic framework and deliverables is being developed and will be tested with marae representatives and target groups.
- The Trust is aiming to have the new strategy prepared for community endorsement at the Annual General Meeting in November.

6. Tukituki Water Storage (formally Ruataniwha Dam)

- Change of Government and Fast Track Approvals Bill has given high likelihood for this project to advance.
- Meeting held on the progression of the project it is no longer a project to endorse, rather how do we protect the interests of mana whenua when, or possibly if, it comes to realisation.
- TPW must exercise a role of influence to continue to advance the interests of mana whenua.

7. Matariki Governance Group

- The Ministry of Education presented to the Matariki Governance Group in April regarding improving attendance at schools.
 - The presentation shared alarming national and local issues with school attendance. Since 2019, school attendance has dropped. Regular attendance in Hawkes Bay sits at between 44% 49% for students attending 9 of the 10 days per fortnight. Māori attendance is as low as 37%.
 - The Ministry is leading a new strategy and communication process to push for greater attendance.
 - The Matariki Governance Group was in principle supportive of the need to push for greater attendance, but it was raised by the Trust that the Ministries assumption of this increase is down to the responsibilities of whānau and social factors impacting our communities. While this is one factor the Trust encourage the Ministry to ensure its lens is also focussed on the school and its practises – having an engaged learning space which is warm, safe, a meal is available, and is reflective of students identities.
- The Regional Recovery Agency Board noted it had been operating for one year. An internal review recommended the Board remain in place for a further 12 months.
 - This was endorsed by the Matariki Governance Group.
 - Māori land recategorization remains an area unaddressed. This is a area of focus for the Regional Recovery Agency.

8. Heretaunga Tamatea Pou Tahua

- Wairatahi Housing Development, Flaxmere
 - Progressing well, current focus on engagement with Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD), in advancing a Development Agreement.
 - HTPT will enter into an agreement with a development partner who will provide capital & expertise.
- o Ka Ururoa
 - The Trust has joined the Te Matau-ā-Maui Ka Ururoa Aotearoa Trust with Mana Ahuriri to enable a collaborative approach across Post Settlement Governance Entities on the delivery of housing outcomes and financial education for whānau.

9. Fast Track Approvals Bill

The Trust made a submission on the Fast Track Approval Bill. A copy of the submission is available on the Tamatea Pōkai Whenua website.

10. Open Floor

- Request to use Southampton Street building for carving project. Member was advised the building is in the process of being demolished. It has been deemed unsafe due to severe damage by youths and squatting by the homeless community.
- Request for future Community Board Meetings to be held at a time that allows for working whānau to attend.
- Tono for Waitangi Marae to be represented on the Board. Suggestion made that the Trust carry out research to determine the reason behind the exclusion of Marae in the Settlement. TPW Chair also proposed meeting with both Waimarama and Waitangi to discuss further.
- Concern expressed regarding the Fast Track Bill and overseas investor interest in coastal lands and beaches in the area. Member advised a submission has been made proposing the protection of those areas.