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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 21st May 2018

Start time: 3.30pm

Location: Umuwa Community

Present: Frank Young (Chair), Rex Tjami (Director), Donald Fraser (interpreter) Executive Board Members, Richard King (GM), Tania King, Ruth Morey, Charlene Carter (minute taker) and 79 community members (refer attendance list)

Apologies:

Item one - Welcome

Item 1 - APY's Achievements

Mr Richard King provided an overview of the achievements of APY covering three (3) years of service under his management (refer Media Release 20th May 2018). Mr King acknowledged the support of the APY Executive Board and congratulated the executive for their strong decision making and guidance. Mr Donald Fraser interpreted the Special General Meeting (SGM) meeting.

Mr King tabled the Media Release of 20th May 2018, which was discussed at length between community members.

Mr King recognised achievements that have been achieved by the Executive Board, Administration and APY Stakeholders over the past three (3) years and tabled future projects including; Pastoral development, Mining, APY tourism, community safety and training for Anangu to create real work opportunities through the development of future projects.

Community discussion ensued

Item 2 – Pastoral Model

Mr Michael Clinch tabled the APY Pastoral plan for the future development of an APY pastoral business, as requested from Anangu Tjuta. The business proposal is in outlines the a model for a cattle business across the APY Lands. The cattle business will be by

Anangu Tjuta and will build opportunities for individual Anangu families to build their own cattle business.

APY West will be a breeding model that stretches from Amata to Pipilyatjara. A herd of breeding cows will graze and move from out station to out station and calves will be cut out and sent to Amata for growing at six months. This type of grazing will build jobs and help bring support back to the outstation communities as they will need to be developed as staging points for the pastoral industry.

APY Central: Watinuma to Kenmore and Kaljiti (Fregon) for older weaners, young growers and steers. All breeders will be kept to increase APY's own herd.

APY East: from Kenmore to the bitumen on Stuart Highway. These cattle will be moved East toward the main road from paddock to paddocks until they reach the sale weight. Once they arrive in the Eastern paddocks for final fattening they will be moved into a hold paddock and yard ready for loading and sale. APY Lands will identify and send the best weight cattle to the sale yards in Alice Springs or Adelaide depending on the best price.

Each area from West, Central to East will be considered separate businesses creating jobs and training for Anangu throughout the entire pastoral process. The training centre is being built in Umuwa with future vision of creating scholarships for young Anangu to attend Agricultural Colleges in Adelaide, Katherine and Batchelor. It will also mean jobs for older people on Country as they will provide guidance and teach the young ones the way using Anangu story and history and with monies raised 10% of sales from cattle will be held in the TO fund.

Mr Trevor Adamson required assurance that this would not take place on sacred lands

Mr Clinch assured the community of strong support to Anangu and Executive Board.

Mr Alan Wilson shared experience in the cattle business. He stated it will create work for the young Anangu on Country. He said we need to be careful as he acknowledged that sensitive areas must be cared for if we are going West.

Mr King assured community that Traditional Owners will be consulted to make decisions about the lands. There will also be work for TO's as we will need a special team to look after all of the special areas that are sacred and secret.

Mr Owen Burton supported the future pastoral plans for APY, acknowledging the support of Mr King and the Executive Committee stating that the people of the region must come together to create a strong community, which fosters the future growth for young Anangu while working with the Tjilpis and Pumpa (Men and Women Elders).

Mrs Ebony De Rose acknowledged the work of Mr Richard King and said that he supports all Anangu of the Lands stating that in the past there were too many arguments and it is time to come together in unity whilst acknowledging that Mr King and Mr Clinch are creating a model that will be the foundation that will build a future for Anangu.

Mr Trevor Adamson requested to talk about Mr Kings contract. However, Mr King was acknowledged Mr Adamson stated it is time to conduct a new recruitment process to bring someone else in to Manage APY.

Mr Trevor Adamson requested to talk about Mr King's contract. However, Mr Young (Chairperson) advised the community attendees (91 Anangu) that this was not the purpose of the meeting, as only the Executive Board can sack Mr King and only if there is reasonable grounds to do so. Mr Adamson requested raised hands in support of relieving Mr King, only four (6) people raised hands. Mr George joined Mr Adamson in his demand and directed his family to raise their hands which increased the number to 10 including Mr George and Mr Adamson. The proposal failed.

Item 3 – Other Business

Mr Owen Burton requested support from APY with transport costs to return bodies to communities for funerals, as currently families must pay to fly their family back at their own costs, which many Anangu cannot afford

Mr Trevor Adamson thanked APY for the work and business created for Anangu through donkey and cattle.

Mr Murray George continued to share his personal concerns for communities attendees, While Mrs George hurled abuse in language at the executive. The abuse caused much stress and lead to a heated argument amongst Anangu in regard to appropriate behaviour at Special General Meetings. As the argument escalated, Mr Young called the meeting to a close as Mr king called for everyone to calm down and treat each other with Christian respect.

Meeting closed: 5.30pm
