



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

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PMB 227 Umuwa via Alice Springs NT 0872

MINUTES

18 November 2014 at Umuwa

PRESENT:

Bernard Singer, chairman, Owen Burton, Willey Pompey, Anton Baker, Murray George, Mrs Paddy, Trevor Adamson (deputy chair) Charlie Antjipalya.

Staff: Rex Tjami (Director), John Tregenza (contractor re road project), Lesley Johns (interim General Manager)

Meeting opened at 12.00

Item 1: Chairmans welcome and prayer.

Item 2: Skillhire presentation

Dave Couzner from Skillhire thanks the Board for inviting him to present the work Skillhire has been doing, saying it's the first time since July 2013 that he's been asked to come to speak

Says they've produced 309 qualifications which is the best in Australia.

He outlined some key highlights:

- 125 anangu have been employed...
- Skillhire employ 36 Anangu on the Lands.
- Each executive member has been involved in some way in the projects
- Some of the projects include: Landscaping and cattle yards, Shade shelters, office upgrade, upgrade community buildings.

He also mentioned how Skillhire supports community events, including Battle of the bands and the Football Grand final.

Some of the community stuff we've done. Battle of the bands, grand final. He said Skillhire put back \$80,000 into the community through sponsorships.

Item 3: General Manager's report

- Update regarding delays with Financial Audit
- Tabled HR audit by NT Chamber of Commerce
- Update of staffing issues

Item 4: General Manager recruitment

Discussion around inaccurate media reports stating APY has had 7 GM's in 4 years. The chairman raises issue of recruitment and that this needs to be an open and transparent process, to enable APY to get a GM capable of the job ahead.

Resolution: That APY engage the services of Hender Consulting to recruit a new General Manager

Moved: Trevor Adamson
Second: Anton Baker
All in favour

Item 5 – MINUTES Confirmation

Resolution: August 2014 Minutes are accurate

Moved: Trevor Adamson
Second: Willy Pompey
All in favour

Resolution: September 2014 minutes are accurate
Moved: Owen Burton
Second: Mrs Paddy
All in favour

Resolution: October 2014 minutes are accurate:
Moved: Murray George
Second: Mrs Paddy
All in favour

Break for lunch 1.45

Meeting resumes: 2.15

Item 6: Layton review

APY lawyers Richard Bradshaw and Graham Harbord provided advice to the board.

Executive instructed Bradshaw and Harbord to draft a letter to the Minister outlining the Executive's view with regard to the Layton review

Item 7: Finance Systems Assessment

Nerida Nettelbeck and Joanna from Accounting for Good provided a briefing to the Executive about the review they are conducting into the APY Finance Section. The board explains that they are happy for this review to be conducted as they have had no proper financial briefings for some years. Rex Tjami, the Director explained that he and the Board, many years ago, did receive briefing and diagrams but that stopped a long time ago and despite asking for these to be reinstated it has not happened.

The Executive said they looked forward to assisting with the review.

Item 8: Confirmation of Aboriginality

Trevor Adamson discusses application from Jesse James Russell re using the common seal on the application..

Resolution: The APY Executive confirms the Aboriginality of Jesse James Russell

Moved: Owen Burton
2nd: Trevor Adamson
all in favour

Item 9: Correspondence

A letter from ICAC discussing the obligations of staff and consultants to report any perceived corruption or wrong-doing.

Resolution: That APY contact ICAC to ask for a presentation early next year

Moved: Mrs Paddy
Second: Murray George
Vote: all in favour

Item 10: Six point plan

Discussion about the plan that had been presented to Minister Hunter. The Executive agreed it would continue with implementation

Item 11: Legal issues

Discussion about a range of issues involving potential legal action, in relation to defamation.

Resolution: this resolution is confidential to the board

Moved: Trevor Adamson

Second: Owen Burton

Vote: all in favour

Item 12: Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee

Direction:

The APY executive members Bernard Singer, Murray George, Trevor Adamson, Anton Baker, Willy Pompey and Rex Tjami will travel to Adelaide to give a submission to the Parliamentary standing committee.

Item 13: Permits

Several permits were discussed and referred to the Director for further action

Item 14: Singer Foundation

Discussion about establishing a foundation to assist families with funerals. Graves, cars, catering.. At the moment we've got families struggling throughout the Lands and they find it very difficult to cover the costs of funerals.

Resolution: That APY Executive explores the possibility of establishing a Foundation to assist families with funerals.

Moved: Owen Burton

2nd: Anton Baker

vote: all in favour

Item 15: Bible translation study tour

Paul Eckert and Nyunmiti Burton, Jennifer Inkatji and Stanley Douglas requested support to travel to Israel for bible translation tour. August 30 – 9 September.

Resolution: The APY Executive agrees to support the the study tour and will contribute \$9000 to the group.

Moved: Trevor Adamson

Second: Mrs Paddy

All in favour

Item 16: Next meeting:

Discussion about whether to call a General Meeting to discuss:

Annual report

Layton

Road

Mining Trust

Law and Culture

Faxes to be sent out to communities for any additional business.

Meeting closed at 5.45