



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2022

### MINUTES

**Start time:** 10.50am

**LOCATION** – All attendees on phone and video link via Blue Jeans.

**PRESENT** – Bernard Singer(BS), Willy Pompey (WP), Karina Lester (KL) Tony Paddy (TP), Murray George (MG), Julianne Campbell(JC), Marita Baker (MB), Rita Rolley (RR), Anton Baker (AB), Nyunmuti Burton (NB)

**Apologies:** Trevor Adamson, Yangi Yangi Fox

**APY Staff Members:** Rex Tjami (RT), Richard King (RKg), Tania King (TK), Ruth Morley (RM), Mavis Welsh (MW Minutes Taker)

**Observers:** Craig Macauley (CM) DPC AAR

BS welcomed members to the meeting.

#### 1. Presentation of Audit Report from KPMG.

TK – to contact KPMG for first item.

RK – we have a quorum now and can call Richard Wong of KPMG.

I'd like to introduce Richard Wong who has looked at our figures and joined with Paul Cenko (PC) who did our audit last year.

RK asked members who received a call while on their phone not to put us on hold, but to hang up and take the call then join back into the meeting.

BS interpreted

RK – we have Paul Cenko and Richard Wong to present the Executive report and they have 2 issues they wish to share with us.

PC – Thank you for the opportunity to present the report to the Executive Board. There are no issues with management. Our work is substantially complete.

We have some issues for re-statement.

Two re-statements in regard to cash flow – this needs to be shown – it is only a matter of disclosure and has no impact.

The prior year – re-statement of all sitting fees which was missed last year and is now included – this is just a disclosure matter.

BS interpreted.

PC in doing the audit overall satisfactory but did find 3 areas of process improvement. Need to reconcile ledgers to make it more formal – this has been agreed to and to be reviewed.

BS asked about 'reconciliation' – general ledger and sub-ledger.

RK said the general ledger and sub-ledger need to agree and reconcile.

PC – in relation to expenditure – that needs to be shown in accounting period of the invoice. Final area in provision of doubtful debts which could be improved.  
I have nothing further – I'm happy to take questions.  
BS interpreted.

KL – I have a question on the 3 areas of improvement.

PC – need to improve reconciliations; end of year invoices need to be recorded in the appropriate year; the provision of doubtful debts.

RK – reconciliation at the end of year.

PC – best done every month.

RK – need check so all up to date between me and ATS accountants.

RK – in terms of invoices, KPMG payment was late to be paid last year. Also insurance.

KL – when will Executive Board see the financial report.

PC – when signed by Executive Board.

KL – will we see this before signing?

RK – we will accept points of view and if Executive Board accepted it will be signed off then.

RK asked “Was this qualified or unqualified audit?”

PC – unqualified which means the financial statements were presented fairly.

KL – just addressing those 3 areas – so Chris has what is needed to improve.

RK – yes this starts with Chris. This year we encouraged program managers to prepare projects for the year with money left over due to Covid.

KL – what is area of insurance?

PC – possibly \$71,000 – don't have full breakdown.

TK – gave breakdown of insurance which relates to community councils, infrastructure, cars, etc.

RK – also our liability insurance.

TK - Public liability insurance, public indemnity, vehicles, and community council buildings.

RK – when we start collecting money from leases this will go towards insurance.

Any other questions for Paul or Richard.

No further questions

RK – can we put the resolution that the Executive Board approves the financial statements report to the Board.

## **RESOLUTION**

That the Executive Board have met with KPMG and gone through the Audit Report for 2020-2021 to the Executive and are accepting of the report from KPMG.

**Moved: Nyunmiti Burton**

**Seconded Bernard Singer.**

**Majority agreed**

**KL abstained from the vote.**

RM – I will give advice on this. I think Ms. Lester is new on the Board and doesn't understand that chartered accountants have presented this report, and this is acceptable. Financial reports have been explained and questions asked. The financial report is sound, and the Board can accept that. This is normal practice for audit purposes.

BS interpreted.

PC said it is usual for statements to be presented like this.  
BS – Let's move on.

## **2. Legal Report (continued)**

Craig Macauley stepped out of meeting.

RK – through the chair - we put the resolution.

### **RESOLUTION**

That the APY Executive Board directs GM and Director to prepare draft by-laws for the operation of community stores across the APY lands and presents these to store operators, NPYWC, NHC, DPC and NIAA for comment and the GM to report back to the Board following consultation.

**Moved: Willy Pompey**

**Seconded: Murray George**

**All agreed**

### **RESOLUTION**

That the APY Executive Board directs GM to carry on working with Denzil Bignoux, Lease and Permits Officer, on leases for stores on APY Lands.

**Moved: Willy Pompey**

**Seconded: Makinti Minutjukur**

**All agreed**

## **2.2 Complaints from Dennis Colson and Roxanne Colson.**

RM – Executive Board asked for information on the incident from SAPOL about the outcome of the investigation. I was advised that the matter has been finalised by SAPOL. The matter is now closed – no action.

## **3. DPTI - Paul Taylor, Project Manager at Dept of Infrastructure and Transport.**

TK – through the chair – while waiting for Paul I can bring forward AIS and Electricity.  
BS – Palya.

PT – I met with RT a few weeks ago.

I give a recap of last year – finished between Fregon and Mimili and airstrip access roads. Have done re-lining road for overtaking. Concerned about the damage to the floodways with silt and sand closing.

BS – with floodway's – lumpy section – need to clear river crossings.

PT – will issue contractors with instructions regarding sensitive areas. I am aware and will pass that on.

MG – problem with Covid today – we got to think about what we do.

PT – problem with Gun Barrel Highway – need to make sure no heavy trucks after so much rain.

RK asked about the cost of sealing the road.

PT – \$5-6 million – to prepare surface and seal. I would ask for your patience – don't have any more information.

PT good – TK to give instruction on RAT testing.

PT – Any questions.

BS Thanked Paul for update.

#### **4. Aboriginal Language Interpreter Service (ALIS) – Tara Liddy and Ruth Ambler**

Tara Liddy presented a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to it.

TL – is Ruth Ambler online?

RK – over to you Mr Singer.

BS – I met you last year and now this is an update.

TL – this is a briefing to provide an outline of the progress of Aboriginal Language Interpreting Service (ALIS). The service began accepting interpreting bookings in December 2021. ALIS is currently recruiting Aboriginal language interpreters with many from the APY lands.

ALIS is State government funded. Its service has no impact on LRA.

RK – all in APY.

TL – no from all over Australia.

TL gave acknowledgement of country.

TL – we have intensive case management for recruiting interpreters; and help closely with issues which interpreters face. Training is through TAFE SA and all interpreters are encouraged to be certified.

We offer support to safeguard the emotional and mental wellbeing of interpreters.

KL – how many interpreters?

TL – 8 at present. We are targeting Aboriginal people in SA who experience difficulties and barriers. It is a government service.

Our aim is to increase the numbers of interpreters – especially in community. We want to reduce the 'Closing the Gap.'

RA – Hi – Tara can you move screen.

KL – can you introduce yourself.

RA – Ruth Ambler from Dept of Human Services which includes ALIS. She introduced Olga Laparidis who is responsible for all languages.

TL – showed on screen photos of current interpreters and gave their names. If you have names and contact details of anyone you think would be willing to become interpreters, please send them to me.

**1.03pm**

TL – scope of service. Started the service in December 2021. It is a fee-paying service.

It is important that we manage conflicts of interest. We want to make sure we are doing things right way and want feedback.

We are concerned for wellbeing and safety of interpreters and want to make this a career for Aboriginal interpreters – it is not a short-term career.

We are seeking oral feedback from APY Executive about ALIS program development and design which would be invaluable.

TL – any questions.

KL - Mr. George says he is teacher of language and want to teach proper Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

TL – Catherine is working on that. She is in DPC directly preparing a programme.

RK – through the chair, are there any more questions.

**5. Dept of Energy and Mining – (1) Pipalyatjara Solar farm/wind turbine, land proposal; (2) Pawa Atunmankuntjaku(Future Sustainability Program)**

Lynda Curtis, Steven Bye, Nelson Clayton.

**5.1 Pipalyatjara Solar farm/wind turbine, land proposal**

NC – gave information on his experience. Today want to talk about expanding existing APY/DEM lease agreement for land at Pipalyatjara to install solar panels or wind turbines at Pipalyatjara.

KL interpreted.

NC – there are 3 areas which are suitable for us to use for solar. We would ask which ones we could use. We could also install wind turbines, there and again we would ask you which ones we could use.

NC displayed on screen maps and marked areas.

KL interpreted. My line is dropping in and out. We have one member from Pipalyatjara, Mr Paddy.

What is the size of panel area?

NC – quarter of the current size – approximately 200 x 200 m.

RK – this will have to go to CLHU for assessment.

Steve Bye – we will have to visit.

RK – CLHU will consult with Traditional Owners on the areas and complete HIA.

SB – do we have contact for CLHU.

NC – couple of more slides - why do this – to help reduce power costs; help environment by using less diesel.

KL interpreted.

NC – we would like to install this year or next year and are seeking approval to discuss possible sites with Pipalyatjara Council, perform surveys, forward proposals for heritage clearance and return in a further meeting for approval of lease variation.

**RESOLUTION**

That the APY Executive Board have reviewed the proposed project for installation of solar or wind turbine at Pipalyatjara and gives approval in principle subject to the HIA report and recommendation.

**Moved**

**Seconded**

**Motion lapsed**

**5.2 Pawa Atunmankuntjaku (Future Sustainability Program) - Lynda Curtis**

LC want to update on the progress of the program. Have Nick Richard and Michaela Norris from Money Mob.

LC this is about charging for electricity

MG is it for all community?

LC – yes. Today I am talking about education - it all stays exactly the same. Today just want to talk about education.

LC – what Nelson talked about is totally separate.

LC – we have been talking about paying for power and this will start soon. Displayed slide show. Money Mob is working with us and has visited houses and in each house gave a mug and showed video in language and showed poster book.

KL interpreted.

LC – we are looking at giving one week's training to Anangu who are Energy Workers, and this will be at the Trade Training Centre at Umuwa. So far, we have 30 people trained and they have all worked nearly 1100 hours.

KL interpreted.

LC – I remind people of regulation for change on how people will pay for power and community councils said power cards will be best way to pay for power.

LC – different ways for support. – one through Money Mob for financial support. Cowell will help if problems with meters. There will be education workers in communities.

KL interpreted

LC – displayed pictures of meters and she will send this presentation to show and for people to look at.

When we are back on community there will be more training with workers.

- another visit to houses on how to pay
- who to contact in the house in case of issues – names and phone numbers.
- make sure we know who is on life support.
- there will be 2-meter cards for each house and how to pay.
- make sure people who pay know how to get help.

KL interpreted.

## **6. Leasing update – Denzil Bignoux**

RK introduced Denzil Bignoux to give update and overview on leases.

DB – I started this function in August 2021 and have made some good progress.

KL interpreted

DB – APY can collect rent from stakeholders who are using community land and public spaces by means of Lease Agreements.

KL interpreted .

DB - Under S 6 of LRA the APY Executive have the legal right and power to collect rental payments on behalf of community Council. This money will be invested back into the communities they are collected from to advance community development and help Council members make the community safe and happy place to live for all Anangu.

KL interpreted

DB – money will be used to pay for insurance on Council Buildings; improving Council buildings and will include councils being able to access IT technology, zoom and the internet; ongoing maintenance of buildings; empowering community councils and members.

DB – working with service providers; support seed funding projects; bring money into community councils to support Anangu; and this will help build a stronger community and leadership.

KL interpreted

DB – outlined functions of APY under S 6 LRA.

DB – with Leasing Project – there are already some leases in place and rent is coming in. There is also work in progress – lease negotiation.

Current leases in place with Nganampa Health Council; Dialysis clinic at Pukatja; Airstrip weather station at Pukatja; SA Housing; Dept of Education; Catholic care at Amata; Telstra towers across APY lands.

KL interpreted.

DB – work in progress which legal team and myself are working on at Adult Education Facility, UniSA; Age Care services at Pukatja; Mai Wiru at Pipalyatjara, Amata, Pukatja, Fregon,

Kanpi; PYKU at Pipalyatjara, Amata, Mimili, Indulkana, Fregon; PYEC at homeland; Pool and Youth Centre at Pipalyatjara and Amata; RASAC & CDP; GA Global Navigation Ground Station (GNSS) program – almost ready to go.

KL interpreted

DB – We have future lease projects and negotiations are continuing with legal team and these are being worked on. Future lease projects - Age Care services at Pipalyatjara, Amata, Fregon, Indulkana and Mimili; TAFE SA; Art Centres at all APY Communities; Money Mob DHS.

KL interpreted

DB - We are looking to get all leases up and running for the benefit of all Anangu. There are others that we will look at working on.

DB thanked Executive Board for opportunity to give presentation and look forward to benefits to all Anangu communities. Will bring worthwhile change to communities and would welcome any feedback or questions.

KL interpreted.

RK – any questions.

KL – mention of MOU's – are they with communities?

RK – MOU's are how rents will be collected through APY and community councils.

There are none at present – will work with Director and consultation with legal team and ATS – these payments will need to be reconciled.

Will protect communities and staff.

RK – explained the code system – needs to be transparent so we can track funds into community. Can't be used by individuals or families has to be used by community.

KL interpreted and explained financial coding.

RK – RT and I will work with you to arrange time to come to Fregon. **Action**

MG – Look here mate – I'm not coming under LRA – you done wrong thing for us. Ok if King can come along.

RK – ok Mr George we'll I take your lead from that. Next couple of weeks.

RK – RASAC get funding for CASO's – but last year said they couldn't continue. Mai Wiru not appropriate – want councils self-funded from monies coming in. 3 areas – Money Mob and CASO training. That is bigger picture. Have conversations with Craig Macauley and James Armitage to see how we can get started.

KL interpreted

KL – Mr Baker said some of us are working for RASAC and CDP – work at exec level – we understand – want to make improvements in community at Kanpi.

RK – we are looking at telephone networks – none at Kanpi – would be over \$150,000 to get telephone tower, but with money coming in it all adds up.

KL interpreted.

RK – it is up to Executive – my limited spend is 50,000 – more than this amount goes to Executive. Before we can do that, we need to start collecting rent.

RK – suggested Craig contact Stewart Bailey for his contact in Telstra. Will send you Stewart's email – maybe Chris Gonzales.

CM – that would be helpful.

KL – who is Stewart?

RK – staff member who manages APY's network and IT hardware and software environments.

KL – my understanding is funding is there but waiting for it to progress.

CM – Yes – delay with paperwork between Commonwealth and Telstra.

TK for tomorrow, Anthropology, NIAA, Mr Fraser, Women's and Children's Health.

KL – do we have further info.

TK – will be presented online.

KL – Women's and Children's Health. Can Exec get Denzil's presentation.

RK – Denzil can you print copies?

DB – yes and email to people.

TK – new integrated model of care for Women's and Children's Health on APY based in SA. Have provided 2 pages.

KL – can you follow up with BS.

MG – any payment coming in today for sitting fee?

TK – every day at lunch time I tick off who is present and send to ATS then for RK approval.

RK – will put today and tomorrow together for one payment.

MG – Mai Wiru.

TK – tomorrow see who is in attendance.

**4.45pm Meeting closed.**

**Note: The minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 were checked and ratified with changes on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**