

Extraordinary Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Meeting to be held in the Meeting to be held remotely
on Thursday 18 April 2024, commencing at 8.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chair (FNDC Councillor), John Vujcich
Deputy Chair, (FNDC) Councillor Penetaui Kleskovic
KDC Mayor, Craig Jepson
KDC Deputy Mayor, Jonathan Larsen
NRC Deputy Chair, Tui Shortland
NRC Councillor, Peter Lucas-Jones (alternate for NRC Chair Geoff
Crawford)

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting
(KDC Chief Executive Officer
WDC Mayor, Vince Cocurullo
NRC Councillor, John Blackwell
NRC Councillor, Joe Carr
NRC Economist
NRC Economic Policy Advisor
NRC Administration
NRC Governance Specialist
Chair, Northland Inc
Northland Inc Chief Executive
Northland Inc Head of Kaupapa Māori, Enterprise and Innovation
Northland Inc Head of Investment and Infrastructure
Northland Inc Investment Facilitator
FNDC Manager - Strategy and Policy

The Chair declared the meeting open at 8.10am.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Kleskovic /Jepson)

That the apologies from NRC Chair Geoff Crawford for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - 23 February 2024 (Item 4.1)

Report from Meloney Tupou, Maori Governance and Engagement Support Admin

Moved (Vujcich/Kleskovic)

That the minutes of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee meeting held on 23 February 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Vujcich/Kleskovic)

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2024-2027 - Shareholder comments (Item 6.1)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor

Moved (Vujcich/Lucas-Jones)

1. That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2024-2027 - Shareholder comments' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 9 April 2024, be received.
2. That the Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee be delegated authority to provide the shareholder comment back to Northland Inc Limited on its draft SOI 2024–2027, in line with comments received on this report.

Carried

Joint delivery of economic development: Proposed amendments to documents for Whangarei District Council participation (Item 6.2)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor

Moved (Vujcich/Jepson)

1. That the report 'Joint delivery of economic development: Proposed amendments to documents for Whangarei District Council participation' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 9 April 2024, be received.
2. That subject to Whangarei District Council agreeing as part of their Long Term Plan 2024-2034 deliberation decision that they will become a joint and equal shareholder of Northland Inc Limited:
 - a. That the changes to the Shareholders' Agreement for Northland Inc Limited and the Terms of Reference for the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee as set out in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 respectively of agenda item 6.2 be provided to each of the three current shareholder councils, being Northland Regional Council, Far North District Council and Kaipara District Council, and Whangarei District Council for their agreement in June so that Whangarei District Council joint ownership of Northland Inc can commence on 1 July or as soon after.
 - b. That each of the three current shareholder councils also agree at the same time to the necessary documentation to sell shares to Whangarei District Council, being a Share Sale and Purchase Agreement and a Share Transfer Form.
 - c. That the Northland Regional Council be requested to agree to the changes in the Criteria and procedures for the allocation of funding from the Investment and Growth Reserve
3. That a submission be made to Whangarei District Council (WDC) supporting the option of becoming a shareholder of Northland Inc and contributing to the Investment and Growth Reserve, and requesting that WDC's initial financial commitment be for a period of three years as opposed to two years only.
4. That the Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee be delegated authority to make this submission.

Carried

Northland Inc Limited: Reporting against SOI 2023-2026, Second Quarter report and six-month financials (Item 6.3)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Simon Crabb, Finance Manager

Moved (Vujcich/Lucas-Jones)

That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Reporting against SOI 2023-2026, Second Quarter report and six-month financials' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Simon Crabb, Finance Manager and dated 9 April 2024, be received.

Carried

General Business

- Request a JREDC workshop be held as soon as possible to discuss potential projects for the Regional Infrastructure Fund, extending an invitation to FNDC Mayor Moko Tepania to attend
- Support the Chair sending a letter of thanks to Northland Inc director Nicole Anderson whose term of appointment finishes 30 June

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 9.00am.