

NGĀTI REHUA-NGĀTIWAI KI AOTEA TRUST BOARD

TRUSTEE'S HUI, 6pm Wednesday 13 March 2019
AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL OFFICES

INTERIM INDEPENDENT CHAIR TRUST HUI #3 MINUTES

Whakataukī whakataki
[Introductory proverb]

‘Inā te mahi, he Rangatira.’
[By their works, a Chief is known.]

1. KARAKIA/MIHI

2. Trustees In Attendance:

Tavake Afeaki, Valmaine Toki, Hillarey McGregor, (William) Bruce Davies. At Graham Street, Auckland City Council offices, following trustees hui with Auckland City officials.

3. Apologies – Aperahama Kerepeti-Edwards, who was not able to attend. Hui Accepted.

4. Review of Minutes of Initial Trustee Hui of 27 February 2019, Motairehe Marae

Not ready yet – will be for next hui. Hui Noted.

5. Work Priorities, getting trust records, accounts, bank authority

5.1. Tavake said he was still worried about having very few trust records. We still needed to secure the trust's records, information, accounts, bank accounts and beneficiary database. We still have a limited information to work with. We need to keep the trust legally compliant with its obligations to pay tax, file returns, run accounts, remain a charitable trust, pay bills and therefore be able to create capacity for a feasible campaign to run validations of registrations and AGM.

5.2. The next steps were still to get the trust's records, data and information from the former office holders so that we could determine the legal status, accounts and get on with the work to be done.

5.3. Discussed all five trustees becoming Kiwibank trust account signatories so we could at least have a better chance of finding two signatories to co-sign payments as needed. Hui agreed.

5.4. Tavake reported that he had not been able to meet with the former secretary on the previous week on either 4th or 6th March, but that we still very much need that information.

5.5. Tavake also concerned raised earlier on about our capacity to prepare and run elections because ElectionNZ was fully booked for the year of 2019.

5.6. Tavake advised he was drafting a Chair's report to the Court and if necessary, might need to seek orders to provide access to the trust's stored records and bank accounts. Trustees all supported taking steps to achieve this. Hui accepted.

6. Correspondence OUT: Introduction letter to Government/Auckland City & Other Entities

6.1. The trustees had all been pleased to have met the Auckland City officials, including Mr Rama Ormsby who works with the governance level relationships with mana whenua iwi Māori had offered capacity building funding to the trust. All trustees were very happy at the prospect of having capacity building funding to get support

services for the trust to run administration and to have resources to organise and run validation hui and get to the AGM stage. Hui Accepted.

6.2. The trustees delegated Tavake to liaise with Rama Ormsby to initiate the steps to re-setting the relationship agreement with the City and working to secure funding. Hui Accepted.

6.3. Tavake advised that he had written and sent trust introduction letters as agreed to:

6.3.1. Inland Revenue Department;

6.3.2. Charities Services Department;

6.3.3. ElectionNZ;

6.3.4. KiwiBank Limited; and earlier to

6.3.5. Te Arawhiti (Ministry of Crown Māori Relations & Office of Treaty Settlements) – responding about the Hauraki Gulf Treaty Negotiations proposal for a single negotiations process for all in the region. The Crown officials wanted to hui with the trust board about this. Leah Campbell of OTS had left a message for Tavake to contact her about having a hui. Hui Accepted correspondence.

6.4. Tavake undertook to write to the other groups/entities agreed to last trust board hui to get the trust ready to work and take the next steps to the court-directed goals. Hui Accepted.

7. Correspondence IN: Hauraki Overlapping Claims Waitangi Tribunal Inquiry

7.1. There was discussion about this and noted receiving Ngatiwai Trust Board (NTB) letters of 11 March to NRNWTB offering to fund taking trustees to April hearing in Wellington. Also the NTB to the Minister of Treaty Settlements requesting that the Crown 'pause' any negotiations until after judicial urgent inquiry is complete. Noted that NRNWTB was not an interested party in it, even although Aotea is the biggest island taonga in the Hauraki Gulf and other iwi are asserting interests in Aotea.

7.2. Waitangi Tribunal Urgent Hearings coming up in Wellington in April. Tavake not able to go as is not briefed on it for the purposes of the NRNWTB Court mahi and will be away on leave with whanau in April. Tavake advised that he had not seen any information or evidence from the Hauraki Inquiry, but as a Treaty litigator would be concerned if any other iwi wanted to assert mana whenua on Aotea in a judicial inquiry. If so, to protect Aotea it was important to monitor what evidence and allegations other iwi might present and cross-examine it and then counter by producing the Ngati Rehua evidence, whakapapa, korero to rebut others.

7.3. Trustees Bruce and Hillarey not wanting to go with Ngatiwai Trust because of history with the NTB and that NRNWTB had done it's own settlement. Valmaine noted that too and the views about NTB, but said regardless of the NTB, she is most interested in protecting Aotea from Marutuahu and other iwi wanting a foothold on Aotea.

7.4. Board noted and agreed that further discussion is needed.

8. Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation) Aotea

8.1. Mr George Taylor, Aotea DOC Manager had followed through to trustees advising that the DOC community grants and contracts on Aotea needed to be applied for.

8.2. Agreed that Valmaine and Hillarey would follow up with DOC and carry out the operational work and that Tavake would continue to engage DOC as chair for the governance level discussions, with advice from the trustees. Hui Accepted.

9. Aperahama's proposal of hui at Whananaki or Matapouri marae

- 9.1. Tavake raised Aperahama's proposal to hold hui at their mainland marae. The idea was to hui with Ngati Rehua uri who whakapapa to Aotea, but live in those places in northland.
- 9.2. The trustees indicated some difficulty with this because they wanted to focus on catering to tangata whenua at marae on Aotea.
- 9.3. Hui Agreed to note and discuss this further with all trustees present.

10. Validation Hui – Marae Venues Preferred & DRAFT Validation Process

- 10.1. Agreed that we must properly organise and run the Validation hui to achieve success in our duties. Tikanga to guide us.
- 10.2. Aperahama had earlier agreed to put together a DRAFT Validation Process and circulate that to trustees for engagement, discussion, refinement and agreement. Then we can engage with the kaumātua and people with a plan to advance to validation hui. Hui Accepted.

11. Next Trust Board Hui

- 11.1. The trust board hui which Hillarey had offered to host on 14 March at her work in Newton was postponed because Tavake had been summoned to the Kingdom of Tonga for duties and we had the hui today instead.
- 11.2. The next Trust Board hui was scheduled for 5pm, Thursday 21 March 2019 online.
- 11.3. If any other matters arose, we would email the trustees, discuss alternatives and make decisions if necessary.

12. Mihi Whakakapi

- 12.1. Tavake thanked the Trustees for the work done, their efforts at the Auckland City hui to seek funding to resource our duties and encouraged all to taking the next steps together.

13. Karakia Whakakapi

- 13.1. Tavake

Hui closed at 7.05 pm

Tavake Barron Afeaki, Interim Independent Chair, NRNW ki Aotea Trust