

KIA MAHARA | NOTE:

All information recorded in these minutes relating to Treaty of Waitangi settlement place name proposals is confidential and not available to the public. Some of the information may become available after Deeds of Settlement are signed.

Hei kōrero whānui | General

1. Karakia | Prayer Whakatau | Welcome

The Board collectively opened the hui with its karakia. The Chairperson welcomed hui participants and noted with regret that Shaun Barnett had resigned as a Board member on 3 April 2024. The Board acknowledged Shaun's significant contribution and that his expertise will be missed. The Board acknowledged Merata Kawharu's recent appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori at Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University.

2. Te hunga i tae mai | Present Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

It will be a hybrid hui with some participants attending virtually on MS Teams. With six Board members present, there was a quorum (until 3.30 pm).

The hui will be recorded to assist with preparation of the minutes. The recording will be deleted once the minutes have been confirmed.

Board Members – Present (6)	
Anselm Haanen, Chairperson	Surveyor-General, Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
Jenni Vernon	Minister for Land Information appointment
Adam Greenland (by Teams)	National Hydrographer, LINZ
Robin Kearns (until 3.30pm)	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (until 3.30pm)	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) nomination
Mahana Toka	Minister for Māori Development recommendation

Board Members – Apologies (3)	
Iaeen Cranwell	Local Government NZ nomination
Dr Cadence Kaumoana	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Merata Kawharu	Minister for Land Information appointment

Board Secretariat (4)	
Wendy Shaw	Secretary
Christopher Stephens	Customer Regulatory Specialist
Jill Remnant	Customer Regulatory Specialist
Joanna Barnes-Wylie	Senior Customer Regulatory Specialist

Observers (4)	
Tāne Karamaina (by Teams)	Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh)
Waihoroi Shortland (left at 12 noon)	Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK)
Charlotte Jones (by Teams until 11:10 am)	Communications and Engagement, LINZ
Philip Green (12.30 pm – 1.38 pm)	Te Arawhiti (Office for Māori Crown Relations)

Observer Apologies (1)	
Sheryll Johnson	Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC)

Minute Taker (1)	
Tanya Ashcroft	GBL Personnel

3. Rārangi take | Agenda He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

3.1. Rārangi take | Agenda

The Board confirmed the agenda, noting that the main decision items are scheduled at the beginning of the hui. The Chairperson indicated that he would like to discuss a new approach to suburb and locality boundary extents before discussing the proposals in agenda item 8.

3.2. He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared at the start of the hui. Any new conflicts can be declared at the time of the discussion.

4. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

4.1. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of its 3 October 2023 hui (Objective ID A6163764). The Board noted these minor errors to be corrected:

- Page 13, item 9.4, second paragraph, top of page 13, line 3. There should be a macron over the 'a' in Mangai, ie. it should read Te Kāhui Māngai not Te Kāhui Mangai.
- Page 17, first heading. Delete '(not a formal item)' from the heading 'Farewell to departing Board members (not a formal item)' as it was a formal item.

and

Rejected the **14** objecting submissions based on the reasons provided not outweighing those reasons that the Board previously accepted for the proposal, being:

- the resolution of Manawatu District Council to alter its district name,
- the Board meeting its statutory duty and function to 'enable certain administrative needs of government to be met',
- Manawatū being the correct standardised orthography as advised by an expert licensed translator,
- consistency with Manawatū-Whanganui Region and the district's namesake Manawatū River,
- evidence of support from several marae and several iwi and hapū groups,
- evidence of support from six neighbouring territorial authorities and the relevant regional council,

and these additional reasons in response to the submissions:

- not considering Manawatu to be an English word, or exonym of Manawatū, just out of date relative to current orthographic standards,
- alternative names for local authorities not being allowable in terms of the Standard for Altering Region and District names,

and

Confirmed the earlier decision of the Board to accept the proposal to alter the official local authority district name from Manawatu District to **Manawatū District**,

and

Will **report** the decision of the Board to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

and

Noted that should the Minister confirm the proposal, the Board must **request** the Minister to recommend to the Governor-General to make an Order in Council under section 260 of the Local Government Act 2002 to amend the name of the relevant local authority in Schedule 2 of that Act, to give effect to the alteration. The Board would gazette the official name on the date of effect specified in the Order in Council.

Moved Paulette Tamati-Elliffe

Seconded Robin Kearns

All in favour

Carried

6.3. Franz Joseph Glacier / Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere and Franz Joseph / Waiau (village)

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6036246). The proposer's research was very thorough. There had been a strong response from the local community to the proposals. The Board agreed that it should have a consistent and principled approach to correcting spelling, whether for Māori or non-Māori place names. Unlike the 'McKinnon' proposals and Māori place names, the Austrian emperor had no connection to the land. It is unlikely that there are any of his living descendants in New Zealand so no family would be offended.

The Board weighed the impacts on, and the objections of, the local community to the name changes. Given that publications for use by travellers and tourists are official documents in terms of the Board's legislation, and it is a tourist destination, they would potentially have to be corrected. However, the Board can take a practical approach so there would be no onus on businesses or organisations to immediately change their signs or promotional material. Such changes could be done over a long period of time (10-20 years) or as part of regular maintenance and replacement cycles so that the costs of correcting the spelling from Josef to Joseph and using the official dual names would be minimised or absorbed.

The Board was concerned that council and NZTA² signage is currently non-compliant as the Māori parts of the official dual names established by the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act more than 25 years ago are still not being used.

The Board considered that the objecting submissions didn't outweigh the importance of having the spelling of Josef corrected, or warrant setting a precedent of not correcting non-Māori place names. The Board confirmed its intention to correct the spelling of Josef to Joseph for both dual names, correct the orthography of the Māori part of the glacier's dual name, and update the dual name format to have a space either side of the forward slash. As its decisions no longer match the recommendations in the report, the Board agreed to resolve to support this in principle until the Secretary redrafted a resolution to be circulated by email for acceptance by the Board.

Resolution

The Board **agreed** that it supports the original proposals to correct the spelling in both dual names from Josef to Joseph, **noting** that the Secretary will redraft the recommendations for the Board to formally agree to by email.

Moved: Anselm Haanen

Seconded: Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

Further discussion

Any media release on changing the names will need to convey the message around the requirement to use official dual names. It will also need to reassure local businesses that signage to reflect the correct spelling would not need to be changed immediately but can be made over a long period of time so that costs are minimised. The Board noted that as agreed at its 3 October 2023 hui, the correct spelling of Franz Joseph has already been entered as a note in the *Gazetteer*.

Resolutions [final wording agreed by email voting in early May 2024]

The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the official dual name of the village Franz Josef/Waiau to **Franz Joseph / Waiau** and **reject** the objecting submissions (including those that proposed alternative names),

AND

The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the official dual name Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere to **Franz Joseph Glacier / Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere** and **reject** the objecting submissions (including the one that proposed an alternative name),

Based on the objecting reasons provided and summarised in the submissions report not outweighing the reasons that the Board originally accepted for the proposals, being:

- the updated legal opinion of 7 July 2023 that place names in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 can be proposed to be altered through the process set out in sections 16-21 of the NZGB Act 2008,
- the Board's statutory obligation under sections 11(1)(b) and 10(1)(c) of the NZGB Act 2008 to examine and correct the spelling of place names,
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu confirming they have no issues with correcting the non-Māori part of the dual names, ie Josef to Joseph, and
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu confirming the corrected orthography of Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere (from Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere) for the glacier,

² New Zealand Transport Agency

Plus, additional reasons, being:

- maintaining a consistent and principled approach to correcting spelling, whether for Māori or non-Māori place names, and
- the impact of the change on businesses and tourism, as indicated in many objections, being lessened and mitigated by allowing updates to be done over a long period of time or as part of regular maintenance and replacement cycles. This should enable the costs of correcting the spelling from Josef to Joseph and of using the official dual names to be minimised or absorbed.

Noting that the current official dual names appear not to have been complied with (as required by section 32 of the NZGB Act 2008).

and

Confirm the Board's earlier decision to alter the official dual names of:

- the village of Franz Josef/Waiau to Franz Joseph / Waiau, and
- Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere to Franz Joseph Glacier / Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere.

and

Will **report** the Board's decisions to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determinations on the proposals.

Moved: Anselm Haanen

Seconded: Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

6.4. Waimarino (village) and Waimarino Railway Station

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6214557). The Board agreed that it should continue to make firm decisions. In terms of the process, the Minister can make his own inquiries before confirming, modifying or rejecting the Board's decisions on the proposals. This might include getting independent advice from LINZ on other decision options.

The Board noted that on page four of the report, 19th century should be corrected to 20th century.

Decision and resolution in confidence | Kia noho matatapu

The Minister for Land Information will be required to make the final determinations, but there is no set timeframe for those decisions.

Resolution

Report the Board's decisions to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determinations on the proposals.

Moved Mahana Toka

Seconded Adam Greenland

All in favour

Carried

Further discussion

The Board noted the large number of submissions and thanked the Secretariat for thoroughly reviewing and summarising them. The Board noted that the submission reports no longer have numbers for the categories of submissions, but they are still available in the supporting information.

10.15 am to 10.31 am – Kaputī | Morning Tea