

**Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly**  
**Tionól Reigiúnach Oirthir agus Lár-Tíre**

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 09<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022.**

Emma Blain	Deirdre Heney
Aoife Breslin	Vincent Jackson
John Browne	Dermot Lacey
Laura Donaghy	Brigid Manton
Caroline Dwane Stanley	Padraig McEvoy
Kate Feeney	Paddy Meade
Brian Fitzgerald	Aisling Moran
Eddie Fitzpatrick	Colm Murray
Mary Freehill	Damien O'Reilly
Jim Gildea	Danny Owens
Alison Gilliland	Robert Power
Lyn Hagin Meade	Gerry Walsh
David Healy	

**Apologies received: Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council, Cllr Fintan Brett, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Aengus O'Rourke**

**In Attendance:**

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA  
Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA  
Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA  
Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA  
Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA  
Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA  
Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA  
Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA  
Mr. Karl Murphy, EMRA  
Ms. Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA  
Mr. Padraig O'Shea, EMRA**

**Ms. Siobhán Rudden, SRA**

## **ITEM 1**

### **Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 11th November 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were proposed by Cllr G Walsh and seconded by Cllr J Gildea.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

## **ITEM 2**

### **Presentation on the Southern, Eastern and Midland ERDF Programme 2021 – 2027**

Siobhán Rudden from the Southern Regional Assembly presented the recently adopted Southern, Eastern and Midland ERDF Programme. The presentation covered developing the regional programme; Priorities and Funding; ERDF Awarding Bodies & Beneficiaries 2021-27 per priority and next steps.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr A Moran, Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr B Manton, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr C Murray, Cllr R Power and Director J Conway.

## **ITEM 3**

### **Adoption of the 2023 schedule of meetings**

Director Jim Conway presented the proposed schedule of meetings for 2023.

The schedule was **AGREED**.

## **ITEM 4**

### **Update on the AIR conference 2023**

Presentation by Jim Conway and Helena Stromberg of the upcoming AIR seminar and training event that will take place in Monaghan from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr M Freehill, Cllr K Feeney and Cllr D Lacey.

## **ITEM 5**

### **Update on the QGasSP project**

Owen Douglas gave an update on the QGasSP project which covered: the objectives of QGasSP; the current state of Ireland's emissions; Models for measuring (spatial) emissions; QGasSP; Partners and Original timeline; QGasSP Model development; Case Study pilot County Meath, Ireland; State of play; Case Study Pilot: Some findings for Meath; Next steps.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr R Power, Cllr D Healy, Cllr G Walsh and Director J Conway.

**ITEM 6**  
**Correspondence**

None

An Cathaoirleach R Power proposed that the Assembly writes to the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications to request the publication of the territorial analysis underpinning the identification of the EU Just Transition Fund Territory.

This was **AGREED**.

**ITEM 7**  
**Any other business**

Cllr B Fitzgerald asked a question regarding the timeline of the upcoming RSES review.

Cllr M Freehill proposed to write to the Dublin/Belfast economic corridor to present EMRA's role and work. This was **AGREED**.

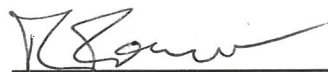
Cllr D Lacey requested the invitation to the AIR seminar and training event be sent to NILGA.

The Director J Conway informed members of the appointment of Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe and Padraig O'Shea as Senior Executive Planners and of the arrival of Bernie Roe as Assistant Director.

**ITEM 8**  
**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

Signed:



**Cllr. Robert Power**  
**Cathaoirleach**



**Mr. Jim Conway**  
**EMRA**

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023**