

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY, 2009
AT 8.30 A.M.



A. ATTENDANCE –

Present were Mr. W.H. Pickering (Chairperson), Cr. G.P. Gianotti (Member), Cr. P. Lynch (Member), Mr. R.W. Clark (Trust Secretary), Mr. B.E. Leach (Trust Engineer) and Mr. S. Hall (Trust Works Manager).

B. APOLOGY –

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. I. Baker (Invitee – DNR & W, Ingham Office).

C. MINUTES -

Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 5th December, 2008 and the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 14th January, 2009.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 5th December, 2008 be approved as a correct record of proceedings.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14th January, 2009 be approved as a correct record of proceedings.
(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Lynch - Carried)

D. WORKS REPORT –

Consideration of Trust Engineer's December, 2008 report of works performed to date and activities in progress.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

The Trust Engineer orally advised that inspections had been undertaken of the Annual Works Program projects and flood damage locations in December, 2008 with Mr. Errol Colman who had indicated agreement with the proposed works.

The Trust Engineer also submitted a report dated 29th January, 2009 detailing the background and proposed fee proposal offer from Rockfield Technologies Australia Pty. Ltd. to finalise commissioning of the floodgates including a review of the original design and recommendations on possible improvements to the installation.

Resolved – That in response to grower expectations and in order to expedite the final commissioning of the gates, the Trust commission Rockfield Technologies Australia Pty. Ltd. as per their proposal and also request them to submit a proposal for ongoing maintenance support.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

E. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. The Secretary submitted accounts for payment as hereunder and statements of receipts and disbursements for the period up to 29th January, 2009:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque	\$NIL
	EFT	<u>\$18,998.88</u>
		<u>\$18,998.88</u>

Resolved – That payment of accounts as submitted be approved.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch – Carried)

F. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. ANDREW CRIPPS MP, MEMBER FOR HINCHINBROOK, Ingham, 14th January, 2009, on behalf of Mr. Alf and Charles Girenti of 147 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia advising of concerns that there is no back up power supply for operation of the Catherina and Ripple Creek floodgates in the event of an interruption to power and no capacity for manual operation in the event of an interruption to power during extreme weather conditions, as occurred during the recent flood event. Requesting that the Trust move to address the problem with the floodgates as a large flood event could have serious impact if the floodgates cannot be deployed as necessary. (103/0015)

Resolved – That the Member be advised that the Trust is in the final stages of commissioning the gates in accordance with the original design as commissioned by SIIP.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti – Carried)

2. HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL, Ingham, 10th December, 2008, advising of an application by **Great Southern Managers Australia Limited** seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Cane Farm to Production Forestry over Lot 57 on CWL2252 and Lot 164 on CWL2877, Parish of Leach at Copley's Road and Rae's Road, Abergowrie and as the land abuts Elphinstone Creek Council is seeking the Trusts views and / or requirements on dealing with the watercourse. (058/0262)

Resolved – That the Trust take out a Section 11 Improvement Notice over Elphinstone Creek abutting Lot 57 on CWL2252 and Lot 164 on CWL2877 to protect the 10 metre buffer area along the banks thereof.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

3. HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL, Ingham, 12th December, 2008, advising of an application by **Great Southern Managers Australia Limited** seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Cane Farm to Production Forestry over Lot 116 on CWL2038 and Lot 74 on CWL2156, Parish of Leach at Abergowrie Road, Abergowrie and as the land abuts Lee Creek and Waterfall Creek Council is seeking the Trusts views and / or requirements on dealing with these watercourses. (058/0247)

Resolved – That the Trust take out a Section 11 Improvement Notice over Lee Creek and Waterfall Creek abutting Lot 116 on CWL2038 and Lot 74 on CWL2156 to protect the 10 metre buffer area along the banks thereof.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

4. HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL, Ingham, 11th December, 2008, advising of an application by **The Ark Fund Limited** seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Cane Farm to Production Forestry over Lots 1 & 3 on RP850998 and Lot 2 on SP208331, Parish of Marathon at Gangemi's Road and Jap Creek Road, Hawkins Creek and as the land abuts Jap Creek Council is seeking the Trusts views and / or requirements on dealing with the watercourse. (058/0254)

Resolved – That the Trust take out a Section 11 Improvement Notice over Jap Creek abutting Lots 1 & 3 on RP850998 and Lot 2 on SP208331 to protect the 10 metre buffer area along the banks thereof.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

5. HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL, Ingham, 11th December, 2008, advising of an application by **Great Southern Managers Australia Limited** seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Cane Farm to Production Forestry over Lot 89 on CWL908279, Lot 140 on CWL3261, Lot 107 on CWL1966 and Lot 4 on RP908281, Parish of Leach at El Alamein Road, Knox Road and Abergowrie Road, Abergowrie and as the land abuts various watercourses Council is seeking the Trusts views and / or requirements on dealing with these watercourses. (058/0261)

Resolved – That the Trust take out a Section 11 Improvement Notice over the various watercourses abutting Lot 89 on CWL908279, Lot 140 on CWL3261, Lot 107 on CWL1966 and Lot 4 on RP908281 to protect the 10 metre buffer area along the banks thereof.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

6. HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL, Ingham, 11th December, 2008, advising of an application by **The Ark Fund Limited** seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Cane Farm to Production Forestry over Lot 6 on RP707462, Lot 2 on RP722287, Lot 4 on RP714980, Lot 3 on SP211109, Lot 4 on RP720416, Lot 4 on RP720411, Lot 38 on CWL837588, Lots 20, 21 and 37 on CWL837585 and Lot 5 on RP707462, at Stone River Road, Di Bella's Road, Butler's Road and Pettit's Road, Upperstone and as the land abuts the Stone River Council is seeking the Trusts views and / or requirements on dealing with the watercourse.(058/0255)

Resolved – That the Trust take out a Section 11 Improvement Notice over Stone River abutting Lot 6 on RP707462, Lot 2 on RP722287, Lot 4 on RP714980, Lot 3 on SP211109, Lot 4 on RP720416, Lot 4 on RP720411, Lot 38 on CWL837588, Lots 20, 21 and 37 on CWL837585 and Lot 5 on RP707462 to protect the 10 metre buffer area along the banks thereof.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

7. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, Townsville, 6th January, 2009, seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received by the Department for permit to occupy Lot 5 on Crown Plan WU5, Mt Fox for grazing purposes. (077/0001)

Resolved –That the Trust have no requirements in this regard.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

8. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, Townsville, 27th January, 2009, seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received by the Department for Renewal of Term Lease 214401 being Lot 29 on Crown Plan CWL2417 at Baillie's Road. The current lease expires on 26th July, 2010. (077/0001)

Resolved – That the Trust requires the issue of a Section 11 Improvement Notice over that part of the land being Lot 29 on Crown Plan CWL2417 fronting the Stone River.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

9. ROCKWELL AUTOMATION, Blackburn, 14th November, 2008, advising they have engaged INACO Automation Controls and NHP Electrical Engineering Products Pty Ltd as sole distributors for all Rockwell Automation branded products throughout Australia and New Zealand from 1st July, 2009. (101/0002)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

10. C. & S.J. COCO, Ingham, 27th January, 2009, advising they are making application for financial assistance through the Reef Rescue Package to replace the levee bank on their property at Ripple Creek to minimise fertiliser run-off into the Herbert River and advising they require a summary of costs of proposed repairs and of previous repair work carried out by the Trust in 2007. Also requesting an inspection of the area and seeking the Trusts approval for these works. (101/0002)

Resolved – That consideration be deferred pending an inspection of the area by the Trust Engineer and report back to the Trust.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

11. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Queensland, 16th January, 2009, enclosing a Summary of annual reports and Financial Statements 2007-08 which was tabled in the Queensland Parliament on 28th November, 2008. (102/0001)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC., Fortitude Valley, 19th January, 2009, enclosing the joint 2007/08 Annual Report to Members for LGM Queensland and Local Government WorkCare. (600/0022)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

13. JARDINE LLOYD THOMPSON, Newstead, 23rd January, 2009, enclosing an invitation to appropriate representatives to attend the LGM Queensland/LGW Roadshow in March, 2009. (093/0005)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

14. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS, Fig Tree Pocket, 12th October, 2008, enclosing a discussion paper in relation to the future of River Improvement Trusts in Queensland and seeking comments on the options for consideration.

Resolved – That the Trust advise the State Council that its preference is for Option 1 and that the State Council be asked for their views and comments on the current review of Statutory Bodies by the State Government and potential impact on the future of River Trusts.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

15. BMT WBM PTY. LTD., Melbourne, 23rd January, 2009, detailing their findings following the Trusts requests dated 22nd May, 2008 and 29th "October, 2008 that they investigate the impact of excavating a flood channel at the Halifax Washaway and provide a preliminary feasibility exercise. (103/0018)

Resolved – That the Report be furnished to Mr. Bruce Mahony with advice that a proposed flood channel would be a significant project beyond the resources of the Trust and an overall disbenefit to the community.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

- G. INSPECTIONS – It was noted that due to the current wet weather, the planned inspections be deferred to the next Trust Meeting on the 5th March, 2009.

- H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 12 p.m.

(Sgd) Mr. W.H. Pickering,
TRUST CHAIRPERSON.