

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 2ND JULY, 2009
AT 9.00 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. MINUTES -

Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th June, 2009.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th June, 2009 be approved subject to amendment of item 5 by deletion of the words “estimate of costs” and insertion of the following words “investigation of possibilities”.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

C. WORKS REPORT –

Consideration of Trust Engineer’s June, 2009 report of works performed to date and activities in progress.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

D. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -

1. The Secretary submitted accounts for payment as hereunder and statements of receipts and disbursements for the period up to 2nd July, 2009:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque	\$NIL
	EFT	<u>\$22,443.68</u>
		<u>\$22,443.68</u>

Resolved – That payment of accounts as submitted be approved and the statement of receipts and disbursements be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti – Carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. BUDGET 2009 / 2010.

Consideration of the draft 2009 / 2010 Budget and Annual Report and the Financial Statements for 2008/2009.

Resolved – That the Trust receive the unaudited financial statements for 2008 / 2009 and the draft 2009 / 2010 budget.

(Cr. Gianotti and Mr. Pickering – Carried)

2. HON. STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP, Brisbane, 15th June, 2009, responding to Council's letter dated 29th April, 2009 providing recommendations on the Weller Report regarding 'independent decision making' of Trusts and advising that Council's views will be taken into consideration during the detailed consultation to be undertaken with local governments and Trusts prior to implementation of the new arrangements. (101/0002)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti – Carried)

3. RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS.

Consideration of a Report from Trust Engineer dated 16th June, 2009 regarding discussions held with landowners about the "buy back" proposal.

Resolved – That the report be received and noted.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch – Carried)

4. RECORD OF INSPECTION.

Consideration of a Report from Trust Engineer dated 30th June, regarding inspections conducted on 11th June, 2009 of various properties.

Resolved – That the report be received and noted and the residents of Musgrave Street, Halifax be advised that the Trust is investigating the flood velocity observation reported during the 2009 February flood event.

That the Trust ascertain the levels of the Mombelli levee for future reference.

That additional modelling be carried out in Skene Avenue, Halifax to check reported flood velocity observations during the February flood event.

That S. Castorina (landholder) on the Western side of the Herbert River from Macknade Mill to Halifax Bridge be advised that the Trust is conducting ground survey work of the river bank area as part of a new flood modelling project and this will include existing levee banks in the area damaged during the February flood event.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti – Carried)

5. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS' ASSOCIATION, Fig Tree Pocket, 16th June, 2009, enclosing a copy of a response from Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Hon. Stephen Robertson MP dated 2nd June, 2009 advising that the government has now responded to the Weller Review findings and has supported the recommendation that trusts be abolished and functions transferred or incorporated into local governments. Also enclosing copy of letter from State Council of River Trusts to Hon. Stephen Robertson MP dated 11th June, 2009 expressing disappointment with Government's decision to dissolve Trusts and requesting an opportunity to discuss the issue further in hope that an alternative solution can be found which does not include the dissolution of Trusts. (101/0002)

Consideration also of an email from Mr. Norm Craswell of SCRTA to Mr. Greg Claydon of LGAQ dated 17th June, 2009 and Greg Claydon's reply of even date advising of a proposed meeting with the State Council and LGAQ in the near future to talk about a number of matters including timings for any changes, transitional arrangements, legislative and regulatory requirements and any other issues that need to be covered to implement the Government's decisions. (101/0002)

Resolved – That the Trust seek details from the State Council on what they propose to discuss with the State Government.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch – Carried)

6. CAIRNS RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST, Cairns, 9th June, 2009, advising that the Cairns River Improvement Trusts intends to abandon plans to hold the State Conference this year. (104/0004)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti – Carried)

7. MAHONY & SONS, Halifax, 2nd June, 2009, requesting the Trust to advise what action it will take with regard to a concrete wall that is being constructed along Skene Avenue, Halifax and reminding the Trust that a bund wall 50 metres away from this new development was removed from their property by the Trust as it would allegedly have an adverse affect on Trust works undertaken and to adjoining properties. (101/0002)

Resolved – That Mahony and sons be advised that the Trust has inspected the area and our preliminary assessment is that the wall is within the levy area and according to the model should have no effect and the Trust is undertaking further investigations.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch – Carried)

8. WORKS MANAGEMENT.

Consideration of a Report by Trust Engineer dated 1st July, 2009, regarding changes in works management.

Resolved – That the appointment of Mr. Terry Fenoglio to take on the position of Trust Works Manager for the next 18 months be endorsed.

(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Gianotti – Carried)

- F. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 1.45 p.m.

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