

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 6th April 2017
at 9.00 am***



- A. ATTENDANCE** – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Mrs LF Carr (Secretary), Cr AJ Lancini (Member), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Mr KT Phillips (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member) and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer.)

B. APOLOGY –

- C. MINUTES** - Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held on 3rd March 2017.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be approved.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

- D. WORKS REPORT** – The Trust Engineer, Mr Tim Smith, provided an update of works for the month of March.

RESOLVED – That the trust engineer will phone Mr Whiting regarding the variation to Project 2 to redirect funding to the Russo job. The trust members met with the Russo's and they have agreed to a contribution to the job of \$10 000.
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL FROM SARAH RUSSELL (ERGON)

Consideration of email received 3 March 2017 advising new electricity account numbers for Caterina Creek and Ripple Creek Floodgates.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM SUSAN (ROBYN'S MOBILE COMPUTER SERVICE)

Consideration of email received 8 March 2017 attaching a quote for 4 x iPads – \$4 599.80.

RESOLVED – That the trust accept the quote.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

The meeting adjourned at 10.11 am for morning tea, and resumed at 10.24 am with the Mayor joining the meeting to observe the drone flyover of Lagoon Creek, with the Mayor leaving the meeting at 11.08 am.

3. LETTER FROM S MOSTACHETTI

Consideration of a letter received from S Mostachetti (undated) stating that he would like to discuss his concerns with the Trust, his concerns mainly being that due to numerous levee banks being built along the river, flood levels in the Lower Herbert will continue to rise, with Mr Mostachetti residing on the river at the end of Ufers Road, Bemerside.

RESOLVED – That the trust secretary communicate with Mr Mostachetti in writing stating that the legislation in relation to levees rests with the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

4. PHONE CALL FROM KELLIE SWAFFER (DNRM)

Consideration of phone call received from Kellie regarding the survey done by the Council for Mona Road. Kellie requested a copy of the survey to be emailed to her, with it also to be emailed to Townsville.slams@dnrm.qld.gov.au

RESOLVED – That DNRM be provided with a copy of our survey of Carr Island, done by Neil Pace, done prior to the commencement of the work, which shows the location of the boundaries.

(Mr KT Phillips and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. DRONE SURVEY – LAGOON CREEK

RESOLVED – That the Trust viewed the survey, and will be looking at taking up the Mayor's offer of preparing a plan to seek funding for the continual maintenance of Lagoon Creek.

(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

2. OWNER'S CONSENT

RESOLVED – That the Trust Engineer seeks approval from DNRM for owner's consent to do maintenance works on the sand islands downstream of Halifax.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

3. HASTINGS RECEIVERSHIP

RESOLVED – That HRIT place an order for rock from Hastings for future works.

(Mr KT Phillips and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

4. QCoast 2100

RESOLVED – That the Trust Chairman or his representative will be available to serve on this committee.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

5. JAMES STEBBINGS

RESOLVED – The Trust Engineer has conducted an inspection, and the issue of vine growth over the levee onto the shed will be addressed as part of the Trust's maintenance in the near future.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

6. CYCLONE DEBBIE

RESOLVED – That the Trust offer to make our Trust Engineer, Mr Tim Smith, available to assist the Whitsunday River Improvement Trust, with the assessment of flood damage and the provision of technical advice to allow repairs to get the infrastructure back in order as soon as possible. That the trust secretary draft a letter to WRIT (Joanne Linewebber, trust secretary.)
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 6th April 2017:

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$ 4 133.80
Luke Rosadi	276.00
Enrico's	172.50 Paid 3/3
J & P Lahtinen	526.28
Mr RA Bosworth	567.60
Cr AJ Lancini	150.00
Mr KT Phillips	194.40
Mr GB Accornero	176.64
Cr WG Skinner	300.00
Ms LF Carr	4 250.00

RESOLVED – That the accounts be passed for payment.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 4 May 2017.

Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair