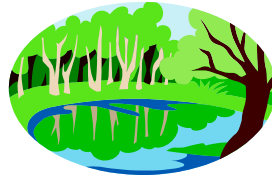


# ***HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST***

## ***GENERAL MEETING MINUTES***

***Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020  
at 9.00 am***



- A. IN ATTENDANCE** – Mr RA Bosworth (Member), Cr AJ Lancini (Member), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Ms CA Coppo (Member), Ms ML Wise (Member), Ms LF Carr (Secretary) and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer).
- B. APOLOGIES** – No apologies.
- C. MINUTES** - Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 November 2020.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be approved.  
(Ms CA Coppo and Cr WG Skinner - carried)

*Mr RA Bosworth and Cr WG Skinner temporarily left the meeting at 9.45 am to attend a funeral and returned at 11.00 am.*

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

### Engineer's Report for meeting 3 December 2020

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#### **DRFA - Herbert River HR-2**

Project completed except for revegetation of the upper bank. Upper bank and border area on the top of the bank mulched to protect it from rutting from rainfall. 95% complete - reports prepared for WVC-2, SR-2 and HR-2 for DES to support claims for further funding.

#### **AWP Project 20/21-7 - Herbert River (Neil Masters property, Long Pocket)**

The work to rectify unsatisfactory work carried out at the site at Masters by others last December was completed 17/11/2020. The 1,100t of rock on site was recovered. The bank was re-profiled and some fill carted in to establish a batter. The rock was placed on that batter to support the 15m high bank.

A report for the meeting with photos was provided earlier to the Chair and Secretary.



Getting the lower bank sorted out.



Working back up.





Bank re-profiling with 1,100t rock placed on the lower batter.

Cost: Invoices to come in now (figures exclude GST)

Keita Services - supply and cartage of rock to site	\$40,000
Timrith Transport (Marb) - excavator \$4,000, fill on site \$5,700	9,700
JT Smith & Assoc. - supervision	<u>560</u>
	<u>\$50,260</u>

Mr Masters is now to be invoiced for 50%.

State Council of River Trusts is now to be invoiced for 25%.

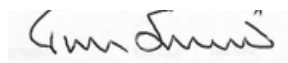
**Modification of Halifax Levee.** The public notification phase of the impact assessment process is in progress. To date, I have received requests for advice on the proposed raising of the levee from three (3) landowners.

**AWP Project 20/21 - Craig Hartman (118 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia).** Inspection carried out with Jayson Catasti. Erosion in the edge of the lower terrace of the Herbert below 118 Eddleston Drive. Mr Hartman wants to repair the erosion. The work will involve removal of the large tree that is causing the erosion and filling the scour - it's tidal so I suggested just filling the scour with clay fill and shaping to the lines and levels of the bank. Mr Hartman will pay 100% or 100% less subsidy if that is available. Jayson Catasti will do the work - can do it next week. Estimate of cost - \$10,000.

**Ross Contarino tree - 118 Lannercost St.** Concerns were expressed by Glen Ceff, the owner of 118 Lannercost St, after Wayne Forden contacted him about access. Mr Ceff advised Council had also been there and advised that the base of the tree should not be removed. I sorted out the approach - pruning to 2m - 3m above ground level and no poison. Last time I was past there the work had commenced and I imagine it is now completed.

**Dawn Masters - Herbert River.** Inspected the area of concern and advised that there were no signs of movement of the river bank around the shed.

**AWP other minor works.** I recommend that other minor works that have been brought to the Trust's attention at recent meetings be reconsidered for inclusion in the works program in the new year. That would see some of the 2020/21 precept funding go back into minor community priorities.



Tim Smith  
Trust Engineer

**RESOLVED** – That the report be accepted.  
(Cr WG Skinner and Ms CA Coppo - carried)

**E. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**1. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT – OPERATIONAL WORKS  
(MODIFICATION OF CATEGORY 3 LEVEE)**

**EMAIL FROM MR CLIFF BLAIN (FORWARDED ON BY HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL)**

Consideration of email received 5 November 2020 regarding Right to Information Request – Lower Halifax Levee Bank Overdue Refurbishment. Mr Blain would like to know:

- When the Lower Halifax Levee Bank will be refurbished as finances were available (as documented in an article in the Herbert River Express on 9 January 2019), and
- The Shaw Avenue spillway requires attention as it releases ever-increasing large volumes of uncontrolled flood water into suburbia.

**LETTER FROM BARRY AND THERESA WEATHERLY**

Consideration of letter dated 23 November 2020 regarding Modification to a Category 3 Levee (Halifax Levee) – 35 Mona Road, Halifax (Lot 236 on SP204142). Following discussions with Cr AJ Lancini:

- Barry and Theresa are asking that the dirt from the (current) levee which will need to be removed before the new block levee is constructed (as advised by Cr Lancini) be pulled back on to their block for it to be used as fill to raise the southern half of their block in preparation for their own building plans, and
- They believe it will be of mutual benefit and hope that it could be done at no cost to them.

Barry and Theresa look forward to receiving a response to their request.

**LETTER FROM BARRY AND THERESA WEATHERLY**

Consideration of letter dated 23 November 2020 regarding Public Notification of Development Application – Development Application seeking a Development Permit for Operations Works – Modification to a Category 3 Levee (Halifax Levee):

- It is their understanding that the development is being proposed (adjacent to their property - Lot 236 on SP204142) as a measure to protect the property and lives of all Halifax residents and property owners from flooding
- They fully support the proposed works and would like the works to proceed at the earliest opportunity
- They propose to build on their block of land and realise that the levee modification needs to be completed first, and
- They would like to be kept informed of the Trust's progress in gaining development approval and completing the works.

**EMAIL FROM ANTHONY AND ELIZABETH CASTORINA**

Consideration of email received 24 November 2020 requesting information regarding three (3) previous studies done on the Halifax levee bank that are references in the Halifax Levee Upgrade Flood Impact Assessment Report:

- WBM (2003) Herbert River Flood Study (for the Herbert River Improvement Trust)
- BMT (2013) Herbert River Levee Modelling Study (for the Trust)
- BMT (2015) Herbert River Flood Mapping Update (for the Hinchinbrook Shire Council).

**RESOLVED** – All responses to the public notification process will be addressed at the end of the public notification period on 7 December 2020.

(Ms CA Coppo and Cr WG Skinner - carried)

**2. LETTER FROM DB & JL MAHONY, JD & VC MAHONY, ROBERT TENTO, S & V FUDRIGA, R & C LANCINI, REINAUDO BROS. AND W & S TENTO**

Consideration of letter dated 18 November 2020 regarding the Trust's General Minutes dated 6 August 2020 and the project "Herbert River Castorina Island flood mitigation for Cordelia and Macknade Project". The landholders state that they are extremely concerned about the damage and disruption that the Project will cause to their farms and properties, and request an immediate meeting with the Trust.

**RESOLVED** – That HRIT meet with concerned landholders on Thursday, 3 December at 2.00 pm.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Ms ML Wise - carried)

**3. EMAIL FROM BRIAN AND SUE ABBERTON (120 EDDLESTON DRIVE, CORDELIA – LOT 135 ON CWL 794)**

Consideration of email received 25 November 2020 regarding current issues of:

**1. Erosion of the river bank.**

There is also erosion on the adjoining downstream side of the river bank which is currently under the control of the Trust. On the adjoining property (118 Eddleston Drive), the owner is currently surveying his land and the river bank to include it in his title (like some other adjoining neighbours who had previously included the lower banks into their titles). They are trying to address their erosion issues and would welcome any advice from the Trust regarding their responsibilities in relation to maintaining the river bank on their property.

2. Dividing fences on the lower river bank.

There exists approximately a 1m high star picket and wire fence that has been erected by the neighbour on the upriver side of the lower river bank between 122 and 120 Eddleston Drive (photo's attached). They are concerned that in a flood, logs may become caught and may cause damage to the bank and further erosion.

Brian and Sue are trying to get clarification from the Trust of where they stand, the Trust's advice in relation to fences on the lower banks of the Herbert River, and what their responsibilities are in relation to maintaining the river bank and erosion issues.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust Secretary communicate in writing to Brian and Sue to advise that HRIT believes the issues are outside the Trust's jurisdiction. The Trust recommends that they contact DNRME and/or the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

(Ms ML Wise and Cr AJ Lancini - carried)

**F. BUSINESS** – There were no matters arising.

**G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS** –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020:

Payee	Amount (\$)	Details
JT Smith and Associates Pty Ltd	6 303.00	Nov. invoice: Meeting HR-2 supervision AWP (Masters)
Cr AJ Lancini	300.00	Meeting 5/11
Ms ML Wise	460.73	Meeting 5/11
Cr WG Skinner	300.00	Meeting 5/11
Mr RA Bosworth	434.40	Meeting 5/11
Ms CA Coppo	300.00	Meeting 5/11
Timrith Transport	9 709.70	Herbert River – Masters Property
Keita Services Pty Ltd	44 000.00	Herbert River – Masters Property
Panebianco Enterprises Pty Ltd	10 080.00	HR-2 - mulch
Keita Services Pty Ltd	228 973.51	Ripple Creek - install liners and stairs
<i>Includes:</i>		
<i>Keita Services Pty Ltd</i>	<i>77 445.50</i>	
<i>Ingham Concrete</i>	<i>29 853.12</i>	
<i>Gough Plastics</i>	<i>28 289.47</i>	
<i>Top Gear Concrete Pumping</i>	<i>15 567.28</i>	
<i>Other plant hire &amp; services &lt; \$10 000 @</i>	<i>77 818.14</i>	
Jaycat Earthmoving Pty Ltd	5 827.25	Overflow drain from coffin 50% (Balance LHWMA)
L Rosadi	150.00	Mow Halifax levee
Liddles Air Service	1 666.50	Spray Macknade Is.
JK's Deli	79.00	Paid 5/11

**RESOLVED** – That the accounts be passed for payment.

(Cr WG Skinner and Ms CA Coppo - carried)

- H. CONCLUSION** – The meeting concluded at 1.00 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 4 February, 2021 at Council Chambers.

Action Item	Assigned To	Deadline
Communicate in writing to Brian and Sue Abberton re their concerns	Leigh	ASAP

Mr RA Bosworth  
Trust Chair