

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 6th May 2021
at 9.00 am***



A. IN ATTENDANCE – Mr RA Bosworth (Member), Cr AJ Lancini (Member), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Ms CA Coppo (Member), Ms LF Carr (Secretary) and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer).

B. APOLOGIES – Ms ML Wise (Member).

C. MINUTES - Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 1 April 2021.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Ms CA Coppo - carried)

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

Engineer's Report

INSPECTIONS

Brendan Lyons/Lachlan Thompson/Wayne Romano, Stone River.

They are concerned about a substantial build-up of river stone and gravel, bank erosion and vegetation loss on the western bank near where their three boundaries join. The fences are being left hanging. I had a look. Brendan Lyons wants to put his excavator in the river and do something. I gave them some advice – first step should be to remove the large point bar that is causing the problem. They wanted to know if the Trust would assist.



Powerlink, Palm Creek.

Powerlink want to repair and stabilise the bank of Palm Creek adjacent to their transmission tower. We inspected the problem a few years ago. Estimated then it was about a \$60,000 job. They want the River Trust to do it - they have asked for a quote – if possible, they want to do it before the end of this financial year. They are prepared to contribute to the cost.

I've arranged to inspect it again with Ergon this Friday am.



L Mammarella, Mammarella's Road, Bambaroo - Waterview Creek.

Inspected creek breakouts last year. Creek changing its course. Tidal.

Mr Mammarella reports worsening with the 2021 wet season.

Eddie Pirrotta, Hawkins Creek - Herbert River.

Has a break in the natural river levee similar to others that were repaired after the 2019 Monsoon trough flood. Wants assistance.

It's the same type of bank failure that occurred at Palmas property – saturation with high river levels and groundwater movement after river levels fall.

Mr and Mrs Pirrotta want assistance.



Robert Lyon, Tarakan Road, Abergowrie. Sites on Lee Creek and Herbert River.

Bank erosion. Wants assistance.

MODIFICATION OF HALIFAX LEVEE - Decision Notice dated 23 February 2021.

Responses to conditions submitted to HSC 12 April 2021 and 28 April 2021.

It appears that the only matters now left to be addressed are that the Trust is to provide a “staging plan” for the construction works to “keep Councillors and the community informed” and a traffic management plan.

Constant heavy rain over the last fortnight will result in a rehash of a “staging plan” and with traffic management signs in place, the approach needs to be documented as required by HSC.

QLD RESILIENCE AND RISK REDUCTION FUND - Expressions of Interest 20–21.

I prepared an EOI and it was submitted to QRA by 7 April 2021.

Project Title: Herbert River. Re-profiling Castorina Island. Flood mitigation for Lower Herbert.

Project Description: Re-profiling upper sand deposits at Castorina Island to improve the waterway area available in the river channel for moderate and major floods. Improvements to the river channel will reduce the frequency of over bank flood breakouts into Cordelia and Macknade. The project will extend the benefit that has resulted from works by the Trust to re-profile islands below Halifax and preliminary works on Castorina Island.

Project Estimate: \$300,000 (with Trust contribution of 20%)

QRA advised EOI unsuccessful.

Tim Smith
Trust Engineer

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

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL FROM AIMEE GODFREY (HSC)

Consideration of email received 7 April 2021 in response to the Trust's request to clarify the word 'non-habitable' (Council Decision Notice, Condition 15).

RESOLVED – That this issue has been resolved as part of the response to the Development Notice.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Ms CA Coppo – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM CRAIG HARTMAN

Consideration of email received 10 April 2021 regarding follow up on the ongoing issue of riverbank erosion problems located at 118 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary communicate in writing to Mr Hartman to advise that the Trust believes the issues are outside the Trust's jurisdiction.
(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini - carried)

3. PHONE CALL FROM WARREN RUSSO

Consideration of telephone call from Mr Russo, taken by the Secretary on 20 April 2021. Mr Russo advised that the Trust Engineer had conducted a site visit (regarding the \$75 000 QRIDA grants) and was waiting to hear from the Trust. He stated he was also phoning on behalf of Robert Lyon and Eddie Pirrotta.

RESOLVED – That the Secretary contact Mr Russo to advise the Trust will assist if necessary with their applications for QRIDA funding, that future correspondence is to be directed to the Trust Secretary and that there will be a fee for the Trust's assistance.
(Ms CA Coppo and Cr WG Skinner - carried)

4. LETTER FROM CAREY INVESTMENTS PTY LTD

Consideration of letter dated 5 May 2021 from Michael Carey, Director, regarding an erosion problem on the high bank of their farm at the top of Hawkins Creek. An inspection by the Trust has been requested.

RESOLVED – The Trust Secretary advise in writing that the Trust will endeavour to seek funding under an appropriate program that will assist in completing the works. The Trust will also seek to have DNRME representatives for an on-site inspection.
(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini - carried)

5. EMAIL FROM DES AND LAVEENA HERD

Consideration of email received 21 April 2021 regarding follow up on their petrol flood pump. A person came and collected it and they would like it returned. Mr and Mrs Herd would also like to know when their levee will begin. They requested that their levee be blocked around their property and would like to know when and if this will happen.

RESOLVED – That the Secretary contact Mr and Mrs Herd to advise that the pump has been inspected, serviced and returned and that the contractor is on site and works are currently in progress.

(Ms CA Coppo and Cr WG Skinner - carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. DRAFT QUEENSLAND RIVER MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE

RESOLVED – Passed over to be discussed at the next General Meeting.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Ms CA Coppo - carried)

2. HELLS GATE DAM PROJECT

RESOLVED – Passed over to be discussed at the next General Meeting.

(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini - carried)

3. L ROSADI – NOW \$30 PER HOUR (DUE TO INCREASED FUEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS)

RESOLVED – That the Trust accept this increase.

(Ms CA Coppo and Cr WG Skinner - carried)

4. LANDOWNER CONTRIBUTIONS

RESOLVED – That from 1 July 2021, financial contributions from landowners are to be paid to the Trust prior to the commencement of work. The Secretary will issue an invoice to the landowner based on an estimate of the cost of the works. The invoiced amount must be received by the Trust prior to work commencing.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Ms CA Coppo - carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 6th May 2021:

Payee	Amount (\$)	Details
Atkinson and Booy Surveys	9 790.00	Halifax surveys (Halifax Levee Project)
Cr AJ Lancini	150.00	Meeting 1 April
Ms CA Coppo	150.00	Meeting 1 April
Cr WG Skinner	195.00	Meeting 1 April
Ms ML Wise	310.73	Meeting 1 April
L Rosadi	480.00	Mow levee
WorkCover Qld	50.00	Insurance
JK's Deli	70.50	Paid 1 April
Venant Solutions	440.00	Additional figures (Halifax Levee Project)
Ms L Carr	4 680.00	DRFA Projects wages
	9 867.00	Trust administration and accounting wages

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

- H. CONCLUSION** – The meeting concluded at 1.15 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 3 June, 2021 at Council Chambers.

Action Item	Assigned to	Deadline
Secretary communicate in writing to Mr Hartman	Leigh	3 June 2021
Secretary contact Mr Russo	Leigh	3 June 2021
Secretary advise in writing (Carey Investments Pty Ltd)	Leigh	3 June 2021
Secretary contact Mr and Mrs Herd	Leigh	3 June 2021

Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair