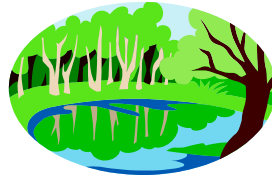


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 2nd September 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 – No apologies.

C. MINUTES - Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 August 2021.

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

Ms CA Coppo left the meeting at 10.15 am and returned to the meeting at 12.10 pm.

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

Engineer's Report

Modification of the Halifax Levee.

Construction for the raising of the levee has been completed.

The “as-constructed” survey remains to be done and an EMP to be read as an addendum to the Hinchinbrook Shire Council EMP will be prepared.

DRFA WVC-1 Waterview Creek (Clerk, Mammarella, Rapisarda, Russo properties)



Proposed works: Clearance of debris blockages, supply, cartage and placement of 2,500 tonne select fill and 4,000 tonne graded broken quarry rock. Revegetation above the rock in gaps in the existing vegetation to follow.

The proposed works will repair bank erosion at sites. Approval was received from DES Brisbane DRFA Assessment Panel on 17 July 2021 to extend the scope of the works beyond the Clerk property to include bank erosion sites in neighbouring properties.

Tenders closed 8 July 2021. Tender accepted from contractor Keita Services (with Jaycat).

Construction to commence in early September.

Disaster Assistance Grants – Primary Producers - 2021 weather event Tropical Cyclone Niran and Associated Low Pressure System 25 February - 3 March. Grants through QRIDA.

Requests for assistance with applications and Herbert River Trust oversight of works on riverbanks continued to come in. At the moment 15 have been received. A description of works needed to repair banks and headlands, estimate of cost and an offer to provide oversight of the works is being provided to each landowner. Landowners are aware that the Trust intends to recover the cost of this assistance from them (\$1,000/case excl GST).

Requests have come from landowners on the Herbert and Stone Rivers and Gowrie, Lee, Elphinstone, Waterfall and Trebonne Creeks, the Anabranche and Foresthome flood channel.

To date, this has identified about \$700,000 worth of works.

Cattle Creek (Burnside property).

Inspection 24 August.

Landowner has requested the Trust consider extending the stream improvement work carried out by the Cattle Creek group in 2018.

Proposed work would involve:

- removal of fallen log debris
- removal of undermined leaning vegetation
- pruning overhanging branches that will block other debris in flood flows.

Request from landowner for Trust to consider a project at meeting 2/9/2021. Landowner agrees to contribute to cost of the work.

Estimate is \$20,000.



Cattle Creek successful improvement work up stream of site. Clearance work done 2018.



100m section where stream improvement requested. Debris and overhanging trees.

DRFA revegetation work SR-02 Stone River (Trovato site), WVC-02 (Zatta site), HR-02 Herbert River (Porta site) and Herbert North Bank sites.

Contractor has sprayed areas to be planted for SR-02 and WVC-02.

Trust has purchased irrigation equipment from Ingham Irrigation – spray lines, drippers and fittings to water plants at the sites. Tree stock available and will be purchased from HSC nursery.

Proposed plan for revegetation:

1st planting September 2021. Stone River (adjacent to Trovato property 500m up Di Bartolos Road, Trebonne). Area 100m x 8m 100 trees

1st planting September 2021. Waterview Creek (adjacent to Zatta property near North Coast railway line on Scrubview Road, Bambaroo).

3rd planting December 2021. Herbert River (adjacent to Capras Road, Abergowrie). Area 400m x 15m 750 trees

4th planting January 2021. Waterview Creek (adjacent to Clerk and others off Yuruga Road, Bambaroo). 800m² 100 trees

Also need to do some planting at North Bank sites:

2nd planting October 2021. Herbert North Bank (adjacent Palmas property, Hawkins Creek). Area 30m x 5m 18 trees

2nd planting October 2021. Herbert North Bank (adjacent Biasi property, Hawkins Creek). Area 20m x 5m 12 trees

Total 1,020 trees over 5 or 6 months.

AWP Herbert River (North Bank, Palmas site).

Restoration of 2021 flood damage. Bank repair at breach in natural river levee. Rubble drainage layer reconnected to a new drainage layer placed at the face of the lower bank in behind the rock protection. Bank battering, fill and rock stabilisation completed. Area topsoiled ready for mulching and vegetation.



Lower bank reformed with clay fill and rocked for the outfall and stability under flood conditions.



Bank battering and bank profiling completed. Outfall section rocked and top soil being placed.

Tim Smith
Trust Engineer

RESOLVED – That the Trust Chair contact Mr Keith Phillips (Keita Services) to obtain a quote to complete a final trim on sections of the Halifax Levee.

That regarding the Burnside stream improvement works in Cattle Creek, HRIT will include the works on its Annual Works Program, to be completed prior to the wet season (if possible). On completion of the works, the Trust Engineer is to do a final inspection of the works.

Regarding the Mr S Barra (Long Pocket) works, the works will be included in the Trust's Annual Works Program (estimated cost is \$10 000) with a 50% landowner contribution.

That the Trust Chair contact Mr Keith Phillips (Keita Services) to obtain a quote to extend stairs to a domestic water supply adjacent to the Ripple Creek flood gates (Mr V Vitale).

That the repair of the Catherina Creek bank slump between the flood gates and the river (estimated cost - \$30 000) be placed on a future Annual Works Program.

(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini - carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence.

F. BUSINESS –

1. EMERGENCY GENERATORS – FLOOD GATES

RESOLVED – That in view of the cost to install and operate the generators, the Trust believes that it is outside its budget and the project will not proceed at this stage.

(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini - carried)

2. CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS BY PETER CHIESA AND RAY GOITIANDIA

RESOLVED – That the works be placed on a future Trust Annual Works Program due to the current Annual Works Program funds already being committed. That the Trust Engineer will communicate with the landowners about options that may be explored.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner - carried)

3. TREVOR POPPI (LAGOON CREEK)

RESOLVED – That the Trust Engineer contact Mr Poppi and inspect the issues in Lagoon Creek that have been raised.

(Ms CA Coppo and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 2 September 2021:

Payee	Amount (\$)	Details
Mr RA Bosworth	434.40	Meeting 5 Aug
Cr AJ Lancini	300.00	Meeting 5 Aug
Cr WG Skinner	300.00	Meeting 5 Aug
Ms LF Carr	950.00	August wages – administration and accounting
JK's Deli	67.50	Paid 5 Aug
Ergon Energy	6.90	Paid 15 July
Ergon Energy	17.59	Paid 17 Aug

RESOLVED – That the accounts be passed for payment.

(Ms CA Coppo and Cr AJ Lancini - carried)

- H. CONCLUSION** – The meeting concluded at 12.50 pm with the next General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 7 October, 9.00 am at Council Chambers.

Action Item	Assigned to	Deadline
Investigate an email address for the Trust	Wallis	7 Oct
Contact Mr Keith Phillips (Keita Services) to obtain a quote to complete a final trim on sections of the Halifax Levee	Arthur	7 Oct
Contact Mr Keith Phillips (Keita Services) to obtain a quote to extend stairs (adjacent to the Ripple Creek flood gates)	Arthur	7 Oct
Communicate with landowners (P Chiesa and R Goitiandia)	Tim	7 Oct
Contact Mr T Poppi and inspect the issues (Lagoon Creek)	Tim	7 Oct
Invite Mr Paul Cohen to the next Trust meeting	Wallis	ASAP
Asset register update and Annual Report 20/21	Tim/Leigh	7 Oct

Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair