

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 4th February 2016
at 9.00 am***



- A. ATTENDANCE** – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Mrs LF Carr (Secretary), Cr DG Carr (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 December 2015 and the Special Meeting held on 25th January 2016.

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

- D. WORKS REPORT** – The Trust Engineer, Mr Tim Smith, provided an update of works for the months of December and January.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Engineer finalise the submission to the Premier's Public Infrastructure Fund as soon as possible and deliver it to MP Andrew Cripps, Member for Hinchinbrook.
(Cr DG Carr and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL FROM BERNADETTE HOGAN (DNRM)

Consideration of email received 10 December 2015 regarding the NRM Partnership team's locally-based regional liaison officer (RLO) allocated to HRIT, which is Bernadette, which will provide a single point of contact into the Department to assist in sourcing particular information or services.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL, STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS (SCRT)

Consideration of email received 14 December 2015, forwarding Bernadette's email (above), recommending also that the Trust make contact with Bernadette, as our RLO,

and that Northern Trusts make contact with Donna Audas at GBRMPA for assistance with the wording of the annual works program (in light of the new agreements between the Trust and Executive.)

RESOLVED – The Trust contacted Donna to attend today's meeting however she was unavailable. The Trust will seek to contact Donna again to attend a future Trust meeting and the Trust will invite Bernadette to a future meeting.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

3. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL, SCRT

Consideration of email received 27 January 2016, stating that the Executive has signed a new agreement with the Department for grant funds for this financial year. The money is still to come and there will be a new agreement between each Trust, new forms for both submitting the annual works program and claiming funds. The Executive is meeting on 5 February to consider legal advice with each trust to be contacted after this meeting.

RESOLVED – The Trust will await the agreement and will consider it as soon as it is received.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

4. EMAIL FROM Cr DAVID CARR

Consideration of email received 2 February 2016, regarding funding for flood gate repairs.

RESOLVED – When the guidelines for the Stronger Regions Fund are released, the Trust will look in to obtaining possible funding. That the Trust Engineer inspects both sets of gates' condition and recommend possible options to reinstate the pipes.
(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

5. LETTER FROM TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Consideration of letter dated 4 December 2015, from Ian Church (CEO), requesting advice as to whether HRIT supports the concept of a Steering Committee and if so, who the nominated representatives would be (two), and that a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be drafted, with the Trust to be asked for input as to the content of the MOU.

RESOLVED – That HRIT definitely supports the concept of a steering committee, and will be represented by the Chair of HRIT and one of the community members.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

6. LETTER FROM CAREY INVESTMENTS PTY LTD

Consideration of letter dated 21 December 2015, regarding Lot A on Plan AP 22314, Parish of Leech – Road Licence. The family wishes to close the road reserve that exists between two of the company's properties and runs from Hawkins Creek/Elphinstone Road directly to the Herbert River.

RESOLVED – That the trust secretary communicate to Carey Investments Pty Ltd in writing stating that the HRIT in principle opposes the closure of any road licences that lead to any named river or creek. In times of emergency HRIT may require direct access to rivers or creeks.
(Mr KT Phillips and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

7. LETTER FROM DAVID R PEARSON

Consideration of letter dated 21 January 2016 regarding the spraying of noxious weeds on his land.

RESOLVED – That the chair and deputy chair have met with Mr Pearson and resolved all of his issues and that spraying is in progress.
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr DG Carr – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. N/A

RESOLVED -

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 4th February 2016:

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| J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd | \$3 572.80 |
| HSC (Electricity) | 497.62 |

RESOLVED – That the accounts be accepted and passed for payment.
(Cr DG Carr and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting closed at 12.15 pm with the next meeting set for 10 March 2016 at Council Chambers.

**Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair**