

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 10th March 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 4th February 2016.

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

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

RESOLVED – Tim reported on the meeting with DNRM at Island Number 3, Halifax, and that the submission for the Premier's funding has been submitted.
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 1. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL, STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS (SCRT)**
Consideration of email received 9 February 2016, attaching a draft agreement between the Trust and the State Council regarding the distribution of grant funds, with the agreement to be signed. The Trust's response to signing the agreement is required by COB 25 February 2016.

RESOLVED – That HRIT await for the outcome of the Local Government election before signing the agreement, given that the Local Council (Hinchinbrook) is a main contributor of funds to the trust, and that the Trust secretary communicate to SCRT this resolution.
(Cr DG Carr and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL, SCRT

Consideration of email received 2 March 2016, attaching the Enquire manual for secretaries and to advise him of any problems that the Trust is having in using it to operate the software. Norman also states that he will give further advice about the agreement etc. after the Executive meeting on Thursday 3 March.

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

3. LETTER FROM GARY JENSEN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of letter dated 3 March 2016 regarding the receipt of a complaint regarding alleged actions of the HRIT.

RESOLVED – The Trust deferred this item to General Business and held it over to the end of the meeting so Mr KT Phillips could declare a conflict of interest and leave the meeting.

4. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL, SCRT

Consideration of email received 6 March 2016 stating that the Executive met on 3 March with Horrell Legal to discuss possible changes to the agreements to address the problem of the indemnity clauses and that he will keep the Trust informed.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr DG Carr – carried)

5. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL, SCRT

Consideration of email received 6 March 2016, attaching the application form, Form B and Form C for use in submitting the Trust's 2015/2016 annual works program.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Engineer assist the Trust Secretary to complete the Form C's for submission to SCRT.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

6. PHONE CALL FROM MR S. CHIESA FROM ASM EARTHMOVING PTY LTD

Mr Chiesa wishes to know how his company can obtain work with the Trust as he feels that he is not being considered and that he wasn't sure if he placed a tender with the Trust to complete works for the Trust.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary communicate with Mr Chiesa in writing stating that the Trust will be recalling tenders after the formation of the new Trust following the Local Government elections.
(Cr DG Carr and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10.05 am and resumed at 10.20 am.

7. EMAIL FROM MR CHARLES GIRGENTI

Consideration of email received 10 March 2016 from Mr Girgenti regarding the placement of two gates on the levee wall that runs through his property on the Forrest Home overflow channel and whether the Trust has an issue with this.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary communicate with Mr Girgenti in writing to advise that the Trust authorises the installation of the gates being constructed by the land owner to prevent trespassing on a Trust asset. The Trust is to be issued keys for the locks on both gates.

(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

8. EMAIL FROM TANIA SERGEANT (DNRM)

Consideration of email dated 9 March 2016 regarding a complaint from Mr Rick Boscato regarding HRIT works in Stone River.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary advise Ms Sergeant that HRIT has completed significant works in Stone River and that the works have been completed, and that the Trust will continue to monitor the situation, however the Trust notes that with the current rain fall event, the works are performing well.

(Cr DG Carr and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. SOUTHERN ATHERTON TABLELANDS IRRIGATION AND FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME STEERING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED – That the Trust contribute \$25 000 to the scheme.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr DG Carr – carried)

2. HALIFAX PROGRESS ASSOCIATION – REQUEST ON-SITE MEETING RE: SHOPPING CENTRE CLEARING

RESOLVED – That the Trust meet with Halifax Progress Association at a mutually convenient time to discuss their concerns.

(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

Mr KT Phillips left the meeting at 11.25 am.

3. LETTER FROM GARY JENSEN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of letter dated 3 March 2016 regarding the receipt of a complaint regarding alleged actions of the HRIT.

RESOLVED – That HRIT respond to the letter from Mr Jensen addressing the matters raised.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr DG Carr – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

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

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$4 136.00
Luke Rosadi	140.00
Mr RA Bosworth	478.80
Cr DG Carr	329.60
Cr WG Skinner	323.68
Mr GB Accornero	158.88
Mr KT Phillips	344.40
J & P Lahtinen	313.17
Timrith Transport	9 990.75

Tablelands Regional Council

25 000.00

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

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 1.00 pm with the next meeting to be held on Thursday 5th May 2016 at Council Chambers.

Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair