

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 3rd December 2015
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), and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer).
- B. APOLOGY – Mr GB Accornero
- C. MINUTES - Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held on 12th November 2015.

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 November.

RESOLVED – That Mr Mario Porta completed his “stream training” works opposite Stoney Creek in the Herbert River, and is awaiting his invoice from the Trust. The trust engineer also agreed that he re-position the groyne rock on the northern side to help stabilise the toe of the bank. The trust considers that Stage One of the project is complete.

At 10.05 am Mr and Mrs Des and Laveena Herd, and neighbours, joined the meeting and left at 11.20 am.

- E. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 1. EMAIL FROM DES AND LAVEENA HERD

Consideration of email received 15 November 2015 regarding Mr and Mrs Herd’s concerns about the proposed recreation park on the river bank at Halifax and the clearing of the banks by residents which may increase erosion and flooding on to their property, with the river likely to claim their house eventually.

RESOLVED – That the trust engineer will contact the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) on their behalf regarding the clearing of the vegetation upstream of their properties at Halifax. The name of the relevant assessment officer will then be communicated to Mrs Laveena Herd.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL, STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS (SCRT)
Consideration of email received 18 November 2015, with Mr Craswell advising that a list of claims has been submitted to Darren Moor (DNRM) with Darren advising that SCRT will receive a letter from the Department that will provide some guidance on when DNRM would be comfortable to pay the claims. Mr Craswell has advised that he will advise secretaries of the river trusts its contents when received.

RESOLVED – That the secretary re-submit the existing claim to Mr Craswell (for July to September 2015) for payment and that a claim be submitted for the cost of works for the period October 2015 to 4 December 2015.
(Cr DG Carr and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

3. EMAIL FROM LAVEENA HERD
Consideration of email received 23 November 2015, containing photos of clearing being done on the river bank at Halifax by some of the residents, who are clearing to obtain views of the river.

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

4. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL
Consideration of email received 24 November 2015, requesting that secretaries of river trusts advise him when their trust will commence constructing projects in the annual works program (an estimate is sufficient) and an estimate of when the works will finish.

RESOLVED – That the secretary advises that works in the Herbert River commenced the day after the issue of the development approval, and that the works are 60% complete and will be completed by the end of December.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

5. EMAIL FROM TIM SMITH, SECRETARY, CAIRNS RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST (CRIT)
Consideration of email received 24 November 2015, from Mr Tim Smith, responding to Norman Craswell's request (mentioned above) as secretary of CRIT.

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

6. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL
Consideration of email received 29 November 2015, regarding the outcome of the meeting with Mr Darren Moor, DNRM.

RESOLVED – That based on what HRIT has read, and without further clarification, the trust finds itself unable to agree. Further, the trust believes that the River Improvement Trust Act has been subjugated in the drafting of this agreement and that the Trust believes that works currently undertaken are designed to enhance water quality and improve resilience of rivers and streams.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

7. PHONE CALL FROM MR PAUL SARTOR – RECEIVED 27 NOVEMBER 2015

Regarding the purchase and removal (under the Halifax Bridge) by him, of sediment and river loam being shifted and piled as a result of works being done by HRIT. Mr Sartor advised that he would be happy to pay royalties to the Trust for the dirt and that he can obtain a permit to extract it. He also stated that he can cart the dirt (to sell it to various interested parties) rather than see it end up on the reef.

RESOLVED – That the trust secretary communicate to Mr Sartor in writing, that the Trust does not issue permits and that Mr Sartor would need to obtain a permit from the relevant authority and pay the necessary fees to them.
(Cr WG Skinner and Cr DG Carr – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. JAMES STEWART PRESENTATION OF FEASABILITY STUDIES (25 NOVEMBER 2015)

RESOLVED – That the Trust appreciated HSC's, Vennant Solution's (Mark Jempson) and SMEC's (Snowy Mountain Engineering Company – Aaron Cassidy) presentation. Further the Trust appreciates the sensitivity of the material included in the presentation.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

2. Mr Crisafulli's bank stabilisation works downstream of Seri's Road. The Trust is now aware of the earlier details and estimate, with an inspection to be scheduled in the new year.
(Cr DG Carr and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 3rd December 2015:

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$2 822.60
Mr RA Bosworth	239.40
Cr DG Carr	164.80
Cr WG Skinner	161.84
Mr GB Accornero	158.88
Mr KT Phillips	172.20
Mrs LF Carr	222.50

RESOLVED – That the accounts be passed for payment and that current contractors contracted to the Trust be paid on receipt of their invoice.
(Cr DG Carr and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 12.47 pm and the next meeting is to be held on 4 February 2016 at Council Chambers.

Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair