

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2014
AT 9.30 AM



A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Cr DG Carr (Member), Mr KT Phillips (Member), Mr CJ Gray (Acting Trust Engineer), Ms LE Mash (Trust Secretary) and Mr Steve Hall (Trust Works Manager).

B. APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Mr GB Accornero (Member) and Cr WG Skinner (Member).

C. MINUTES – Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 December 2014.

Resolved – That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 December 2014 be approved.
(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips - Carried)

D. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS -

1. The Secretary submitted accounts for payment as hereunder and statement of receipts and disbursements for the period up to 23 January 2014:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	EFT	<u>\$114,008.39</u>
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Resolved – That payment of accounts as submitted be approved and the statement of receipts and disbursements be received and noted.
(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr - Carried)

E. WORKS REPORT –

Consideration of Trust Engineer's December 2013 report of works performed to date and activities in progress.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.
(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips – Carried)

That the Trust execute works at the Catherina Creek Overflow to bring the levees back to original design height and to install permanent survey marks along the levee under miscellaneous maintenance activity.

(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr - Carried)

F. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 16 December 2013 advising that the Queensland's River Improvement Trusts Summary of Annual Reports 2012-2013 was tabled in the Queensland Parliament on 22 October 2013. Under Section 46 of the Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009 trusts are required to consider the annual financial statements and the Auditor-General's report on their statements at the board's first ordinary meeting held after receiving these documents from the Queensland Audit Office. Enclosing a copy of the summary report. (101/0002)

Resolved – That the report be received and noted.
(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips - Carried)

2. BMT WBM PTY LTD

Consideration of correspondence dated 18 December 2013 advising results of theoretical sand island removal from the Lower Herbert River. (101/0003)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.
(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr - Carried)

3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 4 December 2013 seeking the Trusts views regarding an Application for Renewal of Term Lease 234378 described as Lot 68 on CWL715, proposed use of land is Grazing. (101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise that it has no views or requirements regarding this Application for Renewal of Term Lease 234378.
(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips - Carried)

4. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 23 December 2013 seeking the Trusts views regarding an Application for purchase of State Land being Lot 4 on AP2824, Parish of Stone, locality of Mt Fox for the proposed use of firebreak to protect the applicant's house and shed. Also seeking the Trusts views or requirements that the department should consider when assessing this application and the most appropriate use and tenure for Lots 2, 3 and 40 on AP2824. (101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise that it has no views or requirements regarding this Application for purchase of State Land.
(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr - Carried)

5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 23 December 2013 advising that The Water Resource (Wet Tropics) Plan 2013 came into effect on 17 December 2013 and that a Resource Operations Plan is now being prepared to implement the Water Resource Plan. The Trust may have input into the Resource Operations Plan. (104/0001)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.
(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips - Carried)

6. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

Consideration of correspondence dated 23 December 2013 advising that the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) has transitioned from the former Department of Community Safety into the Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience from 1 November 2013.

A National Partnership Agreement to continue NDRP funding for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 financial years is currently being considered by the Australian Government. Consequently successful applicants for 2013-2014 NDRP funding have not been announced. Applications for the 2014-2015 NDRP funding are expected to be sought in the first half of 2014 subject to the signing of the Agreement. (103/0001)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr - Carried)

7. MAHONY & SONS

Consideration of correspondence dated 10 December 2013 raising his concerns regarding the recent Trust / Council levee bank works along Eddleston Drive, Cordelia which he states went way beyond a simple repair job. This is one of the few flood overflow areas left along the banks of the river and blocking it off will have a significant effect elsewhere. (104/0013)

Resolved – That the Trust advise Mr Mahony that the Trust reinstated the levee along Eddleston Drive to its original design level to protect essential public infrastructure. Further that the Trust will review the reinstatement of the natural overflow channels as part of the 2014/2015 Works Program.

(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips - Carried)

G. BUSINESS

1. 6 February 2014 Meeting

Consideration of a change of meeting date for the 6 February 2014 due to Councillors and Executive Managers attendance at a workshop in Townsville on that date.

Resolved – That the next Trust meeting be held on 13 February 2014.

(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr - Carried)

2. Works at Atkinson Pocket

Consideration of Trust Engineer's Report dated 21 January 2014 regarding Celotto's request dated 28 May 2013 in relation to works adjacent to their property at Atkinsons Pocket.

Resolved - That the Trust advise Mr and Mrs Celotto of the current funding situation and the Trusts inability to fund such works.

(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips - Carried)

Cr Skinner entered the meeting at 11.28am

H. CONCLUSION – The Meeting concluded at 11.40am.

Mr R A Bosworth
TRUST CHAIRPERSON