

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2014

AT 9.00 AM



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

B. APOLOGY – An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr GB Accornero (Member).

C. MINUTES – Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 January 2014.

Resolved – That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 January 2014 be approved.
(Cr Carr and Cr Skinner - 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 13 February 2014:-

<u>General Fund -</u>	<u>EFT</u>	<u>\$25,320.79</u>
		<u>\$25,320.79</u>

Resolved – That payment of accounts as submitted be approved and the statement of receipts and disbursements be received and noted.
(Cr Carr and Cr Skinner - Carried)

Mr Keith Phillips entered the meeting at 9.45am.

E. WORKS REPORT –

Consideration of Trust Engineer's January 2014 report of works performed to date and activities in progress.

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

F. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 31 January 2014 seeking the Trust's views regarding an Application for conversion of Term Lease 207818 described as Lot 91 on Survey Plan 134533, Parish of Leach, proposed use of land is Agricultural (cane growing).
(101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise that it would not be in the best interests of the Trust to agree with a conversion to freehold because of the questionable stability of the bank of the Herbert River. Agreement to the conversion would imply a moral and practical obligation for the Trust to preserve the adjacent river bank.
(Cr Carr and Cr Skinner – Carried)

2. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 7 February 2014 seeking the Trust's views regarding an Application for Special Lease 204034 described as Lot 127 on Plan CWL3680.
(101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise that it has no views or requirements for the proposed conversion.
(Mr Phillips and Cr Skinner – Carried)

3. PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Consideration of correspondence dated 6 February 2014 advising the Premier will be holding a Community Cabinet Meeting in Tully on Sunday 23 February 2014 and that formal meetings will be taken by Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Directors-General from 3.30pm until 5.30pm and inviting the Trust to seek a formal meeting by completing the attached form and returning it by 12 noon on Wednesday 12 February 2014. (104/0001)

Resolved – That the Trust endorse the submission of the meeting request with Hon Jeff Seeney and Hon Andrew Cripps during these Community Cabinet sittings regarding the following matters:

- Sand island removal from the mouth of the Herbert River to Halifax Bridge
 - Further grant funding for removal of fallen vegetation within waterways
 - Land purchase where serious erosion is occurring.
- (Mr Bosworth and Cr Carr – Carried)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.27am

Late Item

1. State Council of River Trusts

Consideration of letter from Norm Craswell 12 February 2014 advising of proposed amendments to the River Improvement Trust Act.

Resolved - That the letter be received and noted.
(Cr Skinner and Cr Carr - Carried)

G. BUSINESS

1. Floodgates at Catherina and Ripple Creeks

Resolved - That the Trust obtain quotes to change hydraulic hoses at floodgates at Catherina and Ripple Creek to stainless steel.
(Mr Phillips and Cr Skinner - Carried)

That the Trust obtain quotes for rigid gauges and pressure gauges, to monitor water height, to be installed at both Catherina and Ripple Creeks.
(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips - Carried)

2. Future Trust meetings will commence at 9.30am.

H. CONCLUSION – The Meeting concluded at 11.23 am.

Mr R A Bosworth
TRUST CHAIRPERSON