

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2014

AT 9.35 AM



A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Cr DG Carr (Member), Mr KT Phillips (Member), 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 CJ Gray (Acting Trust Engineer) and GB Accornero (Member).

C. MINUTES – Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 13 February 2014.

Resolved – That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 13 February 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 13 March 2014:-

<u>General Fund -</u>	<u>EFT</u>	<u>\$26,672.30</u>
		<u>\$26,672.30</u>

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

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and resumed at 10.55am to meet and have general discussions with DNRM Representatives.

The meeting resumed at 12.25pm following the conclusion of DNRM discussions.

E. WORKS REPORT –

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

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

F. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. MARIO PORTA

Consideration of correspondence dated 12 February 2014 regarding his request for the proposed new path for water as Stoney Creek Junction and Herbert River and seeking a meeting with Trust Members to discuss. (103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust arrange a site inspection of Mr Porta's property in due course.
(Cr Carr and Mr Phillips – Carried)

2. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 24 February 2014 seeking the Trust's views regarding an Application for Term Lease 216229 described as Lots 27 and 28 on Crown Plan WU4, Lots 34, 35 and 43 on Crown Plan WU7 and Lot 44 on Crown Plan WU8, Parish of Barrett. Proposed use of land is Rural Residential. (101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise that it has no views or requirements regarding the Application for Term Lease.
(Cr Skinner and Cr Carr – Carried)

3. MOMBELLI INVESTMENTS PTY LTD

Consideration of correspondence dated 20 February 2014 regarding maintenance of the Alligator Ponds outfall of flood overflow system which was build by the Trust under the flood mitigation system. Advising there are serious washouts along the bank and collapsed rock work causing loss of farm land and greater flooding impact. Requesting the Trust to arrange an inspection of the area and consider placing these works on its Annual Works Program. (103/0001)

Resolved – That the Trust advise of the current funding situation and the Trusts inability to fund such works at present. Further that the Trust will review this particular situation in light of formulating the 2014/2015 budget.
(Cr Skinner and Mr Phillips – Carried)

4. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 5 March 2014 advising that the Queensland Reconstruction Authority has re-assessed the three sites that the Trust requested and found two sites to be eligible subject to the submission of additional information by 10 March 2014. The item that was assessed as ineligible is Alligator Ponds Drain and the eligible items are:

- Repair of Rupp Street Levee \$ 34,286-64
- Reinstatement of rock asset at Cordelia levee \$448,978-00

Resolved – That the Trust Engineer further investigate works at Alligator Ponds drain for the Trust to consider inclusion in a future Annual Works Program.
(Cr Carr and Cr Skinner – Carried)

5. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS

Consideration of correspondence dated 4 March 2014 enclosing Minutes of the executive meeting held on 10 February 2014 and advising that included in the Minutes is advice from the Department that a further \$300,000 will be available for trusts for approved works for the next 5 years commencing this financial year. (101/0008)

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

6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 25 February 2014 providing an update on the Queensland Government's development of a framework for the state-wide regulation of the construction and modification of levee banks and enclosing the Draft Assessment Code for the construction of new levee banks of modification of existing levee banks and seeking feedback regarding the code.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.
(Cr Carr and Cr Skinner – Carried)

7. BMT WBM PTY LTD

Consideration of correspondence dated 21 February 2014 detailing the results of preliminary Halifax washaway levee investigation.

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

9. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 6 March 2014 advising that due to the North East Queensland Monsoonal Rainfall and flooding 7 – 9 February 2014, the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, The Hon Jack Dempsey MP has extended activation of the jointly funded Commonwealth / State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) to include the Hinchinbrook Shire. Inviting the Trust to provide the department with submissions for restoration of essential public assets and requesting initial estimates of damages as soon as possible. (103/0029)

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

10. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 6 March 2014 advising that the Queensland Audit Office have now confirmed that in 'writing off' project assets within River Improvement Trusts they "acknowledge that many of these assets now form part of subsumed and revegetated river banks and agree that these assets could be written off asset registers if they will not be replaced. If such assets are not yet on asset registers, then they do not need to be added, to then just be removed. Where such assets do exist on asset registers, the RIT should formally write these assets off as part of one of their Trust meetings explaining the reasons for the removal of the assets. From an audit perspective this would be evidence to support why assets have been written off by the Trust." (104/0001)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

That the Trust facilitate a one day workshop with Trust Members to discuss further.
(Cr Carr and Cr Skinner – Carried)

11. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS INC

Consideration of correspondence dated 12 February 2014 forwarding a letter from Department of Natural Resources and Mines plus attachments regarding proposed amendments to the River Improvement Trust Act and advising that the State Council Executive has to provide a coordinated response to these proposed amendments and seeking any comments by 14 March 2014. (101/0002)

Resolved – That the Trust submit that if additional funding becomes available during the year job ready projects should be deemed to have automatic approval to commence.
(Mr Phillips and Cr Skinner – Carried)

12. MAHONY AND SONS

Consideration of correspondence dated 10 March 2013 regarding completed repair work to a breakthrough between two of the chutes in the Halifax washaway using inadequate material and requesting that the Trust complete this work properly. Enclosing photo's of the breakthrough. (103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust advise that it will consider further works in due course.
(Cr Skinner and Mr Phillips – Carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The Meeting concluded at 1.45 pm.

Mr R A Bosworth
TRUST CHAIRPERSON