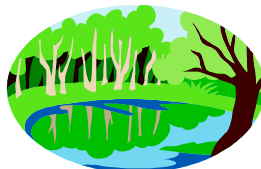


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2013

AT 9.04 AM



- A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr WH Pickering (Chairperson), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Ms Leanne Mash (Trust Secretary), and Mr B Simmonds (Trust Inspection Officer)

- B. APOLOGIES - Cr DG Carr (Member), Mr BE Leach (Trust Engineer),

Finance Manager, Carol Trost was present when the meeting commenced

- C. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS -
The Secretary submitted accounts for payment as hereunder and statements of receipts and disbursements for the period up to 7 March 2013:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	EFT.....	<u>\$65,045.47</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.
(*Councillor Skinner and Mr Pickering - Carried*)

Trust Inspection Officer, Bradley Simmonds entered the meeting at 9.15am

Finance Manager, Carol Trost left the meeting at 9.20 am

The meeting adjourned at 9.50am for morning tea and resumed at 10.10am.

- D. MINUTES - Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 February 2013.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 February 2013 be approved.
(*Mr Pickering and Councillor Skinner - Carried*)

- E. WORKS REPORT –

Due to the absence of the Trust Engineer the Works Report was not available at the time of the meeting.

The Works Report to be distributed to members electronically when available.

F. SESSION WITH HERBERT RIVER CATCHMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Consideration of discussions held with Terrain NRM, Michael Nash regarding proposed Catchment group activities for which support by the Trust would be welcomed.

Girgenti – Tidal Works Permits – issues. Deadline of 1 April 2013 has been given to secure approvals or Terrain will initiate backup jobs to meet funding deadlines.

Action - Trust Engineer to discuss with Errol Coleman.

Cozzubbo (Ripple Creek); Tua (Herbert River) & Balanzategui (Stone River Road)– back up if Girgenti does not go ahead. Has design work been done for these? Does Trust want to look after these jobs? Terrain would rather use Bob Stewart than AECOM due to time constraints if Trust has no objections.

Action – Terrain to discuss with Trust Engineer.

M Nash advised that there is some funding opportunities available through CFC \$1 - \$2million and maybe up to - \$2.5million. Expressions of Interest are due in 2 weeks. This may be an opportunity to get new works done. Michael is happy to put application together if we wish.

Action – Michael to speak with Trust Engineer regarding suitable sites.

M Nash advised of his change in role as an outcome of Terrain organizational restructure – outlined that his responsibilities now spread across the whole Terrain region and that his ability to support the HRIT as he has in recent years is questionable. He expressed his willingness to keep HRIT relations a priority, but could not guarantee the time would be sanctioned under the new structure.

Resolved – That the discussions be noted.

(Councillor Skinner and Mr Pickering - Carried)

G. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS' OLD INC

Consideration of correspondence from State Council of River Trusts' Old Inc Secretary dated 22 February 2013 forwarding minutes of the Regulation of Levees Meeting held on 30 January 2013. (101/0008)

Resolved – That the Minutes be received and noted.

(Councillor Skinner and Mr Pickering - Carried)

2. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 4 February 2013 advising that an application for conversion to freehold of Special Lease No 203317, described as Lot 13 on Plan I22466, Lessee Frank Fraser Pty Ltd, has been rejected in terms of section 166(5) (a) and (b) *Land Act 1994* as investigations revealed that there has been no relevant change in circumstances from the earlier application. (101/0004)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Mr Pickering and Councillor Skinner - Carried)

3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 25 February 2013 advising that the moratorium notice for the development of the Wet Tropics Water Resource Plan, originally published on 18 January 2010 was amended on 31 January 2013. The amendment provides an exemption for licences to interfere with water for the purpose of generating hydro-electric power for domestic use and small scale commercial use, and an exemption for new works to be constructed for taking groundwater under an existing water entitlement. This amended moratorium will have effect until the ROP is finalised. (046/0013)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.
(*Councillor Skinner and Mr Pickering - Carried*)

4. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 13 February 2013 regarding concerns raised by Tracey Schipp of Cordelia that the Trust is not providing assistance with her erosion issue at her property at 10 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia. Department of Natural Resources and Mines explained to Ms Schipp that the Trust has put in a submission for additional damage after Yasi and the March 2012 floods which is pending due to Emergency Management Queensland and Queensland Reconstruction Authority holding back funds and the Trust is unable to undertake works until funds become available. Ms Schipp was also advised that her property was listed for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements repairs under Tropical Cyclone Ellie funding, but an early wet season meant only a few other upstream works in Cordelia were completed.

The Trust noted that this particular job (Adams) is on our current Annual Works Program as new work rather than NDRRA, so the issue is what do we do with these possible jobs given the uncertainty with trust Assets into the future.

Resolved – That the Chair contact Ms Schipp to outline the Trust's position in relation to these works.
(*Mr Pickering and Councillor Skinner - Carried*)

5. RECORD OF INSPECTION – THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2013

The Record of Inspection from Trust Engineer regarding inspections carried out by the Trust on 7 February 2013 at Henney property (Gangemis Road, Hawkins Creek), Mahony property (Halifax washaway), Rosadi Property (Skene Ave, Halifax), Barbi Property (Mona Road, Halifax), Herd Property (River Avenue, Halifax), Kraaz property (Old Wharf Road, Macknade) was not available at the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Record of Inspection to be circulated to members when it becomes available.

H. GENERAL BUSINESS –

1. GIS PRESENTATION

Consideration of Trust Engineer's presentation to Trust Members of Trust Assets through GIS.

This did not take place as Trust Engineer was absent.

2. ISSUES WITH NDRRA

Chair, Mr. W. Pickering suggesting to request audience with Hon Andrew Cripps, Minister for Natural Resources in an effort to progress NDRRA issues.

Would like to issue a Media Release or Advertisement in the Herbert River Express so that the community are aware of what the situation is and perhaps issue letters to landholders who are on the program for Trust works to be completed under NDRRA.

Resolved – That members of the Trust seek a meeting with Hon A Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources regarding issues with NDRRA funding and eligibility.
(*Councillor Skinner and Mr Pickering - Carried*)

3. CANEGROWERS HERBERT RIVER

Consideration of correspondence dated 4 March 2013 inviting the Trust to be represented at a meeting with Department of Fisheries on 18 March 2013.

Resolved - That the Trust advise Canegrowers that the Trust will be represented at the meeting on 18 March 2013.

(Mr Pickering and Councillor Skinner – Carried)

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm and resumed for inspections in Halifax at 2.00pm.

I. INSPECTIONS - The Trust conducted the following inspections:-

2.00pm Meet with Halifax Progress Association at Herbert River Museum Gallery to discuss flooding concerns at Halifax.

J. CONCLUSION – The meeting and inspections concluded at 4.45 pm.

Mr WH Pickering
TRUST CHAIRPERSON