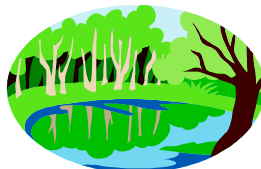


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 20 MAY 2013

AT 9.07 AM



- A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Cr DG Carr (Member), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Mr KT Phillips (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member), Mr BE Leach (Trust Engineer) and Ms Leanne Mash (Trust Secretary)

Trust Member, Mr Keith Phillips was absent when the meeting commenced.

- B. APOLOGIES – Mr Steve Hall

- C. MINUTES - Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11 April 2013 and Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 18 April 2013.

Resolved – That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11 April 2013 be approved.
(Crs Skinner and Carr – Carried)

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 18 April 2013 be approved.
(Mr Accornero and Cr Skinner – Carried)

Trust Engineer advised that the Discussion Paper was forwarded to Mr Tim Smith for his consideration. Trust Engineer to check for response from Mr Tim Smith.

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

The Secretary submitted accounts for payment as hereunder and statement of receipts and disbursements for the period up to 20 May 2013:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	EFT.....	<u>\$34,236.87</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.
(Crs Carr and Skinner – Carried)

E. WORKS REPORT –

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

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.
(Crs Carr and Skinner – Carried)

Trust Member, Mr Keith Phillips entered the meeting at 9.52am.

F. SESSION WITH MICHAEL NASH OF 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.

Due to M Nash not being present the matter was left to lay on the table awaiting his arrival.

Chair, Arthur Bosworth enquired as to why Mr Nash receives all Meeting Notices and information for the Trust. Suggested that Michael Nash attend future meetings by invitation, or by Mr Nash's request.

G. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. AGRICULTURE, RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Consideration of letter dated 9 April 2013 acknowledging the Trust's submission to its inquiry into the Land, Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 and advising that the submission will be brought to the attention of the Committee. (101/0008)

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

2. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Advising that the Governor in Council on 11 April 2013 approved the appointment of Mr Robert Arthur Bosworth as Chairperson, and Mr Gary Bartolomeo Accornero and Mr Keith Thomas Phillips as members of the Herbert River Improvement Trust from 11 April 2013 to and including 10 April 2017.

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

3. IAN KEMP

Consideration of letter dated 26 April 2013 advising that he is prepared to remove part of the levee bank before 2013/2014 wet season, after the adjacent area has been harvested and that he wishes to maintain part of the bank where the flood water is a serious problem and will cause considerable damage. (101/0002)

Trust Engineer's Comment – This letter is in response to discussion with the Trust on site in February 2013 and our follow up correspondence. Mr Kemp has offered to remove part of the levee only at Lot 92 on CWL433 (Southern bank of Ripple Creek immediately upstream of Gangemis Road, Hawkins Creek).

Resolved – That the Trust provide a response to the landowner acknowledging receipt of his letter and await the outcome.
(Mr Phillips and Mr Accornero – Carried)

Michael Nash entered the meeting at 10.10am.

4. MAHONY & SONS

Consideration of letter dated 26 April 2013 advising that no response has been received from the Trust following an inspection and that the blockage is causing considerable erosion and should be attended to as soon as possible. (104/0001)

Resolved – That an appropriate response be provided to Mr Mahony to advise that this is on the 2013/2014 Works Program and the works will be carried out as funds become available.

(Cr Skinner and Mr Phillips – Carried)

5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 9 May 2013 advising of the annual budget preparation and approval process for River Improvement Trusts for the 2012 / 2013 financial year.

The date prescribed by regulation as the date by which the Trust must submit its budget for approval is 31 August in each year.

Finance Manager's Comment - Budget discussions are planned for the meeting to be held on 13 June 2013.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and a meeting for budget discussions be set for 13 June 2013.

(Mr Accornero and Mr Phillips – Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 10.23am for morning tea.

The meeting recommenced at 10.44am.

H. SESSION WITH MICHAEL NASH OF 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.

Requested that the Trust Engineer get information to Terrain as soon as possible.

Terrain will be applying to the Reef Rescue package Round 2 - Trust Engineer to meet with M Nash to discuss which works may be given priority for funding and will bring that information to the next Trust meeting.

The Expression of Interest for Palm Creek item did get accepted.

G. CORRESPONDENCE –

6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 8 May 2013 advising that the Trust must submit its proposed Annual Works Program (AWP) for 2013/2014, including completed Forms B, C and D, by 21 June 2013 to the State Council of River Trusts Queensland Inc. and to the Department's regional officer for technical review and comment.

Resolved – That the Trust ensure the Annual Works Program is submitted to the Department by 21 June 2013.

(Crs Carr and Skinner – Carried)

7. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE
Advising that the Federal Government have allocated some NDRRA Category D Exceptional Disaster Assistance Scheme funds for certain measures and programs to help Queenslanders recover from TC Oswald and the associated weather events. In the Category D arrangements there is a program of \$10M allocated for environmental recovery. Advising that this is an opportunity for local River Trust bodies to lobby their local NRM bodies to approach the DNRM Committee to consider allocating some funding to their areas. (011/0007)

Resolved – That the advice be received and that the Trust Engineer advise the Department that the Trust will be putting in a submission to this Assistance Scheme.
(Mr Accornero and Cr Carr – Carried)

8. REMUNERATION
Consideration of Trust Secretary and Trust Engineer remuneration.

Resolved – That the 2013 / 2014 remuneration of the Trust Secretary and Trust Engineer be increased by Brisbane CPI as at 31 March 2013.
(Mr Phillips and Mr Accornero – Carried)

9. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES
Consideration of correspondence dated 10 May 2013 advising the outcome of their assessment, as per the strict Commonwealth Determination, of the Trust's submissions for NDRRA funding.

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

10. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES
Consideration of a meeting request from Tania Olsen to meet with DNRM officers including herself, Andrew Buckley (Executive Director), Nigel Kelly (Regional Manager, Water Services) and Gary Jensen (Manager, Water Management and Use).

Topics to be discussed may include:

- Queensland Reconstructive Authority
- Asset Registers
- Annual Works Programs
- Essential Public Assets
- Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance submissions
- Funding
- Introduction to new Trust members, and establishing contacts
- Surrendering of assets
- Previous NDRRA submissions including Yasi and 2012 flooding
- Trust future direction

Resolved – That the request be received and the Secretary seek to establish a meeting with the Department on the afternoon of 13 June 2013 after the next Trust Meeting and the Trust meet on Thursday 6 June 2013 at 9.00am to discuss the topics.
(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr – Carried)

11. STRATEGIC PLAN
Consideration of draft Strategic Plan as required by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Resolved – That the Strategic Plan be further reviewed and tabled at the next meeting of the Trust.
(Cr Skinner and Mr Accornero – Carried)

12. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES
Consideration of Land, Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013. (101/0005)

Resolved – That the Land, Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 be received and noted.

(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr – Carried)

13. DISCUSSION PAPER
Consideration of draft Discussion Paper – North Queensland River Improvement Trusts Impact of removing access to NDRRA Grant Funding for Trust Assets. See attached

Resolved – That the draft Discussion Paper be circulated and further discussed on 6 June 2013.

(Cr Skinner and Mr Accornero – Carried)

14. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES
Consideration of letter dated 16 May 2013 advising that QldRA will not be accepting any more claims for 2010-2011 financial year disasters after 31 May 2013 and as such requesting Trusts to ensure any outstanding claims for 2010-2011 financial year are received by the Department before close of business Wednesday 22 May 2013.

Resolved – That the Trust ensure that any outstanding claims for 2010-2011 financial year are submitted to the Department before close of business Wednesday 22 May 2013.

(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr – Carried)

H. GENERAL BUSINESS –

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST ACT
Consideration of correspondence from the State Council of River Trusts forwarding the Amended River Improvement Act.

ACTION – That the Amendments to the Act be received and noted – No Action.

- I. TRUST INSPECTIONS -
Trust Community Member Mr Phillips requested that the Trust Members undertake an inspection of the river, by boat, within the next month or two.

ACTION - That the Trust make arrangements with SES Local Controller for use of their new flood boat and crew to undertake an inspection of the Herbert River.

- J. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 12.46 pm.

Mr R A Bosworth
TRUST CHAIRPERSON