

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY 9 JULY 2013
AT 9.09 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) and Mr BE Leach (Trust Engineer).
- B. APOLOGIES – Ms LE Mash and Mr S Hall

- C. MINUTES – Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 13 June 2013.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 13 June 2013 be approved.
(Mr Accornero and Cr Carr – 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 June 2013:-

<u>General Fund -</u>	EFT.....	<u>\$176,340.91</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.
(Cr Skinner and Carr – Carried)

- E. 2013 / 2014 BUDGET AND 2012 / 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Consideration of a draft 2013 / 2014 Budget and adoption of the 2012 / 2013 Annual Report.

Resolved – That the draft 2013 / 2014 Budget and the 2012 / 13 Financial Statements be adopted and submitted to the Department of Natural Resources & Mines for approval.

That 2012 / 2013 Annual Report be adopted in principal, subject to review by Trust Engineer and confirmation by the Trust Chairman prior to submission to the Department of Natural Resources & Mines for approval.

(Mr Phillips and Mr Accornero – Carried)

F. WORKS REPORT –

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

Resolved – That Adams project at Cordelia be removed from the Annual Works Program and preliminary scoping for an overall scheme to ensure bank stability at Cordelia be undertaken.
(Cr Carr and Mr Accornero – Carried)

That the Trust call for Expressions of Interest for one new Community Representative for the Further Modelling Lower Herbert Study Steering Committee replacing David Carr.
(Mr Phillips and Mr Accornero – Carried)

That the proposed 2013/2014 Annual Works Program Form B as tabled be submitted for approval.
(Mr Phillips and Cr Carr – Carried)

G. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT QUEENSLAND

Consideration of correspondence dated 20 June 2013 enclosing signed Variation to Funding Agreement form.

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

2. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 26 June 2013 seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application for rural Lease renewal of Special Lease 24/51320 over Lot 37 on Crown Plan CWL3086. (101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise the Department it has no interest, nor any requirements in relation to this dealing.
(Mr Accornero and Mr Phillips – Carried)

3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 28 June 2013 advising that there will be a focus group meeting regarding sand extraction from the Herbert River on Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 7pm at the TYTO Conference Centre.

Resolved – That the Trust be represented at the meeting by the Trust Chairperson.
(Crs Skinner and Carr – Carried)

4. THE HON ANDREW CRIPPS MP

Consideration of correspondence dated 28 June 2013 advising that further to a meeting held with Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) Officers on 13 June 2013 DNRM contacted Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QldRA) seeking advice on the application of the eligibility criteria for Restoration of Essential Public Assets and QldRA is now preparing advice to DNRM, further DNRM provided QldRA with the Trusts submission for NDRRA funding for the 2011 Tropical Cyclone Yasi declared event for assessment under the Commonwealth Determination.

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

5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 3 July 2013 requesting Far North Queensland River Trusts ascertain new projects the Trust would be in a position to commence in the short term (2-4 months) using new funding that may be accessed by the Department and to assemble details of projects regarded as high priority to value of approximately \$225,000 per trust.

The target project must clearly address objectives such as:-

- Sustainable agriculture;
- Riparian restoration and resilience and / or water quality;
- Weeds and pests.

Responses must be provided by Friday 12 July 2013.

Resolved – That the Trust Engineer provide a submission prior to 12 July 2013 to include the following:-

- Cleaning of Ripple Creek, including some re-vegetation;
- Cleaning of Lannercost Creek from Lannercost Extension Road to the mouth, including some re-vegetation.

(Cr Skinner and Mr Phillips – Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 11.48am for lunch and Special Meeting with QldRA and DNRM representatives.

The meeting recommenced at 3.17pm

H. GENERAL BUSINESS –

1. ELECTRONIC AGENDAS

Consideration of moving to electronic HRIT Agendas so that members may access through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council website.

Resolved - That the Trust purchase 3 x 16gb iPads with wifi and cellular connectivity and cases for the purpose of electronic communication.

(Cr Carr and Skinner – carried)

2. HALIFAX LEVEE SPILLWAY AT MONA ROAD

The Trust conducted an inspection of works conducted by Ergon Energy at the spillway at Mona Road adjacent to Shaw Street, Halifax and noted works that may interfere with the functioning of the spillway.

ACTION - Ergon to be contacted to rectify.

(Cr Skinner and Mr Phillips – Carried)

I. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm.

Mr R A Bosworth
TRUST CHAIRPERSON