

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2013

AT 9.00 AM



- A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Cr DG Carr (Member), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member), Mr BE Leach (Trust Engineer), Ms LE Mash (Trust Secretary), Mr Steve Hall (Trust Works Manager).

- B. APOLOGIES – Mr KT Phillips (Trust Member)

- C. MINUTES – Confirmation of the General Meeting held on 9 July 2013 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 8 August 2013.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 9 July 2013 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 8 August 2013 be approved.
(Cr Carr and Mr Accornero - 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 14 August 2013:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	EFT.....	<u>\$51,291.07</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 Skinner and Carr - Carried)

- E. 2013 / 2014 BUDGET

Consideration of adoption of the 2013 / 2014 Budget.

Resolved – That the 2013 / 2014 Budget as presented be adopted and submitted to the Department of Natural Resources & Mines for approval.
(Mr Accornero and Cr Skinner - Carried)

F. WORKS REPORT –

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

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

G. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. MAHONY AND SONS

Consideration of correspondence dated 2 August 2013 advising of a potential problem at the river bank, just down stream of the Halifax Washaway, where a slump approximately fifty metres long, previously rock battered, has eroded away by current and seeking an inspection and repairs to the area. (103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust advise Mr Mahony that the site and damage is already known to the Trust and that the Trust is awaiting an outcome from State funding negotiations prior to proceeding.
(Mr Accornero and Cr Skinner - Carried)

The Chair left the meeting at 9.55am and Cr Carr assumed the Chair.

2. LOWER HERBERT WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Consideration of correspondence dated 12 July 2013 requesting that the Trust undertake cleaning of Catherina Creek from Halifax Road Bridge to the river as this is the major outflow for a substantial area of urban and rural lands upstream. (103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust will communicate with the LHWMA regarding this matter.
(Cr Skinner and Mr Accornero - Carried)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.10am and resumed at 10.35am

3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 17 July 2013 providing a summary of discussions held with the Trust on 13 June 2013 and 9 July 2013 regarding the Trust's NDRRA Submission.

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

4. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT QUEENSLAND

Consideration of correspondence dated 18 July 2013 advising that the Department of Community Safety has adopted the Emergency Management Queensland Grants Management Unit's recommendation that the Final Report be accepted on the basis that Council has met the deliverables of the project as set out in the Project Plan; and Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the Funding Agreement.

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

5. WHITSUNDAY RIVERS IMPROVEMENT TRUST

Consideration of correspondence dated 30 July 2013 advising they will be hosting the 2013 State Conference at the Reef Gateway Hotel Cannonvale commencing on Thursday 10 October 2013 with a meet and greet and concluding on Friday 11 October 2013 with a formal dinner. Further advising that this is Mrs Pat Botto's final year as Chairperson of the State Trust and if there are past members of the Trust who would like to attend the dinner they are more than welcome as well.

Resolved – That available Trust Members and associated officers attend the 2013 State Conference of River Trusts.

(Mr Accornero and Cr Skinner - Carried)

6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 2 August 2013 forwarding the assessment by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority on NDRRA works of the Trust for TC Yasi and the 2012 event.

Resolved – That the assessment be received and noted.

(Cr Skinner and Mr Accornero - Carried)

7. FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS – FUNDING APPLICATION 2013 / 2014

Consideration of the Trusts Flood Mitigation Projects 2013 / 2014 Funding Application submitted to Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience on 19 July 2013.

Resolved – That the Trust endorse the Trust Engineer's submission.

(Mr Accornero and Cr Skinner - Carried)

8. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 29 July 2013 inviting the Trust to participate in consultation on the proposed regulation of levees in Queensland. Advising that a Regulation of Levees in Queensland: Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared to support ways in which the regulation of levees will be implemented and seeking feedback from the Trust to include:-

- Who should be the assessment manager for levees
- How levees will be categorised
- The assessment requirements for each category of levee
- How to regulate modifications to existing levees

Submissions should be made in writing and sent to the Department by 5pm on 6 September 2013.

Resolved – That the Trust provide a submission to Department of Natural Resources and Mines regarding regulation of levees.

(Cr Skinner and Mr Accornero - Carried)

9. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 18 July 2013 inviting the Trust to participate in a Testing Group to assist DNRM in developing an Assessment Code as part of the proposed regulation of levees in Queensland. Ten Councils throughout the State are being invited to take part.

Resolved – That the Trust endorse the Trust Engineer's response to Department of Natural Resources and Mines advising that the Trust would like to participate in the Testing Group in developing an Assessment Code.

(Mr Accornero and Cr Skinner - Carried)

10. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 19 August 2013 thanking the Trust for being available to join the Testing Group and advising that at this stage they are seeking community feedback on the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) of levees released on 26 July 2013. Discussions with the Testing Group are planned to commence in early September after consultation on the RIS is completed and that is when they will seek advice on the workability of the codes and guidelines.

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

The Chair returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at 10.53am.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL RECOVERY PROGRAM - \$10M FUNDS

Consideration of information received from Don Cousins, Disaster Recovery Coordinator regarding the possibility of funding through the Environmental Recovery Program.

Resolved – That the Trust submit the Catherina Creek Project for consideration and that the inclusion of Cattle Creek and Frances Creek be investigated.
(Cr Carr and Mr Accornero - Carried)

12. RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS – HRIT, DNRM AND OldRA – 9 JULY 2013

Consideration of a Record of Discussions held by the Trust Engineer dated 10 July 2013.

Resolved – That the Record of Discussions be received and noted.
(Cr Skinner and Cr Carr - Carried)

H. GENERAL BUSINESS –

The meeting was attended at 11.00am by Mr Graeme Kenna and Kristie Nau from Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and discussions investigating the matter of sand extraction from waterways in the Herbert River catchment were held.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.00pm and resumed at 1.15pm. Ms Leanne Mash was not present when the meeting resumed.

Discussions were held between Trust Members regarding possible sites for sand extraction.

I. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm.

Mr R A Bosworth
TRUST CHAIRPERSON