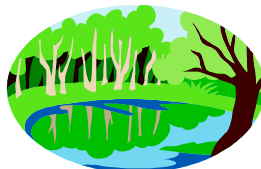


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 2012

AT 9.00 A M



A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr WH Pickering (Chairperson), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Cr DG Carr (Member), Mr BE Leach (Trust Engineer) and Mr S Hall (Trust Works Manager).

B. APOLOGY – Apologies were received from Ms Leanne Mash (Trust Secretary) and Michael Nash (Catchment Coordinator and Acting Terrain NRM).

C. MINUTES - Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 6 September 2012.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 6 September 2012 be approved.
(Crs Skinner and Carr - Carried)

D. WORKS REPORT –
Consideration of Trust Engineer's September 2012 report of works performed to date and activities in progress.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

That the draft "Discussion Paper_– Eligibility of Trust Assets" be finalised and sent to Trusts under cover of a letter from the Chair.
(Crs Carr and Skinner - Carried)

E. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -
The Secretary submitted accounts for payment as hereunder and statements of receipts and disbursements for the period up to 4 October 2012:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque	\$Nil
	EFT.....	<u>\$21,945.82</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)

F. SESSION WITH MICHAEL NASH OF HERBERT RIVER CATCHMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Consideration of discussions held with the Catchment Coordinator and Acting Terrain NRM, Hinchinbrook Area Team Leader, Mr. Michael Nash

The Trust noted Michael Nash's apology.

G. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of letter dated 4 September 2012 regarding Application for Permanent Road Closure over part of Morley's Road adjoining Lot 13 on RP705307 advising that following their investigations and consultation with stakeholders, it has been determined that the proposed application has been refused. (104/0001)

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

2. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of letter dated 14 September 2012 forwarding copy of Media Release from Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, The Hon. Jeff Seeney dated 14 September 2012 regarding \$178 million flood reconstruction boost for Townsville region which the Department hopes may assist the River Trust with perhaps its 2010 / 2011 NDRRA submissions. (104/0001)

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

3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of letter dated 14 September 2012 forwarding two Riverine Management Fact Sheets which may assist the Trust regarding distribution to affected landowners and alerting the Trust to the section on River Improvement Trusts in the Natural Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Fact Sheet. (104/0001)

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

4. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of letter dated 14 September 2012 forwarding Position Descriptions and advertisement for the Chairperson and Community Representative Members and requesting the Trust's approval prior to them being progressed to their Media Department. The advertisement will appear in the Herbert River Express and Townsville Bulletin on Saturday 6 October 2012.

Resolved – That the Trust advise Tania Olsen of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines that it approves Position Descriptions and advertisement for the Chairperson and Community Representative Members as presented for publication in the Herbert River Express and Townsville Bulletin on Saturday 6 October 2012.
(*Crs Carr and Skinner - Carried*)

5. TERRAIN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Consideration of letter dated 17 September 2012 from Terrain NRM Waterways Coordinator, Mr Errol Colman forwarding draft Waterways Future Partnership Memorandum of Understanding.

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

6. JOHN SCOTT

Consideration of letter dated 17 September 2012 in response to the Trust's letter dated 12 September 2012 expressing his disappointment with the Trust's decision to submit the damage to the Trust asset adjacent to his residence on Dalrymple Creek to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines as part of its Cyclone Yasi restoration submission.

(103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust Chair contact Mr Scott and explain the situation in regard to NDRRA.

(Crs Skinner and Carr - Carried)

7. THE HON ANDREW CRIPPS MP, MEMBER FOR HINCHINBROOK

Consideration of letter dated 23 September 2012 making representations on behalf of Mr Ray Lancini, Mr Dave Lancini, Mr Robert Tonto and Mr Will Tonto in relation to the drainage system below the flood gates on the southern side of Taylors Beach Road between Halifax and Taylors Beach, locally known as Swampy Creek. They believe the flood gates are not operating properly, that the Swampy Creek watercourse is not functioning properly, and the creek which eventually flows into Victoria Creek is affected by a build-up of sediment and mangroves, affecting the flow of flood and storm water. Messrs Lancini and Tonto request the Trust to reinstate the functionality of Swampy Creek and undertake maintenance works in Swampy Creek, which they believe would not be significant works. Also advising they are prepared to assist with the works by way of machinery should the works be approved as the build-up of sediment and mangroves in Swampy Creek is causing soil degradation, erosion and crop damage on their properties. This work may also benefit the town of Halifax and understand that the watercourse is outside of the jurisdiction of the Lower Herbert Water Management Authority.

(103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust advise that it had recently met with the landowners concerned, and as a result of that meeting Hinchinbrook Shire Council had agreed to replace the floodgates.

The matter of undertaking works downstream of the gates was not raised at the recent meeting, however the Trust's advice would be that it does not have sufficient financial resources to undertake works aimed at improving farm drainage.

(Crs Carr and Skinner - Carried)

8. CATTLE AND FRANCES CREEK FLOOD ABATEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

Consideration of discussions held between Hinchinbrook Shire Council, the Cattle and Frances Creek Flood Abatement Steering Committee, Department of Transport and Main Roads, and Department of Natural Resources and Mines on Tuesday 25 September 2012 regarding the Trust's offer of assistance to the Steering Committee to include the works in its Annual Works Program, subject to a number of requirements being carried out by the Committee.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs Skinner and Carr - Carried)

9. SAM SPINA (SOLICITOR)

Consideration of advice from Mr Sam Spina (Solicitor) on 27 September 2012 requesting copy of HRIT Budget for 2011 / 2012 and 2012 / 2013 which is not publicly available on the Hinchinbrook Shire Council's website.

Resolved – That the Trust will make a copy of the 2011 / 2012 Budget available and advise the 2012 / 2013 Budget is yet to be finalised.

(Crs Carr and Skinner - Carried)

10. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

Consideration of correspondence dated 3 October 2012 advising Minister Andrew Cripps is writing to the Federal Government in an attempt to receive "special" funding to progress River Trust works across North Queensland that does not meet Federal agreement and the Department is still awaiting release of new State Guidelines. Further advising that in his opinion (Mr Gary Jensen), the Department expects that an assessment of the Herbert River Improvement Trust's submission on merit will be forthcoming, and that the Queensland Reconstruction Authority is presenting at the River Trust Conference at Ayr and he hopes the new Guidelines will have been released prior to this time.

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

11. HRIT NOVEMBER 2012 GENERAL MEETING

Consideration of rescheduling HRIT General Meeting on Thursday 8 November 2012 to Thursday 15 November 2012.

Resolved – That the HRIT General Meeting for November be rescheduled to Thursday 15 November 2012.
(Mr Pickering and Cr Carr - Carried)

12. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Consideration of correspondence dated 1 October 2012 seeking Notices of Motion for the Association's Annual General Meeting to be held on 18 October 2012 by Monday 8 October 2012.

Resolved – That the Trust has no Notices of Motion to put forward and that the advice be received and noted.
(Cr Carr and Mr Pickering - Carried)

13. RECORD OF INSPECTION – THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2012

Consideration of Report from Trust Engineer dated 2 October 2012 regarding inspections carried out by the Trust on 6 September 2012 at Monzeglio property (Black Gin Creek), Cervellin property (Insulator Creek), Torrisi property (Stone River) and Girgenti property (Ripple Creek).

Resolved – That the Trust confirm advice given to Mr. Monzeglio on the day of inspection.
(Crs Skinner and Carr - Carried)

H. FRANCES / CATTLE CREEK STEERING COMMITTEE

At 2.00 pm the Trust met with the Frances / Cattle Creek Steering Committee to discuss the Trust's participation in the Frances / Cattle Creeks project.

I. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm

(Sgd) Mr WH Pickering
TRUST CHAIRPERSON