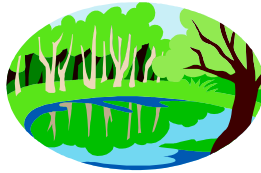


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST, 2011
AT 11.00 A.M.



- A. ATTENDANCE – Present were , Mr. W.H. Pickering (Chairperson), Cr. G.P. Gianotti (Member), Cr. P.D. Lynch (Member), Mr. R.W. Clark (Trust Secretary), Mr. B.E. Leach (Trust Engineer), and Mr. S. Hall (Trust Works Manager).

- B. MINUTES -

Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 7th July, 2011.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 7th July, 2011 be approved.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

- C. WORKS REPORT –

Consideration of Trust Engineer's July, 2011 report of works performed to date and activities in progress.

Consideration was also given to a presentation from AECOM representatives (MR. Dyrick Hobbs, Ms. Leanne Wilkinson and Mr. Greg Kirby) on how they propose to carry out the assessment of Trust NDRRA and new jobs for the Annual Works Program.

They presented a Priority Classification System which was accepted by the Trust as refining the Trusts previous Priority Classification System.

The proposed program will provide a list of prioritised sites by the 26th August, 2011, develop generic concepts including costings by the 23rd September, 2011, and finalise the NDRRA Works Program by the 31st October, 2011, develop detailed design for specific sites and construction delivery program by the 30th November, 2011. AECOM will liaise with Council staff and identify priority sites that will need attention this calendar year to minimise the threat of further damage in the coming 2011 / 2012 wet season.

Resolved – That the Reports be received and noted.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

D. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -

1. The Secretary submitted accounts for payment as hereunder and statements of receipts and disbursements for the period up to 7th July, 2011:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>\$Nil</u>
	<u>EFT</u>	<u>\$68,671.01</u>
		<u>\$68,671.01</u>

Resolved – That payment of accounts as submitted be approved and the statement of receipts and disbursements be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

E. 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

- Building Rural Communities funding application for Mr. Michael Nash, Mr. Vince Vitale and Mr. Steve Hall to attend River Symposium in September, 2011.
- Applied for funding to provide vehicle bank access at Coolbie Alligator Ponds – HRIT will assess maps and decide strategic direction for vegetation planting.

Resolved – That the Report from the Team Leader be accepted.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

F. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. ANDREW CRIPPS MP, MEMBER FOR HINCHINBROOK, Ingham, 28th July, 2011, advising that following receipt of a copy of the Trust's letter to The Hon. Rachel Nolan MP, Minister for Finance, Natural Resources and The Arts, regarding funding to carry out appropriate works to alleviate flooding and improve the health of the Cattle Creek wetland area, he has also written to Minister Nolan conveying his full support of the Trust's request, whilst appealing to the Minister to give her urgent consideration to the issues raised. (103/0025)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

2. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT QUEENSLAND, Brisbane, 18th July, 2011, thanking the Trust for its application under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program for the Kingsbury Creek Floodgate and advising that the outcome of the application following State assessment of all applications is anticipated to be in October, 2011. The Queensland Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services will announce the successful projects under the Program. (103/0026)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

3. HELEN PALMAS, Hawkins Creek, 27th July, 2011, referring to the Trust's letter of the 11th May, 2011 regarding assistance in relation to riverbank damage on her son Mark's farm at Hawkins Creek, and as the letter mentioned the Trust would be in contact when a decision has been made by early July, 2011, requesting advice as to whether the Trust has made this decision in relation to their request. (103/0025)

Resolved – That the landowner be advised that the Trust is finalising its Annual Works Program and will provide a decision in early September, 2011 in relation to this location.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

4. MARIO PORTA'S FARM WASHOUT AT 192 CAPRAS ROAD, ABERGOWRIE.

Consideration of photographs supplied by Mr. Mario Porta of rocks in the river at his property at his farm at 192 Capra's Road, Abergowrie which he believes is not river rock which was placed there in the 1960's or 1970's. Requesting the Trust to advise whether it can be determined that the rocks are the remainder of previous River Trust work carried out at the damaged site which could mean that the damage is covered by NDRRA funding.

Resolved –The Trust acknowledge that a small portion of the damage involves existing Trust asset but the majority of the damage is new damage.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

5. JOHN M. MAHONY, Abergowrie, 7th August, 2011, referring to his letter dated 12th April, 2011 advising of damage to the riverbank at Abergowrie (Lot 3 on RP713686) and providing photographs of riverbank since the river has fallen. This riverbank was a well vegetated and stable bank with trees and vegetation from the top of the bank to the bottom. Although the "Stream Management Plan Herbert River and District" advises against cut-offs as they often destabilise the river, cause upstream degradation, bank erosion, high velocities and sediment transportation, the Trust constructed a cutoff. During the 2011 floods, it was noticed that the floodwaters pile up against Mahony's side of riverbank which is the opposite to the cutoff outlet. It is also noticeable that large gravel and sand beds just upstream of the cutoff have disappeared and downstream the course of the river has changed. (103/0025)

Resolved – That the Trust conduct an inspection of the location at the next Trust Meeting on the 8th September, 2011.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

6. DISCUSSIONS WITH JOHNSTONE SHIRE RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

Consideration of discussions held between Trust Chairperson, W. Pickering, Trust Works Manager, S. Hall and Johnstone Shire River Improvement Trust members Mr. Tim Smith and Mr. Sam Pagano on how they have been carrying out stream clearing works under Operational Clean Up funding.

Resolved – That the advice received and noted.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

- G. INSPECTIONS – No inspections were conducted.

- H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 3.15 p.m.

(Sgd) Cr. W.H. Pickering,
TRUST CHAIRPERSON.