

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2011
AT 9.00 A.M.



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

Cr. P.D. Lynch attended the meeting at 10.50 a.m.

- B. APOLOGY – An apology was received from Mr. R.W. Clark (Trust Secretary).

- C. MINUTES -

Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 3rd November, 2011.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 3rd November, 2011 be approved.

(Cr. Gianotti and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

- D. WORKS REPORT –

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

Resolved – That the weighty Report be received and noted and that the Trust endorse the revised submission to the Critical Water Course Riparian and Beach Recovery funding as submitted by its Engineer.

That the Trust meet at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 6th December, 2011 to revise its Annual Works Program.

(Cr. Gianotti and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

- E. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -

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

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque	\$Nil
	EFT	<u>\$2,036.94</u>
		<u>\$2,036.94</u>

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

(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Gianotti - Carried)

F. DISCUSSIONS WITH LOWER HERBERT WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

Consideration of discussions with Lower Herbert Water Management Authority representatives, Mr. Michael Pisano and Mrs. Maria Battoraro, and DERM representative Mr. Tim Smith at 10.30 a.m. regarding their proposal for the use of pumps in the Lower Forest Home drain.

Mr. Pisano opened discussion advising that the Authority's proposal is to install a lift pump at the site of the Catherina Creek Flood Gates to replace the previous proposal at the headwaters of Catherina Creek. It is proposed to operate the pumps at the start and end of a run in the river. The installation would benefit low lying properties about the headwaters of Catherina Creek.

The following further detail was presented by Mr. Tim Smith:-

- proposed pump capacity is 2m³/sec;
- outlet pipe would be installed through embankment;
- would require own power supply; and
- likely to be manually operated.

The Trust advised as follows:-

- Agreement of landowner would be required as Trust has easement to operate its facility only; and
- DERM approval would be required.

The Authority advised a strong point of the proposal was that it removed the main items of concern raised by the Trust in their previous proposal and the Trust advised that though the new proposal was reasonable in principle, upon receipt of a detailed proposal it would assess it in a similar way to the previous. The Trust agreed that the majority of the areas where the Trust had raised concerns or sought additional information would not apply to this proposal.

Resolved – That the Trust advise the Authority that it supports the proposal in principle and that it would be pleased to consider a detailed proposal. Such a proposal would be considered in a similar way to the previous proposal and it is expected DERM approval would be required.

(Cr. Gianotti and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

G. 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

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

That the Trust Engineer scope and estimate work sites at Ripple Creek and Lannercost Creek with a view to submitting for funding as opportunities may arise.

(Cr. Gianotti and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

H. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. RECORD OF INSPECTION – THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 2011 – ONSITE INSPECTION AND MEETING OF ALLIGATOR PONDS DRAIN.

Consideration of meeting and an inspection of the Alligator Ponds Drain conducted on Thursday 3rd November, 2011.

Resolved – That the Trust write to DERM advising that Trust Members met with landowners along Alligator Ponds to raise the ideas of vegetating the Drain as per DERM's 24th June, 2008 letter. However landowners are not in favour of the proposal as set out in inspection notes of 3rd November, 2011. The Trust is unable to undertake work without landowner's permission and is also unable to apply a Section 11 River Improvement Notice. Accordingly, DERM advices are sought.

(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Gianotti - Carried)

2. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUST'S QLD INC.

Consideration of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Cairns on Friday 28th October, 2011.

Resolved – That the Minutes be received and noted.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

3. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL WORKS PROGRAM 2011 / 2012.

Consideration of correspondence forwarded by State Council of River Trust's Qld Inc. from the Department of Environment & Resource Management dated 15th November, 2011 informing of approval of the Trusts' Annual Works Program for 2011 / 2012. (103/0004)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

4. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUST'S QLD INC., Fig Tree Pocket, 18th November, 2011, advising that the State Council Executive has determined the distribution of grant funds for the 2011 / 2012 financial year based on the annual works programs submitted by each Trust. The amount available for distribution is \$230,000 plus a carry over of \$36,410 from last year's grant. Grant funds available to the Trust for 2011 / 2012 are \$58,873. (103/0004)

Resolved - That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

5. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUST'S QLD INC., Fig Tree Pocket, 28th November, 2011, advising that the State Council Executive Chairperson and Secretary attended a function at Government House on the 24th November, 2011 for the catchment and landcare groups hosted by the Governor and Minister Rachael Nolan. The Chairperson spoke with the Minister regarding Trusts and was advised that a decision has not been made as yet and will not occur before the election. Further advising that Mr. Errol Ross is in discussions with Treasury and the Queensland Audit Office regarding accrual accounting which is to be implemented from the 1st July, 2012 and the Executive will keep the Trust informed of progress. (101/0002)

Resolved - That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

6. FIRTH LAWYERS, Ingham, 29th November, 2011, advising he acts on Mr. Peter Mammino's behalf and confirming recent inspection between the Trust, himself and his client regarding Pomona Road drainage. As indicated at the inspection, requesting the Trust to provide certain materials from Council's records regarding the authorisation provided to the adjoining property owner to construct the "levee bank" along the road drainage, and also provide details of the levee bank authorised by DERM along Cattle Creek. (103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust advise Council it has no assets in this locality and therefore is unable to be of any assistance.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

7. 2012 HRIT MEETING DATES

Consideration of proposed HRIT Meeting dates for 2012.

Resolved – That the schedule of meeting dates for 2012 as proposed be adopted.

(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Gianotti - Carried)

I. GENERAL BUSINESS –

The Trust Engineer advised the survey has been completed of new rockwork at the Mahony property at Halifax.

The Trust to view the works at its Meeting on Tuesday 6th December, 2011.

J. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 12.30 p.m.

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