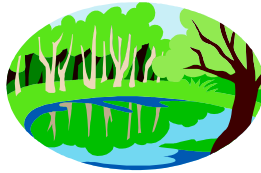


# HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 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. R.W. Clark (Trust Secretary), Mr. B.E. Leach (Trust Engineer) and Mr. S. Hall (Trust Special Projects Officer).

- B. MINUTES -

Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2011 and Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2011.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2011 and Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2011 be approved.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

- C. WORKS REPORT –

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

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

That the revegetation priority list include Zatta 1 (Waterview), Zatta 2 (Waterview), Endersby (Herbert), Hedgecock (Herbert) and Monzeglio (Black Gin Creek) and the Trust meet with the relevant landowners to discuss the matter.  
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - 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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque .....	\$Nil
	EFT .....	<u>\$2,217.41</u>
		<u>\$2,217.41</u>

Resolved – That payment of accounts as submitted be approved and the statement of receipts and disbursements be received and noted.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

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

Discussions were held with the Catchment Coordinator, Mr. Michael Nash and Terrain NRM, Hinchinbrook Area Team Leader, Mr. Lawrence Di Bella.

Resolved – That Terrain be advised that the Trust supports a Revegetation Team of 5 people for a 6 month period and accepts that the Trust will be responsible for providing a weekly work manifest.

That in relation to a Stream Clearing Team, the Trust supports a 5 member team proposal on the basis that funding is also made available for a Coordinator to prioritise works from interested growers and to liaise with the Trust to ensure work meets the Department of Environment & Resource Management's requirements, and the Trust is prepared to contribute \$25,000 to an estimated cost of \$100,000 for plant resources.  
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

F. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. LOWER HERBERT WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, Ingham, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2011, advising that the Authority is in receipt of the Trust's estimate of \$13,335 to install an alarm system for monitoring purposes at Ripple Creek and Catherina Creek flood gates and advising that the cost of such a system cannot be met at this point in time. (103/0015)

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

2. M. & G. CUZZUBBO, Ingham, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, submitting plan of damaged area of Ripple Creek to Trust as requested by Lower Herbert Water Management Authority. (103/0025)

Resolved – That the site be inspected as part of the collation of the new damage assessment.  
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

3. R. & K. SCHMIDT, Cordelia, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, advising that in October, 2003 the Trust carried out rock work to the riverbank at their back yard at 84 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 at 9.15 a.m. the riverbank gave way in a 15m deep x 5m wide section. An inspection was carried out on this date by Mr. Steve Hall and Mr. Bob Milne. Advising that they hope that the situation could be filled with rock urgently to stabilise as another flood was coming and they did not want the situation to get any worse. Further advising that on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 the river rose above the collapsed part of the riverbank and as they could not see what was happening under the water, they had great concern for their family's safety, and evacuated their premises. Requesting the Trust to take urgent action. (103/0025)

Further consideration was given to Trust Secretary's response to R. & K. Schmidt dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 confirming verbal advice to them on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 by Cr. Geoffrey Gianotti that the problem had been included in the Trust's urgent remediation works under the category of "timely preventative repair" works, however the problem at this stage is that the river and weather conditions prevent the Trust carrying out the work but as soon as weather and ground conditions allowed, it is a high priority of the Trust to repair the riverbank. Further advising Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt that a DERM representative has been made aware of the works to which they have indicated that it is appropriate for the Trust to proceed as soon as possible.

ANDREW CRIPPS MP, MEMBER FOR HINCHINBROOK, Ingham, received 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, making representation on behalf of Mr. R. and Mrs. K. Schmidt of 84 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia who have suffered damage to the riverbank behind their residence. The bank has washed away due to the strong current in the river and the recent wet conditions and the edge of the bank now sits only one metre from the back boundary of their property. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are concerned that the river could encroach on their property before long unless measures are taken in the near future to stabilise the bank. Requesting the Trust to advise if it is the responsibility of the Trust to carry out further measures to stabilise the bank behind their property or if the responsibility lies with the owners of the property. Also requesting the Trust to advise that should the bank erode beyond the boundary of their property and encroach on their land, does the Trust hold any responsibility for property damage which could result from the erosion. 103/0025)

Resolved – That the location has been identified as a timely and preventative action project and will be carried out as soon as weather and river conditions permit.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

4. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received for Conversion of Special Lease 24/52151 to freehold over Lot 335 on Plan CWL838251. The current use of the land is grazing and agriculture. (101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise the Department that it has no objection to the application for Conversion of Special Lease 24/52151 to freehold over Lot 335 on Plan CWL838251 and has no requirements.  
(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Gianotti - Carried)

5. F. BARBIE, Halifax, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, advising that since the levee bank was constructed behind his property at 1 Mona Road, Halifax, there has been seepage into his barbecue and backdoor area. The Trust inspected the property at least three years ago and the Trust agreed at the time that the wrong soil was used and instructed Mr. Terry Fenoglio to place another metre of soil on top of the levee. Unfortunately this has never been carried out and over time the problem has deteriorated. Requesting the Trust to reinspect the problem as they are frightened that the levee might give way altogether and come rushing through their house. (103/0014)

Resolved – That the area be inspected by the Trust for further consideration.  
(Cr. Gianotti and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

6. CATHERINA CREEK & ALLIGATOR PONDS DRAIN CLEARING.  
Consideration of communications between the Lower Herbert Water Management Authority and DERM representative, Mr. Errol Colman and his response in relation to how he believes the issues need to be advanced.

Resolved – That the Trust reiterate its advice that we will remove from Catherina Creek any dead vegetation that threatens infrastructure as soon as weather and ground conditions permit.  
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

7. KINGSBURY CREEK FLOODGATE (2007-08) – NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM.  
Consideration to seek an extension of time to complete this project.

Resolved – That the final report of Stage 1 is complete and it be submitted for funding under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) 2007 / 2008 Project.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

8. LOWER HERBERT – FURTHER MODELLING – NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM.  
Consideration to seek an extension of time to complete this project.

Resolved – That a further extension be sought for the project until June, 2012.  
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

9. REMUNERATION.  
Consideration of Trust Secretary and Trust Engineer remuneration.

Resolved – That the 2011 / 2012 remuneration of the Trust Secretary and Trust Engineer be increased by Brisbane CPI as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 and the 2012 / 2013 remuneration be increased by Brisbane CPI as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012.  
(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Gianotti - Carried)

- G. INSPECTION – Mr. Vince Vitale of Ripple Creek and other bank damage sites.

Resolved – That the Trust confirm that the water supply pump be relocated to a more reliable water access position.

That the bank slump on Ripple Creek be cost estimated and if the works proceed the landowner be required to contribute 25%.

That the road maintenance be carried out under Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and the landowner be requested to advise adjacent landowners to remove cane back from the road so the profile can be restored.  
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

- H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 3.30 p.m.

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