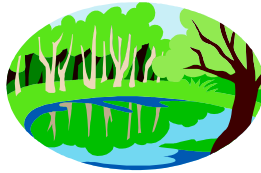


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST, 2010
AT 9.00 A.M.



- A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr. W.H. Pickering (Chairperson), 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. APOLOGY –

An apology for non-attendance was received from Cr. G.P. Gianotti (Member).

C. MINUTES -

Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 22nd July, 2010.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 22nd July, 2010 be approved.
(Cr Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

D. WORKS REPORT –

Consideration of Trust Engineer's July, 2010 report of works performed to date and activities in progress.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.
(Cr. Lynch 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 12th August, 2010:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque	\$Nil
	EFT	\$3,468.59
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Resolved – That payment of accounts as submitted be approved and the statement of receipts and disbursements be received and noted.
(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Lynch - Carried)

F. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. MAHONY & SONS, Halifax, 27th July, 2010, expressing their concern at the Trust's decision to deny their request to have the damage to the riverbank near their farm at Coldwater repaired with the 2009 Disaster Relief Funding. Further advising that they believe that the damage is as a result of one of the Trust projects where a bulldozer was used to cut a channel across the bend directly opposite their farm and over the years this cut off channel has developed into the main river directing the flow squarely into the bank where the damage has occurred. Further expressing their disappointment that it has taken 16 months to be advised of the Trust's decision and requesting details of the amount of monies given to the Shire from the Disaster Relief Funding and where it was distributed. (103/0020)

Resolved – That advice be given that the area referred to is not an existing Trust asset and does not qualify for restoration funding and the extent of this new damage is beyond the resources of the Trust.
(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

2. PALMAS FARMING, Hawkins Creek, 29th July, 2010, advising they have received no communication from the Trust regarding an inspection undertaken by Mr. Terry Fenoglio of washouts on the bank of the Herbert River adjoining their farm following the major flood in 2009. Further advising that inspection was undertaken as part of a community survey of damage from the 2009 floods. (103/0020)

Resolved – That advice be given that the Trust did not receive special government assistance to fund these new works which is beyond the financial resources of the Trust.
(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

3. A.H. & M. PALMAS, Hawkins Creek, 29th July, 2010, advising they have received no communication from the Trust regarding an inspection undertaken by Mr. Steve Hall of erosion on the river bank bordering their farm near the mouth of Hawkins Creek and the Herbert River following the January, 2010 floods. (103/0020)

Resolved – That advice be given that the Trust did not receive special government assistance to fund these new works which is beyond the financial resources of the Trust.
(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

4. LGM QUEENSLAND, Fortitude Valley, 5th August, 2010, forwarding Policy Schedules for the Trust relating to both the Councillors and Officers Liability and Employment Practices Liability covers relating to the 2010 / 2011 membership year, consistent with the 2010 / 2011 Membership Schedules previously issues. (104/0003)

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

5. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Brisbane, 3rd August, 2010, advising that the annual budget 2010 / 2011 as submitted by the Trust was approved on the 2nd August, 2010 and the Trust may now adopt the annual budget as provided for in the *River Improvement Trust Act*.

Resolved – That the 2010 / 2011 budget as approved by the Department be adopted.
(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

6. RECORD OF INSPECTION – THURSDAY 22ND JULY, 2010.

Consideration of Report from Trust Engineer dated 10th August, 2010 regarding a record of inspection undertaken of Mario Porta's property off Capra's Road, Abergowrie on Thursday 22nd July, 2010.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted and advice be given that the extent of damage is beyond the resources of the Trust.

(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Lynch - Carried)

7. PROPOSED LOWER HERBERT WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY LIFT PUMP AT CATHERINA CREEK.

Consideration of Report from Trust Engineer dated 11th August, 2010 regarding the Lower Herbert Water Management Authority's proposed lift pump at Catherina Creek.

Resolved – That upon reviewing the Lower Herbert Water Management Authority Report prepared by Alluvium in reference to its proposed Catherina Creek Lift Pumps, the Trust advise Council the following:-

1. The Alluvium Report satisfactorily establishes in the Trusts mind that a proposed lift pump station pumping to a maximum level of 4.0 on AHD with max capacity of 2m³/sec would not cause any nuisance to downstream land owners or to the waterway itself. Although Alluvium have recommended that draw down should be managed after period of extended high levels. The Trust has also noted that the works would require issue of the relevant permit by the Department of Environment & Resource Management.
2. The points of concern listed as 1, 3 and 4 in the Trust's correspondence of 16th December, 2009 to Council have not been addressed, although Alluvium have noted in their Report that point 1 would need to be investigated. The Trust is unable to give final consideration to the proposed Works until it has received responses to these points.
3. The Trust has not viewed a detailed layout of the proposed works setting out operating levels and parameters, and would need such prior to giving final consideration to the proposal.
4. The Trust has not seen a cost / benefit analysis for the proposed works and would think that such an exercise should be carried out for works of this nature involving expenditure of Public Funds.

(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

G. INSPECTION – An inspection was carried out on the riverbank damage in the Herbert River in the vicinity of Covell's farm at Gairloch.

Resolved – It was noted that the area needs to be inspected by the Department of Environment & Resource Management as it appears to be damage to a River Trust asset and qualifies for flood restoration funding.

(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Lynch - Carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 12 noon.

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