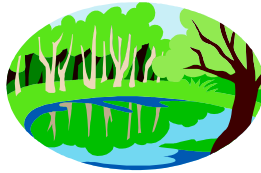


# HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2010  
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 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 be approved.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

- C. WORKS REPORT –

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

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.  
(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 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2010:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque .....	\$Nil
	EFT .....	<u>\$7,932.31</u>
		<u>\$7,932.31</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. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE, Brisbane, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, advising that the Auditor-General has delegated Mr. Michael Booth authority to conduct the audit of the 2009 / 2010 financial statements for category two water authorities and river improvement trusts and an audit team led by Mr. Scott Sinclair will assist him. Explaining changes to the audit approach and fees and requesting that all documentation, including financial statements certified by management, is required by close of business on the 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. (101/0001)

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

2. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Brisbane, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, advising that as of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, the new DERM Water Industry Administration contact officer for the Trust will be Mr. Graeme Harper, Principal Project Officer and the Regional DERM contact officer will remain the same.

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

3. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS' ASSOCIATION, Fig Tree Pocket, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, advising that the Annual General Meeting / Conference of the State Council of River Trusts will be held in Mackay on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2010 with an official dinner on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. (104/0004)

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

4. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application from L.P. & L. Agostinelli for Renewal of Special Lease 24/44435 over Lot 141 on CWL3261, Parish of Garrawalt Knox Road, Abergowrie. The proposed use of the land is primary industry (sugar cane growing). (101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise the Department that it has no objection to the Renewal of Special Lease 24/44435 over Lot 141 on CWL3261, and has no requirements.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

5. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application from J.S. & S. Kemp for Renewal of Special Lease 24/44430 over Lot 181 on CWL3203, Parish of Leach at Gibson's Road, Abergowrie. The proposed use of the land is primary industry (sugar cane growing). (101/0004)

Resolved – That the Trust advise the Department that it has no objection to the Renewal of Special Lease 24/44430 over Lot 181 on CWL3203, and has no requirements.  
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

6. NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM – HALIFAX LEVEE AUGMENTATION – STAGE 2. Consideration of Trust correspondence forwarded to Emergency Management Queensland dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 requesting consideration for expenditure beyond the agreed program amounts for the Trust's Halifax Levee project. Total cost of additional works for which funding is sought under the established cost sharing formula for the project is \$77,793 comprising a sum of \$15,753 incurred at the earlier Regional Flood Mitigation Program (RFMP) Round 5 design stage, and \$62,200 at the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) final construction phase.

Consideration was also given to a response received from Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ) dated 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 advising that under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program, applicants are only entitled to apply for an additional 10% on the total approved project cost. The total approved cost for this project is \$409,500 (\$136,500 of applicant funds, \$136,500 of State and \$136,500 of Commonwealth) therefore the Trust would only be entitled to an addition \$40,950. Further advising that the Trust's request for variation to funding will be submitted to the appropriate internal delegate for approval. Also advising that in regard to the funds of \$15,753 for the Regional Flood Mitigation Program, the Trust will need to contact Mr. David Eastman of the Department of Infrastructure & Planning as EMQ does not manage this program.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and the claim for the over-expenditure on the Regional Flood Mitigation Program (RFMP) element of the work be lodged with the Department of Infrastructure & Planning.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)*

7. POWERLINK QUEENSLAND, Virginia, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, advising that they have identified the final proposed alignment for easements required for the Ingham – Tully 275/132kV Transmission Line Replacement Project following completion of the required technical studies, environmental assessments, and community consultation. As a party with an interest in the land affected by the proposed development for community infrastructure, forwarding "Notice of Proposed Designation of Land for Community Infrastructure" under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* detailing the pertinent area of land, subject to the designation proposal. Advising that the Trust has the right to submit a response to the proposed designation of land described as Lot 3 on SP177991 owned by Alfio Girgenti and abutting Ripple Creek (which the Trust has a River Improvement Notice registered on) by the 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. (500/0679)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)*

8. POWERLINK QUEENSLAND, Virginia, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, advising that they have identified the final proposed alignment for easements required for the Ingham – Tully 275/132kV Transmission Line Replacement Project following completion of the required technical studies, environmental assessments, and community consultation. As a party with an interest in the land affected by the proposed development for community infrastructure, forwarding "Notice of Proposed Designation of Land for Community Infrastructure" under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* detailing the pertinent area of land, subject to the designation proposal. Advising that the Trust has the right to submit a response to the proposed designation of land described as Lot 6 on SP121473 owned by Lawrence Paul Di Bella and abutting the Herbert River (which the Trust has a River Improvement Notice registered on) by the 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. (500/0679)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)*

*The meeting adjourned at 10.30 a.m. and the Trust Members attended an inspection at Mr. Mario Porta's property at Abergowrie returning at 12.30 p.m.*

- F. INSPECTIONS – An inspection was carried out at the following area:-

Mr. Mario Porta's property at 192 Capra's Road, Abergowrie to discuss further matters regarding the Herbert River and Stoney Creek Falls erosion and water flows.

- Herbert River and Stoney Creek Falls at Mario Porta's property at 192 Capra's Road, Abergowrie.

*A report on the inspection will be considered at the next Trust Meeting.*

*The meeting reconvened at 4.00 p.m. to conclude the agenda business. Cr. G. Gianotti did not attend the reconvened meeting.*

9. BUDGET 2010 / 2011.

Consideration of the draft 2010 / 2011 Budget and Annual Report and the Financial Statements for 2009 / 2010.

Resolved – That the draft 2010 / 2011 Budget and Annual Report and the Financial Statements for 2009 / 2010 as presented be adopted.

*(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)*

G. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 5.15 p.m. after the inspection.

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