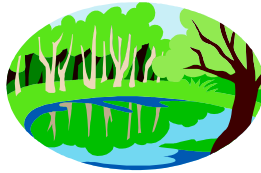


# HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 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 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 be approved.

*(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)*

- C. WORKS REPORT –

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

Resolved – That the Report 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 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2010:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque .....	\$Nil
	EFT .....	<u>\$3,876.48</u>
		<u>\$3,876.48</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. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE, Brisbane, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, advising that the Trust's audit for 2009 / 2010 is completed and enclosing the special purpose financial statements for 2009 / 2010. Advising that the Trust's financial statements record its non-current assets at historical cost, with no provision for impairment in the value of those assets. This is particularly relevant given the indications contained in the Trust's minutes of damage resulting from cyclone and floods which had occurred in the region. Given the likely abolishment of the Trust and transfer of its responsibilities to local government, the Trust should consider a review of asset management policies and practices, in 2010 / 2011 to assist with the transition. (101/0001)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and the Queensland Audit Office be advised that the issue of asset valuation will be addressed as part of the transition of Trust role and responsibility to Council.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)*

2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Brisbane, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, advising that Cabinet has recently approved a new State Procurement Policy (SPP) applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2010 which replaces the existing SPP which took effect from January, 2008. Detailing the main changes to the SPP and actions required such as:-

- Extend the application of the SPP;
- Contract Disclosure;
- Probity auditors and advisors; and
- General improvements to the SPP.

The Department will provide a range of support services in 2010 to assist agencies in identifying changes to systems and processes as a result of the revised SPP including an implementation checklist for Queensland Government agencies and fact sheets providing more information on key areas of change in the revised SPP. The Department will review the effectiveness and implementation of the new transparency requirements in 2012, as part of the next scheduled review of the SPP. (101/0002)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)*

3. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received for the permanent road closure of area currently temporarily closed at the end of Dalrymple Road, Abergowrie over Lot 1 on RL6373. Should the road closure be approved, it would be used in conjunction with adjoining property being Lot 133 on CWL2470, Parish of Leach. (104/0001)

Resolved – That the Trust advise the Department that the proposed closure would have no impact on Trust operations but the Trust notes and supports the Hinchinbrook Shire Council's view that the area should not be permanently closed.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)*

4. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Cloncurry, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010, seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received for Renewal of Term Lease 230241 over Lot A on SP112469, Parish of Cordelia at Rifle Range Road, Halifax. The proposed use of the land is agricultural. (076/0005)

Resolved – That the Trust advise the Department that it has no objection to the proposed renewal, subject to no interference in the existing drainage through this area.

*(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)*

5. BRUCE MAHONY, Halifax, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, seeking the Trust's assurance that the levee bank adjacent to Eddleston Drive, Cordelia will be removed as soon as possible, as per Chairman Bill Pickering's discussions with Mr. Mahony wherein he agreed that it would be removed. (103/0020)

Resolved – That Mr. Mahony be advised that the matter has been attended to by Hinchinbrook Shire Council staff.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)*

6. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS' QUEENSLAND, Fig Tree Pocket, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, forwarding meeting notice for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in Mackay on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2010. Also advising that the dissolution of Trusts may not occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2011 and as a result there will be an AGM in October, 2011. Advice on the future should be available at the AGM and requesting the Trust to give consideration to hosting the AGM in 2011 on or before the AGM in Mackay. (104/0004)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)*

7. LOWER HERBERT WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, Ingham, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, drawing the Trust's attention to an accumulation of a number of logs between Catherina floodgates and the mouth of Catherina Creek. Further advising that a tree has fallen in on the upstream side of the Ripple Creek bridge. As these logs may lead to an obstruction of flows in the waterway/s, requesting the Trust to attend to removal of them.

Resolved – That no action be taken to remove logs from the downstream side and the log in the upstream side of the Ripple Creek Bridge be inspected and removed if appropriate.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)*

8. DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING, Townsville, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, requesting the Trust to provide an explanation of the additional scope for design works for the Kingsbury Floodgate claim, together with a consultant report and invoice as the Department notes that a final claim of \$17,270 brings the total project cost to \$67,760. As the original project was for a total project cost of \$120,000 (\$40,000 design and \$80,000 construction costs), and as this project is well over 2 years old, DERM are reluctant to sign off and authorise the claim unless photographic evidence for any construction component is provided as the total project cost had exceeded the approved \$40,000 design amount.

Resolved – That a draft of the final report be provided to the Department.

*(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)*

9. HERBERT RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTRE, Ingham, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2010, providing tax invoice in the sum of \$5,500 (incl. GST) being for \$2,200 towards LiDAR Stage 1 data, and \$3,300 for LiDAR Stage 2 data.

Resolved – That the Trust accept and make a financial contribution of \$3,300 (incl. GST) towards Stage 2 of the LiDAR project.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)*

10. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS' QLD, Fig Tree Pocket, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, forwarding copy of power point presentation which was given by Department of Environment and Resource Management at the State Council of River Trusts' Qld. Annual General Meeting held in Mackay on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2010. (104/0004)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)*

F. GENERAL BUSINESS -

1. REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES – CR. P.D. LYNCH.

Resolved - That Cr. Lynch be reimbursed one way travel to attend the State Council of River Trusts Annual General Meeting in Mackay on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2010 in the sum of \$367.04 being 496km @ 74c/km.

(Mr. Pickering and Cr. Gianotti - Carried)

2. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEM.

Consideration of suggestion for Herbert River Catchment Coordinator to attend Trust meetings as an observer.

Resolved – That this suggestion be included as an agenda item on the next HRIT Meeting agenda.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

3. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS ASSOCIATION, Fig Tree Pocket, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, advising State Council Executive determined the distribution of grants funds for the 2010 / 2011 financial year based on the annual works programs submitted by each Trust on the basis that the State Council will receive a grant of \$230,000 from the Department this year. Advising the following schedule approved by the Executive stating the amount of grants available to the Trust for the 2010 / 2011 financial year and enclosing an invoice for membership fees for 2010 / 2011.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST	2010/2011 TOTAL PROGRAM	2010/2011 Grant applied for	2010/2011 Total Funds allocated
Herbert	\$1,084,500	\$176,516	\$44,129

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and membership fees be paid.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

4. TERRAIN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Innisfail, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, inviting the Trust Chairperson to Terrain's 2010 Annual General Meeting in Innisfail on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and the matter of attendance at the Annual General Meeting be deferred pending the availability of the Trust Chairperson to attend.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

5. TERRAIN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Innisfail, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, inviting Trust Members to attend a local Hinchinbrook Members Forum at the Tyto function rooms on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2010.

Resolved – That Cr. Gianotti attend the Forum and an apology be forwarded for Cr. Lynch.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

G. INSPECTION –

No inspections were carried out.

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 11.20 a.m.

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