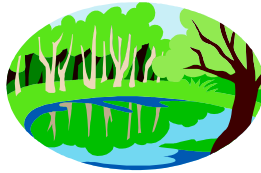


# HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 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 (Acting Trust Special Projects Officer).

- B. MINUTES -

Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 be approved.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

- C. WORKS REPORT –

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

Consideration was also given to an engineering works proposal dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 from Rockfield Technologies Australia Pty. Ltd. for a telemetry system design and installation for Catherina and Ripple Creek flood gates.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

That the cost of the telemetry system be advised to the Lower Herbert Water Management Authority for their funding consideration.

That the Herbert River Canegrowers be advised that the automation of the flood gates is now complete with final commissioning beyond the intent of the original design.

That a fee proposal be obtained from GHD to carry out the hydrological modelling of the Alligator Ponds drain and if within budget, the Trust Engineer be authorised to accept their proposal.  
(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 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2010:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque .....	\$Nil
	EFT .....	<u>\$156,244.53</u>
		<u>\$156,244.53</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. LGAQ CIRCULAR 2010 – 015 – RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST TRANSFER PUT BACK ONE YEAR TO 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2011.

Consideration of LGAQ Circular dated 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 reporting that the transfer of River Improvement Trust's function and role to Councils has been delayed until the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2011 to allow complex issues to be investigated. Trusts should continue to operate as normal for the current financial year and prepare for 2010 / 2011 as operations, and progress without further delay the establishment of the State Transition Committee to oversee the transition process.

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Resolved - That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

2. JOHN TRUFFA, Ingham, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, requesting an inspection of a wash out along the bank of Gap Creek which runs through his property at Abswold Road. (103/0003)

It was noted that the Trust Special Project Officer, Mr. T. Fenoglio recently inspected the bank slump at Gap Creek on Mr. Truffa's property at Abswold Road and observed that the slump is above the road causeway and is being caused by the build up of sand and vegetation in the middle of the creek. His observation is that the creek should be cleaned for approximately 50m upstream of the causeway to alleviate the problem and discussions with Mr. Truffa resolved that he is happy to contribute to the job which could be carried out under maintenance as it would take approximately 4 hours with an excavator.

Resolved – That the stream clearing work be carried out as part of Trust maintenance work.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

3. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Brisbane 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010, advising that the Trust should currently be in the process of developing its 2010 / 2011 Annual Works Program and enclosing Form A for return by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 should the Trust wish to borrow funds from Queensland Treasury as part of its State Borrowing Program. A separate form is required to be submitted for each project for which the Trust proposes to borrow funds. Further advising that as it is anticipated that all river improvement trust functions will be transitioned to local governments by 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2011, if the Trust has a loan with the Queensland Treasury Corporation, it may be required to pay out the loan before the transition date.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

4. TERRAIN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Innisfail, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010, forwarding final draft of the Rivers for the Reef: A Proposal to Secure Healthy Waterways *and* Flood Plains in Wet Tropics Reef Catchments.

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

- F. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 12 noon.

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