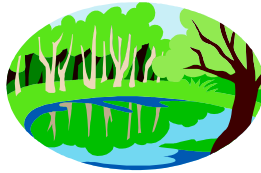


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 6TH MAY, 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 4th March, 2010.

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

- C. WORKS REPORT –

Consideration of Trust Engineer's March / April, 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 6th May, 2010:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque	\$Nil
	EFT	<u>\$6,571.93</u>
		<u>\$6,571.93</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. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Cairns, 9th March, 2010, advising the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines & Energy and the Minister for Trade, The Hon. Stephen Robertson MP announced his intention to prepare a draft water resource plan for the Wet Tropics basins on the 26th February, 2010 and information report with detailed information about water management issues in the plan area and proposed arrangements for development of the draft water resource plan has been released. Inviting submissions on the intention to prepare a water resource plan and the information report by Friday 30th April, 2010. Further advising that the Department will hold a series of public information sessions in centres across the proposed plan area and Officers will also be available to discuss the water planning process at the Innisfail Agricultural Field Day on the 15th April, 2010. Forwarding a brochure about water resource planning and a schedule of the public information sessions. (046/0013)

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

2. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Toowoomba, 23rd March, 2010, seeking the Trust's views and / or requirements in relation to an application from S.A. & B.J. Kehl for conversion to freehold tenure of Special Lease 24/44433 over Lot 184 on CWL3203, Parish of Leach at El Alamein Road, Abergowie. (075/0001)

Resolved – That the Trust advise the Department that it has no requirements in relation to the proposed land dealing.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

3. LOWER HERBERT WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, Ingham, 1st April, 2010, advising that a landholder has advised the Authority that attention is required at one of the Ripple Creek floodgates at the eastern boundary. Requesting the Trust to carry out an inspection and carry out the necessary repairs. (103/0016)

Resolved – That the Authority be advised that the Trust is aware of the damage and will carry out remedial works.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

4. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS, Fig Tree Pocket, 7th April, 2010, advising that the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Cr. J. Brent, and Cr. L. McLaughlin met with Mr. Michael Choi, Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources on the 10th February, 2010 to discuss the future of river improvement trusts which was very well received. A letter outlining the State Council's position on the future of trusts was presented to Mr. Choi and forwarding copy of the Chairpersons response from the Parliamentary Secretary. (101/0002)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and the State Council be asked to advise details of representation on the State Transition Committee.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

5. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS, Fig Tree Pocket, 7th April, 2010, advising that the Executive resolved at its last meeting that the North Queensland Trusts be invited to host the annual general meeting and conference in October, 2010 and requesting that if the Trust is interested, to contact Mrs. Pat Botto or Mr. Norm Craswell as soon as possible to commence planning.

Further advising that the Executive decided that the future of the Oil painting of Ovens River will be determined at the next annual general meeting, and that the first meeting of the Transition Committee is yet to be advised.

The State Council requires the Trusts 2010 / 2011 annual works program to be forwarded in June to ensure early approval by the Department, due to the need to ensure that all works are completed by the 30th June, 2011.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and action be taken to adopt the 2010 / 2011 Annual Works Program at the June Trust meeting.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

6. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, 19th April, 2010, advising that in relation to the Webbe-Weller review of government boards, committees and statutory authorities it was recommended that the functions of the State's 15 River Improvement Trusts be transferred to local governments. The Queensland Government has accepted this recommendation and the target date for implementing the new institutional arrangements of the 1st July, 2011.

The Department will work with Trusts and affected local governments to implement the new institutional arrangements so that transfers can be progressed by mid 2011.

The Queensland Government has approved a package of measures to assist in meeting costs for trusts transferring their functions to local governments which includes:-

- Providing relief from all transfer duties relating to the transfer of trusts' assets to local government;
 - Funding for due diligence assessments for functions transferred to local government;
 - Direct funding towards other costs of implementing the new arrangements.
- More information on the funding will be provided when available. (104/0001)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and the Trust await further information.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

7. DENISE LAZZARONI, Halifax, 24th March, 2010, requesting the levee at the rear of her property at 13 Macrossan Street, Halifax be cleared of long grass and suggesting that the grass be poisoned after it has been mowed. The levee has only been cleaned once since early last year. (103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust carry out maintenance of the grass growth on the Halifax Levee as it is extending to the landowners property and a further investigation be carried out to identify the cause of holes in the yard.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

8. JOHN GILEPPA, Cordelia, received 19th March, 2010, requesting an inspection of damage / erosion at his property at 16 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia on the riverbank where a considerable amount of bank has been taken away during past flooding events. (103/0003)

Resolved – That the landowner be advised that the Trust inspected the location and will keep monitoring it for possible inclusion in a future Works Program.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

9. RENO ZATTA, Bambaroo, 14th April, 2010, advising of a washout adjacent to the remediation works downstream of Waterview Creek and requesting the Trust to inspect the damage.

Resolved – That the landowner be advised that the site has been inspected and the Trust will investigate the most appropriate method to rectify the damage and a cost estimate thereof for further consideration by the Trust, and if necessary, discussions with the landholder.

(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

10. LINO CERVELLIN, Bambaroo, 15th April, 2010, advising of severe creek bank damage occurring at Insulator and Mosquito Creeks in the same location and further down from previous Trust works carried out last year and requesting the Trust to inspect the damage.

Resolved – That as the Trust was unable to contact the landowner to inspect the area, consideration be deferred to the next Trust Meeting.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

11. LUCIANO MAMMARELLA, Bambaroo, 29th April, 2010, advising of riverbank damage at Barbero's Road, Bambaroo (Waterview Creek) in the same location as previous Trust works carried out last year and requesting the Trust to inspect the damage.

Resolved – That it be noted that the damaged area was inspected in 2009 by the Trust Works Manager and these records will be checked for the level of priority for further consideration by the Trust.

That the second site inspected with the landowner showing slumping of Trust works carried out in 2009 be investigated and costed for remediation works.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

12. HALIFAX LEVEE MODELLING.

Consideration of meeting in June, 2010 with Dr. Mark Jempson, BMT WBM Pty. Ltd. regarding further modelling of the Halifax Levee.

Resolved – That the meeting be organised in early June, 2010 with the date to be confirmed with the Consultant.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

13. TRUST BUDGET 2010 / 2011.

Preliminary consideration of the forthcoming 2010/ 2011 budget and major works proposed for that year and indicative Council precept amount.

Resolved – That a draft budget be prepared for the next Trust meeting based on requiring a precept of \$200,000.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

F. INSPECTIONS – Inspections were carried out at the following areas:-

- Ripple Creek Floodgate –

The Trust noted that maintenance works to repair the inlet Amcor pipe be prepared for further consideration by the Trust as general maintenance work.

- 13 Macrossan Street, Halifax –

See item E. 7.

- 16 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia –

See item E. 8.

- Waterview Creek –

See item E. 9.

- Herbert River – Abergowrie -

The Trust inspected the “slumped” washout and decided that a cost estimate be prepared for consideration during the Annual Works Program assessment.

- G. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 4.00 p.m.

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