

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 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 12th August, 2010.

Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 12th August, 2010 be approved.
(Cr. Lynch and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

- C. WORKS REPORT –

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

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

That the Annual Works Program be amended by inclusion of the job at Guy's property, Waterfall Creek, 09/10-28.

That the Trust inspect the new damage incurred in the January, 2010 floods at the mouth of Hawkins Creek and Herbert River (Mr. A. Palmas), and the landowner be advised the cost of damage restoration is beyond the current financial resources and the Trust will keep the matter under review.

(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 12th August, 2010:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	Cheque	\$Nil
	EFT	<u>\$3,935.86</u>
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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. Gianotti - Carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS ASSOCIATION, Fig Tree Pocket, 16th August, 2010, advising that the Annual General Meeting of the State Council is on Thursday 21st October, 2010 with the Official Dinner on Wednesday night 20th October, 2010 both at the Shamrock Gardens Motel in Mackay. Forwarding accommodation rates for the Shamrock and quoting reference number for bookings. Pioneer Trust has arranged for a presentation by Dr. Andrew Brooks on River Process and Essentials of River Rehabilitation on Thursday and also on Wednesday. Registration forms will be forwarded shortly. (101/0002)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and the Trust be represented at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21st October, 2010.
(Cr. Gianotti and Mr. Pickering - Carried)

2. PIONEER RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST, Mackay, 24th August, 2010, advising that they are hosting the State Council of River Trusts Inc. Annual General Meeting in Mackay on Thursday 21st October, 2010. Officers from the Department of Environment & Resource Management will attend on the day to address delegates on issues associated with the dissolving of trusts with the effective date of 30th June, 2011. Further advising that a workshop will be offered in conjunction with Reef Catchment Mackay Whitsunday presented by Dr. Andrew Brooks, Senior Research Fellow Australian Rivers Institute Griffith University on River Processes and Essentials of River Rehabilitation either on Wednesday 20th October, 2010, or on Thursday 21st October, 2010 as part of the general AGM day. (101/0002)

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

3. HON. STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP, MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR TRADE, City East, 19th August, 2010, thanking the Trust for providing the 2009 / 2010 Annual Report within the legislative timeframe. (101/0001)

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

4. UNAUTHORISED LEVEE CONSTRUCTION – VEGETATION DAMAGE CLEARING – LOT 22 on RP705315 – OLD WHARF ROAD, MACKNADE.
Consideration was given to action taken by the Trust Engineer in relation to the unauthorised works being undertaken on the land.

Resolved – That the action taken to refer the matter to the Department of Environment & Resource Management be endorsed and the Trust undertake an inspection of the area.
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried)

5. VINCE VITALE, Ripple Creek, 9th September, 2010, referring to the Trust easement over the access road into the Ripple Creek floodgates and seeking its upgrade by the Trust and adjacent farmer (Girgenti) who also has easement access.

Resolved – That the road be inspected by the Trust and the matter be further considered.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

F. INSPECTIONS – The Trust conducted the following inspections:-

- Access road to Ripple Creek flood gate.
- Halifax levee – issue of scaffolding storage on overflow channel area.
- Old Wharf Road / Macknade Creek – issue of levee wall and new building work and removal of vegetation.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS -

1. GIANT SENSITIVE PLANT (GSP) INFESTATION – STONE RIVER AREA.

Consideration was given to an oral report from the Council Pest Management Section that a GSP infestation has occurred at a Trust stream clearing project carried out in 2009.

Resolved – That the Council Pest Management Section provide the Trust Engineer with a cost estimate to treat the infestation.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 2.15 p.m.

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