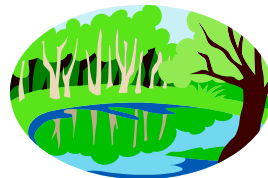


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Friday 15th February 2019
at 9.00 am**



A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Mrs LF Carr (Secretary), Cr AJ Lancini (Member), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member), Mr KT Phillips (Member) and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer.)

B. APOLOGY –

C. MINUTES - Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held on 6th December 2018.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be approved.
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

The meeting was adjourned at 10.10 am for morning tea and resumed at 10.25 am.

D. WORKS REPORT – The Trust Engineer, Mr Tim Smith, provided an update of works for the months of December and January.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Engineer contact Mr Neville Jones to advise him that when the levee upgrade happens, the Trust will look at extending the block work past his property. With regards to Dawn Masters' site, Cr Skinner will contact her to advise her that the site will be re-profiled to stop the overland flows over her property. With regards to Mr Hammond's issue at his residence at 18 Eddleston Drive, Cordelia, the Secretary will advise him in writing that with regards to his required works, the Trust will consider it on a future works program and will monitor it in the future. That the Trust's asset register has been brought up to date.

(Mr KT Phillips and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL FROM AIMEE GODFREY (HSC)

Consideration of email received 10 January 2019 attaching a letter from Council in relation to the levee on Lot 1 on CWL3651 and Lot 2 on RP740542, between Skene and Stephensen Avenues, with the letter stating:

- The levee’s regulatory framework including the codes and guidelines took effect on 16 May 2014, with any levee constructed prior to this date deemed to be approved, and
- The sites and levee have been inspected and it was determined that the work undertaken is in accordance with the existing levee structure, and that as the work didn’t modify the existing levee, no application was needed to undertake the work.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Engineer establish whether the section described above is in fact subject to a caveat on the construction of any levees, as it would have a detrimental effect on the function of the Halifax levee. Further, that constructions on the eastern side of the Halifax Washaway be investigated to ascertain whether the constructions affect river outflows.

(Cr WG Skinner and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM VINCE AND MONICA VITALE Re RIPPLE CREEK FLOOD GATE WORKS

Consideration of email received 29 January 2019 thanking the Trust for the letter dated 12 November 2018 indicating proposed works on Ripple Creek flood gate on Vitale’s property. Furthermore, the Vitale’s, in the email:

- Acknowledge the proposed work, however were very “shocked and upset” to learn that their name had been used (on the letter to DNRME) without consent due to them not being included in any discussions prior to the commencement of the proposed work, and
- State that they were advised to obtain legal advice on the matter by a member of the Department and therefore feel “justified in asking that the Trust take responsibility of the legal costs...incurred”.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary invite Mr Vitale to the next Trust meeting to discuss the flood gate re-lining.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

3. LAND RESTORATION FUND (LFR) INQUIRY – PROJECT OPTIONS

RESOLVED – HRIT does not believe that it meets the guidelines and therefore will not be applying for funding.

(Mr KT Phillips and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

4. EMAIL FROM ROD AND JENNY GENRICH

Consideration of email received 5 February 2019 attaching photos of the pipe that was “put in at 15 River Avenue, Halifax”. They believe that the pipe requires maintenance urgently.

RESOLVED – That Mr KT Phillips do an inspection at the site.

(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

5. EMAIL FROM ANDREW AND NICOLE DI BARTOLO

Consideration of email received 6 February 2019 attaching photos of the works carried out in August/September 2018 by HRIT (Long Pocket Road area) and that “with much disappointment some of the works have eroded”. They would like HRIT to discuss the issue as before the works began there was a discussion about requiring drain coils for the seepage at the site.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary advise the Di Bartolo’s in writing that the works will be considered on a forward works program, and that an inspection will be done of the site as soon as possible, after the wet season.

(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

6. LETTER FROM TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL (TRC), MAYOR Cr JOE PARONELLA

Consideration of letter dated 13 November 2018 regarding the Trust’s contribution to Southern Atherton Tablelands Irrigation and Flood Mitigation Scheme Steering Committee. The Mayor advises that the matter was discussed with Mayor Ramon Jayo at the Local Government Association of Queensland conference, and that he suggest that the Trust liaise with HSC regarding the matter as TRC has fully expended the funds.

RESOLVED – That the letter be received and noted.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

7. EMAIL FROM MARK PALMAS Re FLOOD DAMAGE – PALMAS FARM

Consideration of email received 12 February 2019, attaching photos of the damage from the flood this year, and also photos taken by HCPSL (drone) last year (2018). Mark would like to find out who he would need permission from to perform works that are bordering “on the river”. His intention is to:

- Fill the washout with rock and other fill, with a slow grade towards the river, and
- Top dress the area with soil, with the intention of then planting bamboo.

RESOLVED – That the Secretary communicate in writing to Mark to advise that the Trust does not support the planting of bamboo at the site. Further, that the Trust will do an inspection of the site and provide advice in relation to the matter.

(Mr KT Phillips and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

8. LETTER FROM LUCIANO MAMMARELLA – BANK EROSION - CATTLE AND WATER VIEW CREEKS

Consideration of letter received 15 February 2019, requesting the Trust inspect an eroding bank on his property, where the Trust has previously carried out works, and would like to determine the next course of action.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary advise Mr Mammarella in writing that the works will be considered on a forward inspection program, and that an inspection will be done of the site after the wet season.

(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

9. EMAIL FROM BRENDAN AND STACEY LYONS – FLOOD DAMAGE AT 218 STONELEIGH ROAD, UPPER STONE

Consideration of email received 15 February 2019, attaching photos of the erosion damage from the flood event this year, and requesting funding from the Trust to further prevent the problem in the event of another flood event.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary advise Brendan and Stacey in writing that the works will be considered on a forward inspection program, and that an inspection will be done of the site after the wet season.

(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

10. EMAIL FROM Cr WALLIS SKINNER Re LETTER SENT BY WAYNE ROMANO

Consideration of email received 15 February 2019, attaching photos of damage at Stone River.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary advise Wayne in writing that the works will be considered on a forward inspection program, and that an inspection will be done of the site after the wet season.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. That the relevant departmental offices be invited to accompany HRIT on the inspections.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

2. “CATEGORY D” NDRRA FUNDING

That the Secretary write to Minister Crawford requesting that he consider “Category D” funding assistance be made available to the Herbert River Improvement Trust to support landowner contributions in the Hinchinbrook Shire for recovery from the 2019 monsoonal event.

(Cr WG Skinner and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 15th February 2019:

T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$ 6 237.00
T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	2 142.80 Paid 21/01/2019
Lahtinen Electrical	2 233.00
CM Investments	1 331.00
Timrith Transport	2 613.00 Paid 21/12/2018
W & T Garden Bails	12 892.00 Paid 21/12/2018
Zanghi Earthmoving	2 664.75 Paid 21/12/2018
Wenham Properties Pty	50.00 Paid 11/01/2019
Ergon	84.55 Paid 21/01/2019
Mizzi Enterprises	14 348.40 Paid 21/01/2019
Zanghi Earthmoving	794.75 Paid 21/01/2019
Marb Construction (IQC Quarries)	2 365.35 Paid 21/01/2019
PJ & LG Lino Pty Ltd	2 945.25 Paid 21/01/2019
Jaycat Earthmoving	9 823.00 Paid 21/01/2019
Mr RA Bosworth	239.40
Cr AJ Lancini	150.00
Mr GB Accornero	158.88
Cr WG Skinner	150.00
Mr KT Phillips	172.20
JK's	96.50 Paid 6/12/2018
Luke Rosadi	262.50
Luke Rosadi	375.00 Paid 21/01/2019
Terrain	5 500.00 (held over)

RESOLVED – That the accounts be passed for payment.
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 1.15 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 7 March, 2019 at Council Chambers.

RA Bosworth
Trust Chair