

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday 11th April 2018
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 1st March 2018.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be approved.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

D. WORKS REPORT – The Trust Engineer, Mr Tim Smith, provided an update of works for the month of March.

RESOLVED – That a spraying program for Castorina’s Island be put in place immediately and be ongoing to control vegetation (including noxious weeds) on the island. That the trust engineer’s preliminary report on the flood impact on the Halifax levee be received and appropriate action be commenced to determine the improvements of the resilience and functionality of the asset.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

The meeting was adjourned at 10.20 am and resumed at 10.30 pm, with Mr Andrew Carr present.

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL FROM Dr MICHAEL CHEETHAM (WATER TECHNOLOGY)

Consideration of email received 2 March 2018. The Queensland Government has appointed Water Technology to lead a team to deliver the “Streambank, In-channel and Riparian Guidelines” (the Guidelines) for Qld’s watercourses, with Water Technology seeking QLD River Improvement Trusts’ involvement, with the project being outlined and a survey being added to the email via a link. It is expected that in late March-April, a regional roadshow will be undertaken to facilitate further discussion with regional groups and stakeholders, with the dates to be notified in the coming few weeks.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM MEGAN COLLINS (DEPT. OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS)

Consideration of email received 7 March 2018 regarding implementation of the Qld Procurement Policy (QPP) 2017, with Executive Government asking for an update on implementation progress by the end of March 2018. It also advises that “your agency will shortly receive a formal request from our department including a link to an online survey to be completed by each agency”, with the survey due 14 March 2018.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

3. EMAIL FROM ANDREW CARR

Consideration of email received 13 March 2018 regarding the constriction of water flow in the area in the Herbert River opposite his property at 69 Eddleston Drive, which makes the water flow out into Cordelia. Andrew requests, that after the recent flooding event:

- The Trust will look at clearing Blue Butterfly,
- Clearing the adjacent overflow channel locally called “the Tea Trees” and
- Do more work at the sand island by taking the car causeway access from the top of the island and also opening up the upstream end so it doesn’t push water towards the Cordelia side, but direct it downstream to the recently cleared portion below Halifax and away to the ocean.

He also states that he spoke to a few people in Cordelia and it seems as though 60 mm was the increase, compared to 2014 which was also bigger than the 1967 flood event in Cordelia.

RESOLVED – Andrew presented a very informative video clip and photos and HRIT will take on board the information that was provided and maintenance work in Blue Butterfly will be programmed in the future.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

4. EMAIL FROM NORMAN CRASWELL (SCRT)

Consideration of email received 15 March 2018, advising that the State Council resolved at its meeting in October last year “That the Executive of the State Council of River Trusts Qld Inc. be asked to recognize the years of service of Trust Members at its annual general meeting each year. The Trust suggests that such recognition be given after a member has served 10 years in office and then every 5 years thereafter.” The Executive resolved at its meeting on 5 February that each trust supply years of service of each of its members so that it can arrange for recognition at the next AGM.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

5. EMAIL FROM CAROL FULTON (HSC)

Consideration of email received 15 March 2018, forwarding on email from Karlye Rhodes (HSC) providing Andrew and Nicole Di Bartolo’s details for her report of river bank erosion, passed on to HRIT for follow-up.

RESOLVED – That the Trust arrange an inspection of the site.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

6. EMAIL FROM BROOKE VENABLES (HSC)

Consideration of email received 16 March 2018, advising (and passing on to the Trust) the receipt of a phone call from Jennifer Genrich, who resides at 15 River Avenue, Halifax, who is concerned about the state of the Herbert River which her property backs on to.

RESOLVED – That Mr KT Phillips and Mr Tim Smith have inspected the site and it will be fixed when weather conditions permit.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

7. EMAIL FROM KYLE THOMSON (HSC)

Consideration of email received 21 March 2018, forwarding on a request that came through from Andrew Lancini regarding a large tree which has fallen behind the Halifax library. The tree has fallen on the river side of the levee bank and requires to be cut down, and it was mentioned that there was potential for the tree to be burnt instead of carting the tree (at a heavy cost). The matter has been referred to HRIT as the Trust is required to receive confirmation from the Dept. of Natural Resources and Mines to be able to burn on State Government Land.

RESOLVED – That the tree will be removed as part of the Stephensen’s Avenue bamboo clearing job.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

8. EMAIL FROM N and A BIASI

Consideration of email received 23 March 2018, regarding flood washout on Farm 5002 at Hawkins Creek, attaching photos.

RESOLVED – That the Trust will inspect the site and will add the works to a future program.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

9. EMAIL FROM JENNY and ROD GENRICH

Consideration of email received 3 April 2018, advising that the bank has dropped further since the last flood, attaching photo's also. Jenny and Rod also queried whether there was any chance of getting a load of dirt to fill in the cracks to temporarily hold it together to encourage grass to grow, while they waited for "the proper fix".

RESOLVED – That the matter has been addressed at Item 6.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

10. EMAIL FROM ALAN and JANE POGGIO

Consideration of email received 8 April 2018, regarding farm erosion damage on their farm which occurred during the recent (second) flood event, attaching photos. The farm is located at the end of Gaia's Road, along Stone River.

RESOLVED – That the Trust advise the Poggio's that a proper inspection will be carried out at the site when weather permits.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

11. EMAIL FROM BRENDAN LYONS

Consideration of email received 9 April 2018, regarding river erosion from the last flood event, attaching photos.

RESOLVED – That the Trust will inspect the site when weather permits.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

12. LETTER FROM BRENDAN MOON (CEO - QLD RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY)

Consideration of letter dated 4 April 2018, advising the 2017-2018 Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) is now open for funding applications for projects supporting natural disaster resilience activities, with applicants expected to financially contribute to the project. NDRP funding applications close on 27 April 2018, with applicants having until 30 June 2020 to deliver their approved projects.

RESOLVED – That the letter be received and noted.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. STEPHENSEN'S AVENUE – CLEARING OF BAMBOO

That the Trust undertake to complete the annual works program for the 2016/17 year, with the Trust estimating the works will cost approximately \$12 000, with the Trust to claim grant funds from the State Council to the amount of approximately \$5 000. That Celotto's works will be brought forward in to the 2017/18 works program as there has been worsening of the site. The landowner contribution for this job has been agreed, and will be fixed at \$6 000.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 11th April 2018:

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$8 146.60
Luke Rosadi	230.00
Ergon	81.90 Dir Deb 23/04
Cr AJ Lancini	328.12
Mr GB Accornero	317.76
Cr WG Skinner	401.84
Mr KT Phillips	344.40
JK's Deli	77.50 Paid 1/03
Rinaudo Engineering	1 169.06
Terrain	5 500.00 (Held over)

RESOLVED – That the accounts be passed for payment.
(Mr KT Phillips and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 1.02 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 3 May, 2018 at Council Chambers.

Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair