

# ***HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST***

## ***GENERAL MEETING MINUTES***

***Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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 and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer)
- B. APOLOGY** –
- C. MINUTES** - Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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

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

**RESOLVED** – The Trust Engineer, in his submission for the Resilience Funding (2018-2019) Program, stated in the project description “repair and stabilise river banks, and remove sand islands following the 2019 monsoon rainfall event. Projects to confine future flood break-outs to the natural overflow flood ways of Anabranch, Gairloch, Halifax washaways, and the Stone, Ripple, Palm and Frances Creeks reduce the risk of natural disaster for the community from the impacts of flooding”. The estimated project cost is \$420 000, with a \$65 000 contribution from the Trust. In the last two months, the Trust has conducted in excess of thirty inspections to assist land owners with their Special Disaster Recovery Grants Scheme applications, administered by QRIDA, after the North Queensland monsoon trough event on 25 January/14 February, 2019.  
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

*The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10.05 am and resumed at 10.25 am.*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**1. EMAIL FROM KYLE THOMSON (ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DELIVERY – HSC)**

Consideration of email received 17 April 2019, attaching a letter from James Stewart (Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Delivery) regarding damage to the rock revetment wall – Dungeness Creek:

- It has been brought to Council’s attention that the wall has sustained damage and is requiring remediation repairs to be undertaken, and
- It is Council’s understanding that the Trust constructed the wall and therefore is responsible for it, and requests an update on the wall and what the Trust plans are for remediation of the wall.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust Secretary respond to the letter and advise Cr AJ Lancini suggested that the wall is at Enterprise Channel, adjacent to Bursill Park, Dungeness, and that the Trust has conducted an inspection of the rock wall and believes that the asset is not the Trust’s asset, however, the Trust is prepared to assist Council (under the River Improvement Trust Act 1940) to rectify the failed section of the rock wall. The Herbert River Improvement Trust (HRIT) and the Council need to work in partnership, with the Council removing and re-instating the fence, as required, and HRIT be responsible for the rock revetment restoration. HRIT estimates the cost to the Council will be \$40 000. (Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**2. EMAIL FROM CASSANDRA VENTURATO**

Consideration of email received 1 May 2019 regarding the Trust’s objection to the partial road closure of Backo Road:

- Seeking clarification as to the process that was followed by the Trust which resulted in an objection being submitted by the Trust to her proposed partial road closure of Backo Road
- Was her proposal for a partial road closure discussed with all Trust members and was it taken to a vote, and
- In light of the facts (listed below) what is the reasoning behind the objection:-
  - A large amount of land will still remain (as Backo Road), therefore losing access to the Herbert River is not an issue
  - Valinoti Road lays 60m west of Backo Road and provides full access to the Herbert River
  - The Council voted and approved the partial road closure stating that they have no current or future interest in the land, and
  - Department of Main Roads have made it very clear that there will never be an access provided to Backo Road for any purpose.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust Secretary advise Cassandra in writing that the Trust is considering her email and that the Trust is seeking further information in relation to the partial road closure, and that a response will be provided in due course. (Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**F. BUSINESS –**

- 1.** The Trust resolves that the Trust Engineer contact Mr Mark Jempson regarding a brief for the modification of the Halifax levee, and that he also contact Council’s Town Planning Department to expedite the approval process. (Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –**

**1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019:**

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$ 4 096.40
Cr AJ Lancini	300.00
Mr GB Accornero	626.64
Cr WG Skinner	930.00
Mr KT Phillips	300.00
Luke Rosadi	175.00
Rinaudo Engineering Pty Ltd	892.16
Ergon	82.71 Pd 18/4
Terrain	5 500.00 (held over)

**RESOLVED** – That the accounts be passed for payment.  
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

**H. CONCLUSION** – The meeting closed at 12.55 pm, with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 6 June 2019, at Council Chambers.

Mr RA Bosworth  
Trust Chair