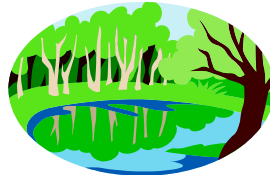


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 4th July 2019
at 9.00 am***



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

B. APOLOGIES –

C. MINUTES - Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held on 13 June 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 June.

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Engineers Report – June, 2019

Modification of Halifax Levee Project. Hydraulic Modelling

After visit by Mark Jempson (Venant Solutions) to Ingham, the following quotations were accepted

auav (drone Survey) \$4,560-00 + GST

Venant Solutions \$20,670-00 + GST

Mitch Whittington Survey, the Trust previously accepted his quote of \$5,400-00 + GST. He encountered very long grass and had to employ a labourer to help him do the survey lines. He has asked for a variation of + \$450-00 making his fee \$5,850-00 + GST.

I recommend that the Trust approve this increase.

The drone survey was completed and the data is with Venant Solutions

Mitch Whittington completed the Castorina Is survey and picked up the rock levees at the end of the Halifax Levee and levels as required out from the Halifax Washaway and that date is with Venant Solutions.

Mark Jempson is now doing the hydraulic modelling.

Disaster Funding Assistance

Category C assistance, Primary Producers to restore farming operations where that requires repair of river and creek banks

Inspections carried out since late May

Paul Cantamessa, Gowrie Creek – draft letter

Warren Russo, Gowrie Creek – no letter required

Ray Lancini, Halifax Washaway - second letter

Len Cristaldi, Ripple Creek – draft letter

Sean Day, Waterfall Creek – no letter required

Warren Romano, Stone River – draft letter

Neil Masters, Herbert River – draft letter

Joseph Russo, Waterview, Twin and Waterfall Creeks – draft letter

Paul Steine, Trebonne Creek – draft letter

Ken Morris, Trebonne Creek – draft letter

Andrew Di Bartolo, Stone River – draft letter

Ross Lyon, Herbert River – draft letter

Peno Lenzo, Frances Creek – no letter required

Category D assistance beyond Cat A and C – agencies where gaps in recovery are identified. The Trusts have been invited to apply. Exceptional circumstances assistance.

18th June. Follow up visit by NQLIRA Senior Advisor Elyes Harrald-Woods to Ingham to further discuss the impact of the 2019 monsoon flooding on the rivers and local environment. They were interested in the how the Council and Trust work on flood mitigation and repair works, and what barriers might be faced to do that work.

27th June. Meeting in Townsville called by DES to present the guidelines for the DRFA program – riparian recovery and weed and pest control.

Stage 1 component. Urgent Works and Reconnaissance
Stage 2 component. Additional On-ground Works/Project Details

The project template was forwarded to the trust following the meeting by Terrain and the Dry Tropics NRM, and consulting engineers Neilly Group have now followed that up requesting the project sites and proposals from the Cairns, Cassowary Coast and Herbert Trusts so that they can coordinate proposals and prioritise them for the region.

The Trust needs to set its priorities to be submitted under this program at the July 4th meeting.

Applications close 15 July, 2019

2018/19 Resilience Funding, State Grants and Subsidies Program through QRA

The Trust's application went in by the 18th April, 2019 with funding for successful projects to be announced by the 30th June, 2019.

The Trusts project *Herbert River restoration following flooding from the 2019 Monsoon Rainfall Event – river stabilisation works to reduce the risk of flooding and flood damage to urban and rural areas* focussed on bank damage in the natural overflow channels of the Herbert and other streams e.g. The Anabranche, Halifax Washaway, Upper Stone (Lyons/Exelby area), Abergowrie (Porta and others area). Estimated project cost of \$500,000 with \$100,000 landowner contribution. Request 80% of \$400,000 or \$335,000 with the other 20% (\$65,000) to come from the Trust

Nothing has been heard from the QRA since.

Tim Smith
Trust Engineer
1/7/2019

RESOLVED – That the Engineer's report covered progress with the flood modelling for the modification of the Halifax levee, the Category C and D funding and that the report be received.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

The meeting was adjourned at 11.00 am for morning tea and resumed at 11.30 am.

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL FROM BART DRYDEN (TERRAIN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

Consideration of email received 24 June 2019 attaching guidelines and correspondence regarding Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (activated subsequent to the North and Far North Qld Monsoon Trough that occurred from 25th of January to 14th February 2019) and details on the process that Terrain is intending to use to compile an application for the region.

RESOLVED – That the Trust engage with Terrain regarding development of projects for the urgent works to submit under the DRFA environmental recovery package. That the Trust has been encouraged to contact Neilly Group Engineering, who has the task of final scope of works for the Department of Environment and Science. The closing date is Monday 15 July, 2019.

(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. APPLICATION FOR STATE 2018/19 GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES FOR FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS

RESOLVED – The advice received from QRA is that the application for funding was unsuccessful.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

2. AWP – 2019-20 AND BUDGET 2019-20

RESOLVED – That the Secretary and Engineer finalise the AWP 2019-20 and present it to Norm Craswell, SCRT.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

3. NORTH QLD LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY RECOVERY AGENCY

RESOLVED – That the Secretary email Elyse Herrald-Woods to thank her for the visit and would appreciate any follow up advice in relation to the access to the NQLIRA funding.

(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 4th July 2019:

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$12 100.00
Cr AJ Lancini	300.00
Mr GB Accornero	308.88
Cr WG Skinner	390.00
Luke Rosadi	150.00
JK's Deli	97.50 (Pd 13/6)
Terrain	5 500.00 (held over)

RESOLVED – That the accounts be passed for payment.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 1.50 pm with the next meeting scheduled for 1 August 2019 at Council Chambers.

Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair