

# **HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST**

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019  
at 9.00 am**



- A. ATTENDANCE** – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Cr AJ Lancini (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member), Mr KT Phillips, Mrs LF Carr (Secretary) and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer).
- B. APOLOGIES** – Cr WG Skinner (Member)
- C. MINUTES** - Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 September 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 September.

### **Engineers Report – September, 2019**

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#### **Modification of Halifax Levee Project. Hydraulic Modelling**

Visit by Nathan Peake, Project Officer, Regional Liaison and Recovery, Queensland Reconstruction Authority. Mr Peake attended the last Trust meeting. Following that I took him to the Halifax Levee, Mahony's levees, Halifax Washaway, and Anabranch. I also showed him the work the Trust had done to clear and re-profile the Halifax and Castorina islands.

Mark Jempson has completed the hydraulic modelling. A summary was available to the Trust before the last meeting. The report ?

#### **Disaster Funding Assistance**

**Category C assistance**, Primary Producers to restore farming operations where that requires

Inspections and letters to support claims done for

Angelo Trovato, Stone River

Margaret Carr (Ryan Carr)

Requests for further Trust assistance

Stephen Barra

Neil Masters

Peter Carr

These 3 landowners want the trust to organise and carry out the stream bank repair works. I have inspected Barra's and Masters' sites again and am familiar with Peter Carr's levee damage. The 3 jobs involve about \$140,000 work. They have Cat C funding to pay for the work.

### Category D assistance

Stage 2. Reconnaissance stage

Sites nominated

#### Site name

Lagoon Creek: T Poppi, R Robino (including Loader Creek)	146.629	18.628
Waterview Creek: G Zatta	146.181	18.843
Waterview Creek: B Clerk	146.187	18.843
Gap Creek: G Zatta	146.212	18.872
Gin Creek: B Clerk	146.178	18.851
Mosquito and Insulator Creeks: M Reinaudo	146°15'34.62"E	18°53'58.06"S
Little Gin Creek: V Monzeglio, S Fighera		
Waterfall Creek: S Day, S Accornero		
Raspberry and Twin Creeks: S Accornero, J Russo		
Trebonne Creek: K Morris, P Steine, T Motti (including Cattle Creek)		

Not for submission at this time

### Category D

Approved projects, north bank of the Herbert River. Biasi and Palmas. Need to progress before the wet season. I will try to have another look at these sites before the Oct meeting.

### Overseer Role

Assisted Secretary prepare a position description for the advertisement of the overseer role

Tim Smith

Trust Engineer

1/10/2019

**RESOLVED** – That the Engineer's report be accepted.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**E. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**1. EMAIL FROM MARK PALMAS**

Consideration of email received 21 September 2019 from Mark advising that he has received the Disaster Recovery Grant funds that he applied for and requires advice as to what his next step would be in relation to having the works that were quoted by the Trust completed.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust Engineer do further inspections in consultation with Mark and Nigel Biasi.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**2. EMAIL FROM KATIE BENNEWITH (DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY)**

Consideration of email received 24 September 2019 regarding the Carr Lease, in response to an email sent to the Department by the Trust on 5 September 2019. It is advised (by the Department) that if the Trust wishes to access the lease via the Carrs freehold property (Lot 1 on RP709652), it will need to abide by the conditions imposed by the Carrs. Alternatively, the Trust is advised that it can access the lease via water from Gentle Annie Creek or the Herbert River.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust Secretary respond to Katie advising the Trust has advice from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines that it has “free and unrestricted access” given that the Trust does not need to access the Carrs freehold property. The Trust had Council approval to construct the access through Gentle Annie Creek. The current illegal obstruction currently blocking the access will be removed by the Trust to allow Trust works.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**3. EMAIL FROM SARAH MARTIN**

Consideration of email received 24 September 2019, with Sarah wondering whether she has to book the works in, or notify anyone that it is a good time to proceed.

**RESOLVED** – That the Secretary advise Sarah in writing that there is a number of land owners that have requested their works to be completed, and that the Trust Engineer will arrange another inspection (on the week commencing 14 October) of the site prior to the works being done.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**4. EMAIL FROM ROWAN SHEE (TERRAIN)**

Consideration of email received 2 October 2019 advising that Neilly Group is available on the following dates for the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Stage 2 site assessment work with the HRIT, and would like to know if these dates are suitable:

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October

The original program schedule for the Herbert North Banks job is:

- Project Design – 16/9/19 – 11/10/19
- On-ground Works – 14/10/19 – 15/11/19
- Monitoring and Evaluation – 9/9/19 – 30/6/21

**RESOLVED** – That the Secretary contact Rowan to advise that the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of October, at 9.00 is suitable.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**F. BUSINESS –**

**1. FURTHER INSPECTIONS – EXELBY AND LYONS (UPPER STONE) - TO FINALISE DETAILS OF PROPOSED WORKS**

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust Engineer and Mr Keith Phillips conduct an inspection.  
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**2. BOUNDARY MARKERS EAST ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AT THE HALIFAX WASHAWAY**

**RESOLVED** – That Mr Keith Phillips be advised to install the boundary pegs at the Washaway.  
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –**

**1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019:**

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$5 783.80
Cr AJ Lancini	150.00
Mr GB Accornero	158.88
Cr WG Skinner	150.00
Mr RA Bosworth	239.40
Keita Services	5 775.00
JK's Deli	103.50 (Pd 5/9)
Newsnet (advertising)	1 473.00 (Pd)
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 12.35 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 7 November 2019 at Council Chambers.

RA Bosworth  
Trust Chair