

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 7th November 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 3 October 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 October.

Herbert River Improvement Trust Engineers Report, 7 November, 2019

NQRIRA/ DRFA Funding Cat C

Revised letters/reports were done for Wallis, C Girgenti. Applications close end Nov.

Works underway or about to get underway – that I am aware of

Ingham Line

Monzeglio, Little Gin Ck – in progress

Reinaudo, Mosquito and Insulator Cks – about to start

Mastrippolito, Waterview Ck – completed

Long Pocket

Di Bartolo

Barra, Herbert – site prepared and rock on site

Martin, Herbert – rock on site

Masters, Herbert

Clay and Glynis Romano, Herbert

Waiting for the Trust
Ingham
Terry Pedruzzi
Peter Carr
Hawkins Creek – Herbert R
Nigel Biasi
Mark Palmas

NQLIRA/ DRFA Funding Cat D

Neilly Consultants for Terrain inspected sites on the Ingham Line, Lagoon Ck, Stone river, Long Pocket on the 14/15 October – Stage 2 Reconnaissance survey

Modification of the Halifax Levee

Venant Solutions were asked to assess

- impacts of raising the Halifax levee 200mm
- effect of sand island re-profiling and vegetation removal
- impacts of Mahoney's levees and levees removed
- potential for benefits from a flood channel out from the Halifax Washaway

The modelling indicates that

- with the levee raised 200mm and the spillway levels the same, the town of Halifax obviously benefits. On the opposite bank area, small increases of 10mm to 40mm for major floods where the depths of flow across the land are greater than 1m – in the deeper flood overflow paths - those areas may experience some flood level increases from floods greater than those that have occurred since 2006 (obviously those areas would have experienced some increase with those major flood levels even if the levee was not raised
- Without Mahoney's levees, increases are not measurable
- Widespread benefits – reduced flood levels from the sand island and vegetation clearing work, with some increases in levels from the levee spillways as the river channel moves more flood water downstream for the same flood event
- Some benefit locally on both sides of the river from opening up the Washaway across and downstream of the road, with worsening where the channel might outfall to the natural waterway at the Forest Beach Road

Tim Smith
Trust Engineer

RESOLVED – That the Engineer's report be received and accepted.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

HALIFAX LEVEE UPGRADE FLOOD IMPACT ASSESSMENT DRAFT REPORT

That Venant Solutions report be received as presented. The Trust is satisfied that it has been done with the best modelling available, is happy to adopt it and use it to move the project forward to the consultation, final design and approval stages of the project.
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL FROM DES AND LAVEENA HERD

Consideration of email received 3 November 2019 with the Herd's wishing to know when their pumps will be serviced (before the flood season). As Mr Strid is no longer working, they would like to know who will be checking them.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary approach Russell Kealy (Lucinda Electrical) to service/check the pumps (at three locations at River Avenue – Herd's, Genrich's and Battle's) and that Russell is to liaise with Cr AJ Lancini. That the Secretary advises the Herd's that Russell will service/check the pumps.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM BREANNA CAMP (HSC)

Consideration of email received 4 November 2019 advising that Council had received a request from Lucia Bunce (7 Rupp Street, Halifax) to have two dead trees located at the end of Rupp Street, Halifax, removed, and as the trees appear to be within the Trust's area of responsibility, requests that HRIT inspect and advise Lucia the proposed action.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Supervisor inspect the site and determine the best way to remove the trees, in preparation for the proposed work on the levee.
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

3. GRAEME GEISLER (DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY)

Receipt of letter dated 4 October 2019, regarding:

- Application for conversion to Freehold land described as Lot 183 on Crown Plan CWL3203
- Proposed use of the land is Agricultural

The Trust is to advise the Department of its views or requirements by close of business 5 November 2019.

RESOLVED – That the Trust has no requirements.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. ALAN ROBINO – SURVEY PEGS ADJACENT TO HALIFAX LEVEE

Pegs allegedly disturbed or lost as a consequence of Trust works.

RESOLVED – That the Secretary communicate with Alan Robino, to advise that the matter will be looked at when future works on the levee in Halifax are carried out.
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

2. TERRY PEDRUZZI – REQUEST FOR START DATE – CATEGORY C WORKS

Concerns that he might need to apply for more funding due to the passage of time, escalation of prices and nearing of closing date of submission for additional grant funding.

RESOLVED – That the Secretary advise Terry that the work will commence in November.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

3. ANGELO TROVATO

Request for a letter from the Trust, and an indication if the Trust plans to start work before the wet season, as he needs to decide if he ploughs out adjoining paddocks to allow plant access.

RESOLVED – The Trust Engineer has advised Mr Trovato that the works on Lannercost Creek, will commence before Christmas.

(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

4. CHRIS BUTLER

Excavator used to clear section of Cattle Creek – will the Trust’s AWP have any unspent funds for works, that can be carried over and be contributed towards their spend there, on stream health and function.

RESOLVED – That this item be held over until the next meeting.

(Mr GB Accornero and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

5. CATEGORY D EXPENSES INCURRED SUPPORTING TERRAIN APPOINTED ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS

Can a case be made to claim the Trust’s out-of-pocket costs during both the initial and reconnaissance phases?

RESOLVED – That the Trust Engineer and the Trust Directors pursue the matter of the arrangement of the reconnaissance before the Trust proceeds any further.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

6. TRUST WORKS OVERSEER

RESOLVED – The Trust appointed selection committee consisting of Cr WG Skinner, Mr RA Bosworth and Mr Tim Smith, considered the applications and that after careful consideration of all applicants, Mr Keith Phillips was the successful applicant and will be offered the position.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 7th November 2019:

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$8 419.40
Cr AJ Lancini	150.00
Mr GB Accornero	158.88
Mr RA Bosworth	239.40
SCRT (registrations – AGM)	1 045.00 (Pd 30/10)
JK's Deli	82.50 (Pd 3/10)
Ergon	84.47 (Pd 18/10)
Venant Solutions	7 958.50
Long Pocket Earthmoving	8 640.50
Jaycat Earthmoving	16 604.50
Luke Rosadi	150.00
Terrain	5 500.00

RESOLVED – That the accounts be passed for payment, and that the amount of \$5 500 ear marked for a joint project between HRIT and Terrain be deleted from commitments as the project did not come to fruition.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 12.50 pm with the next meeting scheduled for 5 December 2019, 9.00 am at Council Chambers.

Mr RA Bosworth
Trust Chair