



PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DATE: TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025

TIME: 9.00AM

MEETING ATTENDEES	
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Cr Alf Lacey – Mayor Cr Mersane Oui – Deputy Mayor (TEAMS) Cr Telstan Sibley Cr Ebanese Oui Cr Germaine Bulsey
OFFICERS PRESENT	Eva Haines – Acting Chief Executive Officer, minute taker Rani Sam-Johnson – Executive Assistant Glen Mellor – Consultant (Trexis)
OBSERVERS PRESENT	Nil

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Lacey declared the meeting open at 9.06am.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Manbarra People, upon whose land we hold our meeting and the Bwgcolman people of Palm Island.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The chairperson invited Councillors present to disclose prescribed conflicts of interest ("**PCOI**") or declarable conflicts of interest ("**DCOI**") in respect of any items in the agenda, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Councillor	PCOI/DCOI	Meeting Items	Particulars <i>[Action taken by Councillor/Council pursuant to Chapter 58 of Local Government Act 2009]</i>
Cr Lacey			
Cr M Oui			
Cr Sibley			
Cr E Oui			
Cr Bulsey			

5. DECISIONS

- **Item 5.1 QRA Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) 2024**

Resolution 2025.396

Based on the evaluation of the Tenders received, Council resolves to accept the interim recommendation from Trexis as follows for the works that consist of various repairs to Council road assets as a result of damage caused during tropical Cyclone Kirrily during January – February 2024 as summarized in Table 1 of document presented:

1. Durack Civil Pty Ltd be nominated as the preferred Tenderer.
2. A Contract be entered into between Council and Durack Civil Pty Ltd in the amount of \$764,928.67 (ex GST) for the above works.
3. Koppen Constructions be shortlisted as a potential alternative Tenderer in the event that a Contract cannot be entered into between Council and Durack Civil.

Council noted that these works are fully funded under the Restoration of Essential Public Assets (REPA) provisions of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA). – QRA submission Reference PIASC.0035.2324U.REC

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey

Carried

- **Item 5.2 Clumpoint Road concrete update**

Resolution 2025.397

Based on our evaluation of the Tenders received, Council resolves to accept the recommendations from Trexis as follows:

1. Lexham Civil Pty Ltd be nominated as the preferred Tenderer.
2. A Contract be entered into between Council and Lexham Civil Pty Ltd in the amount of \$326,279.38 (ex GST) for the above works.
3. Council makes \$103,279.38 (ex GST) of funding available from alternative grant sources or operational budget to cover the shortfall.

Council noted that funding of \$278,000 (ex GST) is available under the Preparing Our Communities Funded by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and an estimated contribution of \$50,000 (ex GST) funded under REPA administered by the QRA as a result of damage arising from natural disasters in February 2025.

These recommendations supersede the recommendations made in relation to the Clumpoint Road Project in the November 2024 Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey

Carried

- **Item 5.3 2025 Emergency Works – Engagement of Koppen Construction**

Resolution 2025.398

Council approved the Variation of works under the 2025 REPA Contract in the amount of \$593,245.00 (ex GST) to Koppen Construction Pty Ltd for the completion of 2025 Emergency Works. Palm Island was adversely impacted by the North and Far North Tropical Low weather event 29 January – 28 February 2025. This event caused significant damage to the road network and Palm Island, which has activated request for disaster recovery funding.

Council noted that these works are fully funded under the Emergency Works provisions of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA). – QRA submission Reference subject to future application

Moved: Cr T Sibley

Seconded: Cr M Oui

Carried

6. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10.16am.

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