

National Roads Authority
Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the Board

Place: PWD Offices, North Sound Road, Grand Cayman.

Date: Thursday 17 March, 2005 at 3:00 pm

Present:

J L Hurlston Chairman
Marilyn Conolly
Mrs. Gina Ebanks-Petrie
Steve McField
Carson Ebanks

In attendance: Mr. Edward Howard
 Mr. Michael Barnett

1. Call to Order
2. Apologies Received
3. Opening Remarks
4. Minutes of previous meeting
5. Matters arising
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for making it possible to attend. It was noted that a sixth director was needed to make a quorum.

2. Apologies Received

Apologies were received from Mr. Dan Tibbetts and Mrs Debra Welcome and Mr. Colford Scott.

3. Opening Remarks.

The Chairman expressed his desire to progress the important matters at hand notwithstanding the absence of a quorum. All present agreed to proceed accordingly.

4. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were deferred to the next regular meeting.

5. Matters Arising

(i) Executive Secretary

In the absence of the Managing Director, there was no update as to the current progress with this recruitment.

(ii) Central Highway Corridor

The Directors noted that following the recent presentation made by NRA staff to the Central Planning Authority regarding the proposed road corridor, the CPA had evidently deferred its formal recommendations but had made some oral suggestions. The NRA

was consequently not in a position to present a formal joint recommendation to the Ministry for Cabinet decision and gazettal under section 25 of The Roads Law. Comments were received in a memorandum from the Department of Environment in respect of environmental aspects of the recommendations.

The Directors noted that the Law did not require this but agreed it was necessary and helpful and that they would make appropriate recommendations for possible amendments to the Law for future similar procedures in dealing with such projects.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment in not being able to make a formal joint recommendation to the Ministry as the Minister was anxious to take the matter to Cabinet and had requested the relevant maps be submitted to him by 18th March, 2005, ie the next day.

The Directors discussed the way forward and it was concluded that the map as presently available would be submitted to the Minister as requested along with a copy of these minutes and of the memorandum from the DOE and the Minister could then decide how to proceed to take the matter forward to Cabinet.

6. Offices and Vehicle and Equipment Replacement

PWD staff has advised the MD that the Annex building housing the NRA offices would be completed by mid to late March. This seemed to have experienced a delay due to the lack of available labour. MD confirmed that two office trailers had been ordered to accommodate displaced staff members and had now arrived for installation and occupation in the near future.

Ms. Marilyn Conolly advised that some concern had been expressed by the Department of Vehicles regarding the choice of type of vehicles and the ability to provide service locally. The Assistant Director of F/A was asked to take a note and discuss with the MD.

7. Unfinished Business:

Finances:

The Assistant Director of Finance (AD/F) advised that every effort was being made to take over the financial affairs of the Authority from the Ministry and Treasury. A letter dated 10th March, 2005 had been written to the Treasury and the hand over of responsibility was imminent.

He presented an update on the state of the finances as at 28rd February, 2005 which detailed the original and the approved supplemental appropriations.

8. New Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Confirmed:

Chairman.....

