

National Roads Authority
Minutes of the Eighteenth Amendment 'Nineteenth' Meeting of the
Board held at the
Cayman Islands Civil Service Association Co-operative Credit Union
Conference Room, Thomas Russell Way, George Town,
Grand Cayman, Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 3:00p.m.

Present: J L Hurlston Chairman
Colford Scott
Michael Barnett
Gina Ebanks-Petrie
Justin Woods

Denis Thibeault (by invitation)

Lois A. Hall Executive Secretary

Apologies: Debra Welcome
Troy Whittaker Deputy Chairman
Nicholas Johnson
Rollin Jackson

Absent: Edward Howard
Carson Ebanks (due to illness)
Steve McField
Dan Tibbetts

1. **Call to Order**
The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and convened with a word of prayer.
2. **Opening Remarks**
The Chairman welcomed members in attendance to the first meeting of the year 2006. Redacted under Section 23(1) of the FOI Law 2015.
3. **Minutes of previous meetings**
Amendment under #4 'Matters Arising (i) a.' third paragraph, fourth line to read 'A draft of this manual will possibly be presented at the first staff meeting of 2006' and not 'A draft of this manual will possible be presented at the first meeting of 2006'.

That being the only amendment the minutes were accepted.

It is suggested that the Minister receives a copy of the approved Minutes for each meeting.

4. Matters Arising

(i) General Report by MD

a. Staff

The new salaries and wages were paid this month, based on the acceptance of the salaries review report by the Board in December 2005.

Management will be adopting recommendations suggested in the study once the best implementation process is worked out. Increments will be based on performance appraisals and not be automatic.

Board Members were reminded that input regarding the Personnel Policy Manual is still being requested.

Mr. Bill Boden, the Paving Supervisor has begun working at the NRA.

b. Tenders

Orders were placed in December 2005 with Island Paving Equipment Ltd., for the supply of one asphalt paver and two asphalt compactors as well as three dump trucks from Palmetto Trucks through DVES for the asphalt operations. The equipment is expected on island late February 2006.

c. Paving

Overlays have been completed on the main road from Midland Acres to Breakers, and Anton Drive from Look-Out Gardens to Bodden Town Police Station. John McLean Drive is in progress this week.

Plans are being made for the improvement of roads in the George Town area e.g. sidewalks, the paving of Shedden Road and a general tidy up of the area.

d. Road Register

Work on this project continues and a draft was presented to the Ministry at a meeting in December 2005. By using the existing Road Atlas, a list has been compiled of the condition of each road and how much it will cost to upgrade each road to the next level. This list will also indicate public and private roads.

- e. School Signals/Speed Limits – Red Bay & Savannah Primary Schools
This project is in progress and implementation of the new speed zones and school signals is expected early 2006. Pilot schools in this project will be the Savannah and Red Bay Primary Schools.
- f. Expansion of lanes – West Bay Road (in vicinity of the Hyatt)
The gazette has been published for the land required for the extension and concrete curbing will be placed later this month.
- g. Allocation & Use of NRA vehicles
Notices were sent in December 2005 reminding drivers of the proper use and required maintenance of NRA vehicles. The truck damaged by Hurricane Wilma currently at Vampt Motors is expected to be back in operation shortly.
- h. Roundabout – Elgin Avenue
The four approaches and base work on the roundabout have been completed. CUC has installed light towers on the central island and the splitter islands. All roadways have been surfaced with spray-and-chip. The curbing contractor is expected on site in early February 2006 and will be followed by Island Paving with hot-mixed asphalt. A water line is in place with the meter expected to be installed and this will irrigate the landscaped area of the roundabout.

Applications have been received from a number of firms interested in providing landscaping and maintenance for the green areas in the intersection. It is anticipated that the area will eventually look similar to the Butterfield roundabout.

- i. Esterley Tibbetts Highway Extension (Hyatt to Indies Suites)
Work commenced on this project on January 4, 2006. Test pits have been dug and some of the land cleared between the Hyatt and the Ritz Carlton.

Discussions have been held with the Governors Harbour Home Owners Association and also with Mr. Michael Ryan of the Ritz Carlton regarding the route and activities through their respective properties. A workable compromise was reached with the Home Owners with the proposal of the highway extension road being built to run parallel to Peninsular Avenue. Lands and Survey is actively processing the land compensation claims for the route. The additional section from Lime Tree to Indies Suites is now with the

Ministry for gazetting. The route is expected to be drivable by June 2006 with completion in December 2006.

Mr. Denis Thibeault was invited to present and explain the proposed route to the members using drawings showing the area with the proposed highway extension. This was a pre-presentation of the proposed presentation to the Ministry and slides will be added to be more effective. A date for this presentation has not yet been set. It was suggested that Mr. Thibeault meet with the Department of Environment to conduct further discussions re the highway extension so that someone from the Department of Environment can join the team along with a member from Planning Department. The Chairman stated that the NRA now needs to be more pro-active, to focus on the little things to build credibility, to win the public who needs to see improvement of the roads. He also thanked Mr. Thibeault for his presentation and suggested that the presentation to the Ministry be done as quickly and effectively as possible with two (2) maps, slides and greater time spent on the Esterley Tibbetts Highway extension and less time on the other projects unless indicated otherwise.

(ii) Financial Report

At the second quarter ending December 31, 2005 the NRA is within budget, the same as for the first quarter ending September 30, 2005.

With six months gone in the budget year, expenditure on NRA 2 amounts to \$2,480,803 which represents 48% of the annual budget. Halfway into the year, expenditure is running close to half of the annual budget.

Nothing have been spent on NRA1 and NRA 3, however with the acceleration of the Esterley Tibbetts phase 3 extension, this is expected to change.

Regarding executive assets, expenditure to December 31, 2005 amounts to \$1,176,149 which is 12% of the annual budget. This too is expected to increase over the next six months.

A requested \$845,222 for equity injection has been received and this represents 64% of the annual budget.

Based on the figures for the six months ending December 31, 2005, it is confident that baring some unforeseen disaster the NRA should be able to accomplish its objectives with the budget.

5. **Other Business**

(i) Redacted under Section 23(1) of the FOI Law.



(ii) Street lights

The Ministry has requested an audit to be done on the number of street lights (working and not working) which the NRA is being billed for. An inventory is expected to be done in conjunction with CUC re adjustments for lights not working in a given month.

6. **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 16, 2006.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

