

**National Roads Authority**  
**Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Board**

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

**Date:** Monday 27 September, 2004.

**Present:**

J L Hurlston Chairman  
Troy Whittaker Deputy Chairman  
Marilyn Conolly  
Debra Welcome  
Rollin Jackson  
Carson Ebanks  
Gina Ebanks-Petrie  
A Steve McField  
Justin Woods

**In attendance:** Mr. Colford Scott  
Mr. Edward Howard

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for making it possible to attend.
  - 1.1 The apologies of the Honourable Gilbert McLean, and Mr. Dan Tibbetts were noted.
  - 1.2 The Chairman said that this was an emergency meeting to deal with damage and recovery issues following the effects of hurricane Ivan.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising were deferred to the next meeting.
3. The Chief Engineer was invited to present the initial basic damage assessment report, attached hereto for the records. Apart from the damages to roads and the rough cost estimates of the damages, there are further expected costs relating to street lighting and traffic signals. The fleet of equipment and vehicles has also been damaged in part as is the compressors used to clear clogged water drains.
  - 3.1 The Chief Engineer was asked to prepare the reprioritization of projects for the remainder of the financial year with budget estimates attached. This would enable the NRA to advise the Ministry and Cabinet in respect of these matters.
  - 3.2 The view was expressed that maybe the opportunity might be taken by Government to gazette a one hundred foot road corridor from George Town to East End to enable a multi-lane highway in the future. The cost of such road construction was estimated in the region of \$3-5 million per mile of road.
  - 3.3 It was noted that the offices of the PWD and the NRA were damaged also and that many of the NRA one hundred and five employees had suffered loss of their homes and cars etc. Following some discussion and noting that the Government has put in place a relief scheme to assist those in need, the Board agreed that the Chairman and Director A Steve McField (who was part of a similar relief effort in Bodden Town) would meet on Friday 1 st October

with all NRA staff and discuss how the NRA can best assist the staff affected to help themselves with urgent recovery needs.

**Personnel Matters:**

- 4.1 The Chairman reported that a meeting of the executive sub-committee of the board had met earlier and short-listed ten candidates for interviews this week for the key positions, excluding the Managing Directors position, which the board itself wished to handle.
- 4.2 The Board decided to interview candidates for the MD post next Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> October.
- 4.3 The board also agreed to the recommendations for the appointments of Edison Jackson and Marion Pandohie with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May,2004 and 1<sup>st</sup> February,2003 respectively.
- 4.4 It was noted the needs exist for assistance in the areas of public relations and human resources management, but these will be considered following the selection of the Assistant Director of Administration and Finance.
- 5.1 The Chief Engineer was asked to re-evaluate the needs of PWD and the NRA staff in relation to office accommodation and to make appropriate recommendations.

**New Business:**

- 6.1.1 The meeting noted correspondence from the Water Authority recommending that the NRA assume some role for recording of devices (data cables, lines for communications, etc) being placed under the roads and decided to seek legal advice as a first step.
- 6.1.2 Mr. Rollin Jackson informed the board of an offer of assistance in the form of equipment from Mr. Mike Bell of Grand Harbour. The offer was in principle accepted and the NRA will follow up immediately to establish the details and terms of the offer.

Confirmed this ..... day of .....2004

Chairman.....  
