

National Roads Authority
Minutes of the One-Hundred & Twenty-Second Meeting
of the Board of Directors
held at Public Works Department (PWD) Training/Resource Room,
370 North Sound Road, George Town, Grand Cayman,
Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	Colford Scott	Chairman
	Troy Whittaker	Deputy Chairman
	Darrel Rankine	
	Ms. Levonne Ryan	
	Mrs. Elsie Kynes	
	Michael Meghoo	
	Steve McField	
	Ms. Josephine Sambula	Designate Director for Financial Secretary
	Tristan Hydes	Designate Director – Min. DAWL&A
	Edward Howard Paul Parchment	Actg. Managing Director Actg. Deputy MD – Eng. & Operations
Uche Obi	Senior Valuation Officer – Lands & Survey Department	
Denis Thibeault	Assist. Director, Transportation & Planning Unit	
Mrs. Lois A. Hall-Vaughan	Executive Secretary	
Apologies:	Justin Bodden	
	Mrs. Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden	
	David Fawcitt	Designate Director – Min. DAW&LA

- 1. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 1:22pm by the Chairman.
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes**
The motion to accept the Minutes with minor amendments was moved by Director E. Kynes and seconded by Director J. Sambula. Motion accepted.

3. **Matters Arising**

a. **Compensation Claims**

Blk 20B sec 23(1) – Owen Roberts Drive/Dorcy Drive

As requested by the Board, the department of Lands & Survey has written to sec 23(1) outlining the terms and conditions in regards to formalizing their occupation of this property. A response is pending.

b. **Blk 12E sec 23(1) – West Bay Road**

On investigation it appeared that a Section 3 was not done. The Board therefore accepted the recommendation of Lands & Survey to do a Section 3 and a new Section 5.

c. **Revamping the NRA Forward**

It was noted that the financial status of the NRA is OK until the mid to end of January 2013. Management is currently awaiting a response from the Ministry in regards to an urgently requested proposal on revamping the NRA forward.

d. **Health Insurance Coverage for NRA Retirees**

It was queried if the employee who was Medical Boarded had left the NRA. It was confirmed that the employee left in April of this year.

During this discussion, it was noted that it is currently being proposed that the age of retirement be changed to 65 years instead of 60 years. It was suggested that employees currently at the 60 yr. limit be placed in abeyance until the Law is changed and effected, and apply for furtherance of employment.

e. **CUC Monthly billing of Government street lights**

It was suggested by the Chairman that prior to the NRA verifying bills for payment, NRA management to work out a system with CUC to see which lights are not working in a given period so that payment is only made for working streets lights.

4. **New Business**

a. **Compensation Claims**

Blk 12C sec 23(1) of FOI Law – Esterley Tibbetts Highway

Payment approved.

Blk 11B sec 23(1) Esterley Tibbetts Highway

Payment approved.

b. **Blk 12C Par 457 – Adjustment of access scheme**

Letter dated November 22, 2012 from Buffa Ltd. was submitted requesting the adjusting of the originally approved access scheme for the abovementioned parcel. This was reviewed and discussed with the assistance of Denis Thibeault (Assist. Dir. TPU). The request was denied for safety reasons (access to the highway on a curve not feasible), and the application recommended to pursue the access points available at either the north or south of the parcel.

c.

Redacted under sec 17(b)(ii) of the FOI Law (2015 Rev)

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Explosive Law

A member of the public made an enquiry to a Director in regards to the NRA's directive that an explosive should not be ignited less than 500ft. of the nearest residential dwelling.

It was noted that this directive is not stated in the Explosives Law 2008 or the Explosives Regulations 1997, although guidelines are set out at the back of the Law. It was explained that back in the 1980's in regards to the proximity of conducting blasts, the then licensed blasters agreed that 500ft is the preferred limit for safety and less than that would require the permission of land owners in the designated area.

The Law is currently in the process of being revised.

- e. The Chairman thanked the members for participating in the year's activities (work and deliberations) especially the members from Cayman Brac as well as NRA's management team, members of staff and the Executive Secretary. He wished all a joyous and safe Christmas with the hope to return in January 2013 to continue working for the NRA and the Cayman Islands Government.

5. **Any Other Business**

- a. It was noted that several coconut trees have been planted on the layby of the entrance to Old Prospect Road by the Selkirk roundabout and it seems that too much have been planted too closely. As this may or may not affect the motoring public at a later date the NRA will look at the situation and monitor it.
- b. In regards to the anonymous list of names (allegedly of employees for dismissal) that was recently posted at the rear of the compound (storage shed), on investigation it was noted that there are no security cameras posted at that section of the compound, therefore no information on who posted it could be obtained from that source.
- c. In regards to the general morale and mood of the staff, it was noted that most employees are unsure of their work status and some employees are actively seeking employment elsewhere.
- d. It was noted that entrances/exits to various roundabouts have lots of gravel on them which can be dangerous to the motoring public. Members were informed that the sweeper is currently down and is expected to be back on the road by next month. It was suggested that in the meantime the field workers could be utilized in sweeping the streets manually.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2013.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.