

National Roads Authority
Minutes of the Seventy-Eighth Meeting of the Board of Directors
held at Reliable Industries Conference Room, 313 Compass Drive,
George Town,
Grand Cayman, Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Errol L. Bush	Chairman
Troy Whittaker	Deputy Chairman
Justin Woods	
Gary Rankin	
Dane (Dean) Walton	
Peter Milburn	
Carson Ebanks	Chief Officer (Min. CW&I)
Troy Jacob	Nominee for Chief Officer (Min. CW&I)
Brian Tomlinson	Managing Director
Edward Howard	Deputy MD – Admin & Planning
Paul Parchment	Actg. Dep. MD – Eng. & Operations
Uche Obi	Senior Valuation Officer – Lands & Survey Department (invited)
Lois A. Hall-Vaughan	Executive Secretary

Apologies:

Gerard Pereira	
Ronnie Dunn	Nominee for Financial Secretary

Absent:

Steve McField

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm. by the Chairman.
2. **Confirmation of Minutes**
The Minutes of the Meeting held January 27, 2009 were confirmed on a motion moved by (Director Gary Rankin) and seconded by (Director Carson K. Ebanks).
3. **Matters Arising**
See attached spreadsheet.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Claim for Compensation – Blk 23C S. 23(1) of the FOI Law East/West Arterial
This claim for compensation was reviewed by the Board and compensation of CI\$309,028.31 was approved for payment (compensation of CI\$306,662 plus S. 23(1) of the FOI Law of CI\$2,366.31).
 - b. Claim for Compensation – Blk 19E S. 23(1) – Seymour Road
This claim for compensation was reviewed by the Board and compensation of CI\$14,519.61 was approved for payment (compensation of CI\$13,000 plus professional fees of CI\$1,519.61).

- c. Claim for Compensation – Blk 19E, S. 23(1) Seymour Road
This claim for compensation was reviewed by the Board and compensation of CI\$5,825.25 was approved for payment (compensation of CI\$4,350.00 plus professional fees of CI\$1,475.25).
- d. Claim for Compensation – Blkk 28C S. 23(1)
This claim for compensation was reviewed by the Board and compensation of CI\$35,585.24 was approved for payment (compensation of CI\$34,000 plus professional fees of CI\$1,585.24).
- e. Widening of Red Gate Road – Atlantic Supply Building
This presentation was done by Neil Rooney of Exeter along with Messrs. Andrew & Clive Bodden in regards to a planning application to expand Atlantic Supply and how it will be affected by the proposed widening with regards to the property's boundary lines. Staff is to prepare a position paper for consideration by the Board at the next meeting after which a response will be given.
- f. Road Encroachment – Melody Lane
This is to be reviewed further and presented to the Board by the DMD A&P at the next meeting.

5. **Other Business**

- a. Roundabouts – Shamrock and Selkirk
It was noted that there is a problem with motorists losing traction on these roundabouts especially when there is a light drizzle of rain. The survey crew is to review the current design of the roundabouts. It was suggested to post a 25mph sign (traffic advisory in conjunction with the Police) on the approach/exits of the roundabouts. Signs to 'Slow Down' will also be posted.
- b. Roundabout –Dorcy Drive by NAPA
Director Dane Walton advised that street lights were needed on the approach to this roundabout and further on going to the Foster's Food Fair area. Reflectors will be used on the section from Jose Gas Station to Foster's Food Fair.
- c. Overtaken Container
The NRA is currently investigating (with the aid of the Police) the reason this container overturned by the Butterfield Roundabout.
- d. Variable Sign Machines
It was noted that these machines do not have the NRA address and contact details on them. This is to be corrected.
- e. Street Lights Audit
Director Carson K. Ebanks enquired if the NRA was still conducting this audit of working/non working street lights. The Actg. DMD E&O is to revive the Asset Management Programme so this can be continued. It was noted that no refund was given by CUC for non working street lights. It was

noted that there is no contract in place NRA/CUC in regards to street lights. This is to be reviewed by the MD and Director Carson K. Ebanks.

f. NRA Supplementary Appropriation Budget Cuts

The MD presented a spreadsheet showing the approved 2007-08 NRA budget, the emergency supplemental appropriations that were made in June 08, the supplemental appropriations requested in October 08 and the anticipated final budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. An emergency meeting was called by the Ministry of CW&I on February 19, 08 at which time they announced that budget had to be cut to the bare minimum due to a grim revised year end projection by the Budget Management Unit. It appears that all of the NRA's supplemental appropriation requests will be turned down except for an anticipated \$5million appropriation under NRA-2, Maintenance of Roads.

Director Gary Rankin enquired based on the current global recession if there was a contingency plan in place apart from staff cuts to deal with the anticipated budget cuts. The MD replied that all major road works and district road reconstruction works would cease. We would reduce our operations to only pothole patching and bush cutting. Street lights requests will be put on hold and the compound can be cleaned up and the junk disposed of. Material in our existing topsoil stockpile can be screened and used to finish off the medians in the Esterley Tibbetts Highway and the East/West Arterial.

g. Blk 23C Par S. 23(1) – A.L. Thompson

Director Troy Jacob requested the Board to consider Mr. Thompson's request to vest the land adjoining his property to him. Director Carson K. Ebanks advised that the NRA would have to advise Cabinet that it did not require the specific piece of land and recommend that it be vested to Mr. Thompson. This is to be done by the MD.

The Board resolved to recommend to the Ministry that following the scheduling of the East/West Arterial Highway as a public road; this part of parcel 23C be discontinued as a public road in accordance with Section 14 of the Roads Law and sold to the owners of parcel 23C (A.L. Thompson) at the current fair market value of the land and that the proceeds of the sale of this land be handed over to the National Roads Authority for its use in the continuing development of the public road network.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm.



Signature
Board Chairman
Confirmation of Minutes – 24.02.09
Date: 10.03.09

Signature
Executive Secretary
Seconded: Confirmation of Minutes
Date: 10.03.09