

National Roads Authority
Minutes of the Ninety-Third Meeting of the Board of Directors
held at Reliable Industries Board Room,
313 Compass Drive off North Sound Road, George Town, Grand
Cayman,
Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

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| Present: | Colford Scott | Chairman |
| | Steve McField | |
| | Justin Bodden | Director Ex-Officio |
| | Darrel Rankine | |
| | Mrs. Christine Maltman | |
| | Ronnie Dunn | Designate Director for Financial Secretary |
| | Tristan Hydes | Designate Director – Min. DAW&GA |
| | David Fawcitt | Designate Director – Min. DAW&GA |
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| | Brian Tomlinson | Managing Director |
| Apologies: | Edward Howard | Deputy MD – Admin & Planning |
| | Denis Thibeault | Assist. Director – Transportation & Planning |
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| | Uche Obi | Senior Valuation Officer, Lands & Survey Department |
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| | Troy Whittaker | Deputy Chairman |
| | Brian Ebanks | |
| | Ms. Levonne Ryan | |
| | Mrs. Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden | |
| | Barry Martinez | |
| | Paul Parchment | Actg. Dep. MD – Eng. & Operations |
| | Mrs. Lois A. Hall-Vaughan | Executive Secretary (in class) |

- Call to Order**
The Meeting was called to order at 1:15pm by the Chairman and it was noted that the meeting commenced without a quorum.
- Confirmation of Minutes**
This will be done at the next meeting.

3. **New Business**

a. **Claims for Compensation**

Blk 23C S. 23(1) East/West Arterial

The recommendation that this claim be taken to the Roads Assessment committee for determination (as professional fees can not be agreed on) was approved and accepted by the Board.

Blk 23C S. 23(1) East/West Arterial

The Board accepted that this claim is valid.

Blk 28B S. 23(1) East/West Arterial

The recommendation that this claim be taken to the Roads Assessment Committee for determination (as professional fees can not be agreed on) was approved and accepted by the Board.

Blk 25B S. 23(1) East/West Arterial

The Board recommends that Mr. Obi continues negotiations with the claimant and make a revised offer of C\$23,500.00 to the claimant.

b. **Proposed disposal of land by Silver Oaks roundabout**

The MD noted that this issue had been previously discussed but not dealt with and is now a renewed interest by the Ministry and in accordance with the Roads Law a final decision needs to be made. He suggested that this lot of land which is in fact a part of the road network be disposed of and the NRA recommends that this be closed and vested to 22E 237. The NRA did not recommend the closure, the NRA offered options to the Board and stated what area if closed and vested would be needed to be kept for the visibility splay at the Silver Oaks Roundabout.

Two members agreed with the motion to sell i.e. NRA closing a portion and vesting to 22E 237 however three were against the motion to sell.

Therefore the decision of the Board is for the parcel to remain a part of the road network.

c. **Closing the footpath between Blk 4B Par 266 and Blk 4B Par 431**

Mr. D. Thibeault informed the meeting that a request was made to the Ministry in December 2009 requesting a closure of this old public footpath (by Finch Drive – West Bay) which is approximately 6 – 10ft wide. It is suggested that the NRA get feedback from persons in the community who use it as per under Prescription Law. The observation was made that any decision made, it does not make the parcel land locked and to have the decision in writing and not just verbal. It was decided that this request be deferred to the Ministry for investigation after which it will return to the Board.

d. **Closing the ROW between Blk 4E Par 80 & Blk 4E Par 621**

Mr. Denis Thibeault informed that this was an old footpath (by Stadium Drive – West Bay) that is suggested for closure. Mr. Thibeault is to

prepare a scheme regarding the suggested land swap I.e. to shift over 4E 80 to 4E 621 which may be beneficial to the road network and improve the intersection by Rev. Blackman Rd. and present it to the Board.

It was noted that the NRA has no say in regards to Crown Land and that whoever initiated the request for the closure of the ROW is to acquire signatures from the affected land owners.

e. Pedestrian Issues – West Bay Road

It was noted that there have been ongoing issues with pedestrians on the West Bay Road in particular on the Seven Mile Beach strip. This has been highlighted more recently with an accident involving a pedestrian tourist in the Foster's Strand area.

A meeting of the Traffic Advisory Panel (April 28, 2010) was held and the following recommendations were made:

- On completion of the Esterley Tibbetts Highway the West Bay Road would become a pedestrian tourist friendly area. The recent upgrading project of the downtown George Town will continually get pushed to be done.
- A 30 mile speed limit from Eastern Avenue to Raleigh Quay
- To encourage usage of the Esterley Tibbetts Highway from Tikki Beach intersection by installing a roundabout
- To look at pedestrian crossings on the West Bay Road (crossings were taken out in 2000 when paving was done)
- Pedestrian zigzag in centre lane with overhead lights
- White light LED/metal keylights to brighten the area
- Trim ficus trees blockings lights

5. Other Business

a. Linford Pierson Highway extension/Bobby Thompson roundabout

It was noted that the ongoing issue in regards to the injunction needs to be solved as this issue has been repeatedly adjourned. The Chairman requested the MD to meet with Director S. McField (Friday, June 11, 2010 at 10am) to review the Law and find out what is required to have the injunction lifted. The lifting of this injunction will make a huge impact on this project.

b. Walkers Road connection

When the John Gray High School is opened, more capacity will probable be needed. It is uncertain at this time if funding to enhance the road is included in the Budget. The NRA would like to have the benefit of a proposed timeline as this would assist in preparing the budget.

It was also noted that no resolution has been made in regards to the Ironwood Forrest. Although more capacity is needed and the connection to the main road required, observations were made that this

proposed road could have benefitted from better public relations and the provision of greater information to the public. If this was carried out perhaps the outcome would have been different. It was also noted that natural resources are becoming a more sensitive issue.

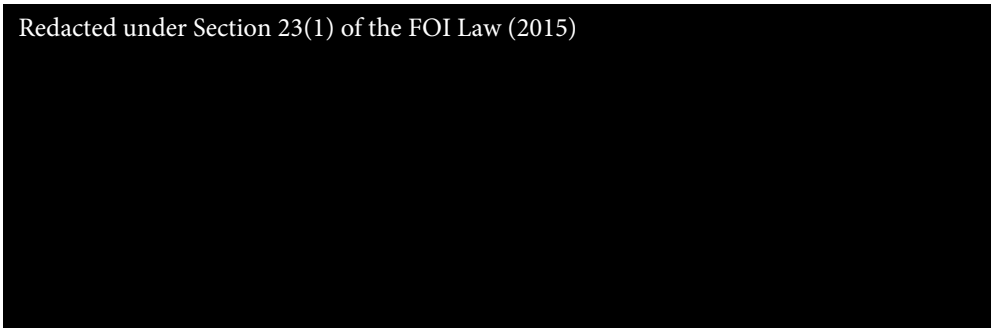
b. Widening of Elgin Avenue

It was noted that the trees located at the current Government Administration Building will possibly affect the widening of this road. It is to be investigated if these trees are under the Protection Law and if not, to consult with Dart's West Indian Nursery with a view to the relocating of them.

c. Paving in Cayman Brac

The Chairman suggested that the next Board meeting be held in Cayman Brac and is to send a request to the Ministry to fund this meeting. By the next meeting it is expected that asphalt production should be on the way.

d. Redacted under Section 23(1) of the FOI Law (2015)



f. Spotter's Way

The MD noted the Board's previous decision to move to high water mark (preserving the old trail) and this is to be left with the NRA for technical issues.

g. Staff issues – promotions with increase in salary

Discussions were held regarding a Ministry directive to further defer the proposed promotion and salary increases of some NRA staff. The Chairman noted that this matter was first deferred in December 2009. On April 15th, 2010 (following a meeting with the Ministry) he was given the "green light" to proceed. Since this was a Ministry directive, the matter was not put to a vote by the Board as it was seen as a moot point. Management proceeded on the basis of the April 15th, 2010 directive and it would now be hugely demoralizing to the staff to have that taken away.

Observations were made that staff matters including remuneration were the purview of the NRA Board. The Law does provide for the Minister to have an input, but these should be on matters of policy and not on the day to day operation of the organization.

It is suggested that a performance review (of promoted staff) be done in six months to a year.

h. HR Consultant – Mr. G. Wood – Contract

The MD advised that Mr. Wood's contract expires in June 2010 and an extension was offered. The question was raised if a member of staff had been identified for training in HR matters. The Chairman informed that the Executive Secretary to the Board Mrs. L. A. Hall-Vaughan was currently in training.

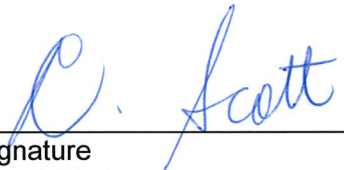
The MD suggested that Mr. Wood provide the Board with an update on his status re HR matters.

6. Next Meeting

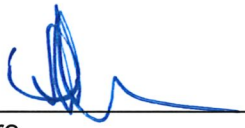
The next scheduled meeting (with the Board's support) is proposed for July 20, 2010 and it is suggested that it be held in Cayman Brac. Members will be notified of confirmation via email.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.



Signature
Board Chairman
Confirmation of Minutes – 08.06.10
Date: 20.07.10



Signature
Executive Secretary
Seconded: Confirmation of Minutes
Date: 20.07.10