
**Minutes of the Three-Hundred & Thirty nine
Meeting of the Board of Directors
held in NRA Conference Room,
370 North Sound Road, George Town, Grand Cayman
Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

Present were:

Alric Lindsay	Director, Chairman
Stanley Panton	Director, Deputy Chairman
Troy Whittaker	Director
Anna Peccarino	Director
Kelvin Dixon	Director
Dane Walton	Director
Paul 'Andy' Bodden	Director
Heidi Hunte-Webster	Director
Barry Martinez	Director
Edward Howard	Managing Director
Faith Powery	Executive Secretary
Tristan Hydes	Designate of Chief Officer, PAHI (ex officio)

Invitees:	Gina Ebanks-Petrie	Department of Environment
	Lauren Dombowsky	Temporary Senior Environmental Assessment Officer

1. Call to Order

It was resolved that, a quorum being present, the meeting was duly constituted.

2. Presentation by Department of Environment- Environmental impacts of major road projects

The Chairman noted that the Department of Environment was invited to present its views on environmental impacts of the NRA's major road projects.

The Department of Environment and board members discussed the following points of interest:

- The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) – Scientific studies and mitigation measures
- Stages of EIA – Screening and the Environmental Board Assessment
- The East West Arterial –Impact of 3 reserve areas, providing a screening report to the Ministry for ecology and hydrology.
- Central Mangrove Wetland
- 2019 East West Arterial Proposals
- Potential Impacts of East West Arterial-Visuals were looked at to show the Board the impact of a road being in the middle of a natural runoff, which would now create a dam. Suggestions for an alleviation infrastructure to be looked at, including requirements for developers to put in place proper stormwater management systems

generally across Cayman and for developments proposed along or near the East West Arterial

- Elevations & Surface Flow
- 2019 EIA Scoping report – Geo environmental considerations and Socio Economic Consideration. Two key inter-related areas that must be addressed are Hydrology and Drainage and Terrestrial Ecology
- Airport Connector Road

The Chairman queried the Department of Environment representatives as to why DOE recommendations for an EIA for the East-West Arterial were not implemented from 2005. The Chairman noted that it was important that stakeholders appreciate that the consideration of the environment is not separate and apart from decision-making for projects and is actually an integral part of decision-making. The Chairman highlighted that stakeholders would be ultimately impacted if environmental considerations were not taken into account. The DOE representative at the meeting indicated that it was unclear why the DOE's recommendations for an EIA for the East West Arterial had not been implemented for several years prior to the constitution of this new NRA board of directors.

The DOE representative noted that no EIA would be required for the Airport Connector Road (ACR).

Regarding the ACR, MD Howard noted that culverts would be placed in the area and that the Water Authority would be seeking a connection to the culverts. The Chairman noted his reservations about what the Water Authority would be seeking to discharge via the culverts as the North Sound may ultimately be impacted. It was resolved that MD Howard follow up with the Water Authority regarding this point.

After discussion, the following major items and steps were noted:

- NRA to provide DOE with three qualified consulting firms to carry out an EIA from Woodland to Lookout Gardens
- NRA to continue (as MD Howard noted) to be mindful of the natural resources – fresh water lens, farmland and the Salinas Reserve. DCO Hydes added that government was cognizant of the impact of the road with the fresh water lens, the Salinas Reserve and also the Colliers Wilderness Reserve.
- South Sound Road/South Sound drainage. Consideration to be given to the South Sound drainage basin boundary and how to best deal with any water drainage.
- Drawings, as requested by Director Panton, to be provided to the DOE with a request to be made for their comments for various areas, including the Bobby Thompson extension.

3. Other business

It was noted that a letter was received on the morning of the meeting regarding the upgrade to Sextant Road, a public road in North Side. After discussion, it was resolved that a response to the letter be sent to the author as soon as possible.

4. Next Board meeting scheduled for September 22nd 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
5. Fleet Committee meeting scheduled for September 30th 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
6. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Chairman
Confirmation of minutes

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Executive Secretary
Seconded: Confirmation of minutes

