
National Roads Authority
Minutes of the One-Hundred & Forty-Third Meeting
of the Board of Directors
held at PWD Training/Resource Room,
370 North Sound Road, George Town, Grand Cayman,
Wednesday, 16th April 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

In attendance were:

Donovan Ebanks	Chairman
Mrs. Sheree Ebanks	Dep. Chairman
David Arch	Director
John Edward Ebanks	Director
Stanley Panton	Director
Dane Walton	Director
Kenross Conolly	Director
Ronnie Dunn	Director Designate of Financial Secretary
David Fawcitt	Director Designate of Chief Officer, Ministry PLAH&I (alt.)
Paul Parchment	Managing Director (Actg.) – NRA
Edward Howard	Dep. Managing Director - NRA
Kevin Gillett	Lands & Survey Dept. – invited
Lois Hall-Vaughan	Executive Secretary

Apologies:

Gary Clarke	Director
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am by the Chairman.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of Meeting held March 12, 2014 were signed off by the Chairman. Minutes of Meeting held March 26, 2014 were reviewed and approved with minor amendments.

3. Matters Arising

4a. 2013/2014 Works Programme

The Board has requested an update as of April 15, 2014 and the MD Actg. is to provide this information.

4b. Kingbird Warehouse Lease Agreements

The Chairman requested a written report from the DMD setting out the various options from continued leasing, transitioning to a lease-purchase arrangement and construction of units at the rear of the PWD compound.

4c. Management Report

Director S. Panton queried the possibility of NRA management providing the Board with monthly projected targets, so that members will be able to ascertain what is to be done and what is being done.

Copies of this information were provided to Members by the MD Actg.

5a. Trenching Policy

The MD Actg. informed that Legal Department is still currently reviewing the Trenching Policy and no response has been received to date. He also noted that this situation is currently affecting the NRA's finances and the NRA will need to recoup the money.

4b. 2013/2014 Expenditure Monitoring & Forecasting (from Minutes 26.02.14)

The Board requested a schedule of existing assets and the current status re depreciation. This was received by the MD Actg. who is to review and forward to Members via email.

4d. Recruitment of MD (from Minutes 26.02.14)

NB: The advertisement for the post of MD is expected to be published in tomorrow's Caymanian Compass and the Chairman invited both the MD Actg. and DMD to apply for the post. The recruitment process is to be handled by PoCS.

4a. DART Proposal

The NRA requires a Traffic Study from DART in relation to area affected by this proposal. The MD Actg. is to meet with DART.

4. New Business

4a. Explosives Law & Regulations– Presentation & Comment Session with Industry Stakeholders

A presentation was done by Rob McClure and Edison Jackson on various aspects of the current reviewing of the Explosives Law & Regulations which includes the securing of explosives, safety audits, importation of explosives and the transportation and storing of explosives. Areas of concern mentioned were the qualifications of blasters, personnel security (background check on staff dealing with explosives) and adequate disposal of expired explosives. Members were informed that a meeting of various personnel with interest in explosives e.g. blasters was being arranged to garner information in regards to the current review of the Law.

4b. Compensation Claims

Blk 11E S. 23(1)

The Board approved payment as recommended.

Blk 10E S. 23(1)

The Board approved payment as recommended.

4c. Sunshine Suites

This is a request from the persons who are leasing a section of the property adjacent to Sunshine Suites for a separate access point on to the Esterley Tibbetts Highway. The Board reconsidered the request and upheld the previous Board's decision not to grant a separate access point but to suggest negotiating with Sunshine Suites to share the current access point.

5. Other Business

5a. Street Lighting

For the next scheduled meeting, the Chairman has requested the MD Actg. and the DMD to review and state the current billing process in regards to the verifying of working street lights and payments for the use of street lights.

5b. George Town Revitalization

The MD Actg. informed that a committee has been established for the revitalization of George Town and they are currently looking at changing the traffic flow, closing some roads and installing more pedestrian crossings. They will also look at what can be done with the old Tower Building. The committee has requested a traffic count of the area and the NRA will be able to provide this information.

5c. Linford Pierson Highway

Road work is being done on this road and it was suggested that NRA staff check at intervals of the work to ensure that the correct thickness of asphalt is applied.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 07, 2014.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.



Signature
Chairman of the Board
Confirmation of Minutes – 16.04.14
Date: 21.05.14

Signature
Executive Secretary
Seconded: Confirmation of Minutes
Date: 21.05.14