
National Roads Authority
Minutes of the One-Hundred & Thirty-Ninth Meeting
of the Board of Directors
held at Public Works Department (PWD) Training/Resource Room,
370 North Sound Road, George Town, Grand Cayman,
Wednesday, 12th February 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

In attendance were:

Donovan Ebanks	Chairman
David Arch	Director
Brainard Watler	Director
John Edward Ebanks	Director
Stanley Panton	Director
Dane Walton	Director
Gary Clarke	Director
Kenross Conolly	Director
Ronnie Dunn	Director Designate of Financial Secretary
David Fawcitt	Director Designate of Chief Officer, Ministry PLAH&I (alt.)
Edward Howard	Managing Director (Actg.) – NRA
Paul Parchment	Dep. Managing Director (Actg.) NRA
Lois Hall-Vaughan	Executive Secretary

Apologies:

Mrs. Sheree Ebanks	Dep. Chairman
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed back Director Dunn who was recently ill, and on behalf of the other members wished him blessings for continued good health.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Amended Minutes of the Meeting of December 11, 2013 were signed off by the Chairman.

The Amended Minutes of Meeting held January 15, 2014 were signed off by the Chairman.

Minutes of Meeting held January 30, 2014 were reviewed and approved subject to minor amendments.

3. **Matters Arising**

4b. **Paving Equipment in Cayman Brac – Accident**

Copies of the Motor Vehicle Accident Report and RCIPS Traffic Report were circulated via email to members prior to the meeting. Risk Management is currently assessing the cost of repairs as the truck is being shipped back to Grand Cayman for repairs. The Chairman indicated that he would speak with the Commissioner of Police re possible routine alcohol testing in relation to accidents involving government vehicles and employees.

4a. **2013/2014 Works Programme**

The Chairman, the MD Actg. and the DMD Actg. met with Caucus on February 10, 2014 and presented the 2013/14 Works Programme. The presentation was received and understood e.g. the current status of the Linford Pierson Highway with the urgency of addressing it. The upgrading of Smith Rd. and Godfrey Nixon Way were also discussed and the NRA's intention to do these to a similar standard as Elgin Ave., not in one year but progressively.

It was noted that notice of the intended road work on Godfrey Nixon Way and Smith Road should be given to the utility companies and a moratorium done for them not to dig up these roads on the island for the next five (5) years.

In regards to the recently upgraded Barnes Drive, it was noted that a company which supplies aggregate and a cement company both did not participate/contribute in the repairing of the road by NRA/residents of Barnes Drive combined, but is now using the road. It is noted that these two companies have legal access both to Barnes Drive and Sparky Way. The MD Actg. is to investigate.

4b. **Crosswalks – Camana Bay**

A case is currently being built with supporting documents to strongly suggest the removal of the crosswalk in this area. It was suggested that this be presented first to the Ministry possibly by mid - March 2014. The MD Actg. is to provide the outline of this case to the Board.

It was also suggested that the Chairman, the MD Actg. and the DMD Actg. meet with representative(s) from DART and point out issues (with supporting documentation) with the crosswalk and potential danger to pedestrians and motorists.

4. **New Business**

4a. **Compensation Claims**

Blk 11B S. 23 (1) Esterley Tibbetts Highway ext.

The Board approved the recommendation to pay. The Board was informed that under the NRA Agreement, DRCL is responsible for all compensation payments relating to this scheme. Therefore prior to issuing a check, the Ministry will request DRCL to send the funds to cover this claim.

Blk 11E S. 23(1) – Esterley Tibbetts Highway ext.
The Board approved the recommendation to pay.

Blk 14C S. 23(1) – North Sound Rd./Crewe Rd./Thomas Russell Way intersection
The Board approved the recommendation to pay.

Blk 14D S. 23(1) – Thomas Russell Way/Printer Way
The Board approved the recommendation to pay.

Blk 14D S. 23(1) – Thomas Russell Way/Printer Way intersection
The Board approved the recommendation to pay on condition that Lands & Survey Dept. (Mr. Obi) determine the rightful owner of this property to which the compensation will be paid.

Blk 15C S. 23(1) – Fairbanks Rd.
The Board approved the recommendation to pay the compensation on the basis of vacant possession which is to be confirmed by Lands & Survey Dept. (Mr. Obi).

Director B. Watler expressed thanks to the team of the Lands & Survey Dept. who negotiates claims on behalf of the government and appreciated their negotiating skills.

4b. Kingbird Warehouse Lease Agreements

The MD Actg. is currently reviewing the lease agreements however the owner of the warehouses is off island and will be contacted on return.

The five year lease agreements expires September 1, 2014 and management is currently looking at the possibility of a new lease to own agreement, the relocating of the units and the possible outsourcing of the testing lab.

The Chairman suggested that members meet 9:30 am for a few minutes, at the warehouse on the date of the next scheduled meeting, to familiarize themselves with the concerns and issues relating to the warehouse and the units housed there. Members agreed to meet as suggested.

4c. Management Report

Copies of the Management Report for the month of January 2014 along with a Financial Report as of 31 January 2014 were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

It was noted that NRA's diminishing budget needs to be efficiently spent. The proposed Works Programme 2013/14 will be coming from EA36.

It was suggested that the NRA's CFO be invited to attend the next meeting to speak with the Board re the budget's revised projection to

June 2014. It was also suggested that the CFO attend meetings on a monthly basis to report to the Board.

Members are to review the Management Report and provide a feedback at the next scheduled meeting.

In regards to the outstanding number of equipment in repair, it was noted that DVES does not have the right mechanics to repair some of the vehicles, hence repairs are slow, and there are problems locating the right mechanic to repair the tractors. It was noted that since this is a recurring problem, the NRA should look at possibly getting out of the bush cutting business. It was suggested that a study of the cost and labour to do bush cutting should be done with a view of sub-contracting.

The Management Report for the period October – December 2013 is to be available for the next scheduled meeting.

5. **Other Matters**

5a. **Trenching Policy**

An update is to be provided by the MD Actg. or the Ministry on the current status of the legal opinion on the Trenching Policy.

5b. **Update on legal action by the former Managing Director**

This is to be provided by the Deputy Chairman at the next meeting.

Director S. Panton indicated that he wished to reclude himself from consideration of this item due to his relationship with a relative of claimant's.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2014.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.



Signature
Chairman of the Board
Confirmation of Minutes – 12.02.14
Date: 12.03.14

Signature
Executive Secretary
Seconded: Confirmation of Minutes
Date: 12.03.14