

National Roads Authority
Minutes of the One-Hundred & Thirty-Seventh Meeting
of the Board of Directors
held at Public Works Department (PWD) Training/Resource Room,
370 North Sound Road, George Town, Grand Cayman,
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

In attendance were:

Donovan Ebanks	Chairman
Mrs. Sheree Ebanks	Dep. Chairman
David Arch	Director
Brainard Watler	Director
John Edward Ebanks	Director
Stanley Panton	Director
Dane Walton	Director
Gary Clarke	Director
Kenross Conolly	Director
Edward Howard	Managing Director (Actg.) – NRA
Paul Parchment	Dep. Managing Director (Actg.) NRA
Lois Hall-Vaughan	Executive Secretary

Apologies:

Ronnie Dunn	Director Designate of Financial Secretary
Tristan Hydes	Director Designate of Chief Officer, Ministry PLAH&I (alt.)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:44 am by the Chairman.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Amended Minutes of the Meeting of November 27, 2013 were signed off by the Chairman.

Minutes of Meeting held December 11, 2013 were reviewed and approved with minor amendments.

3. Matters Arising

4b. Paving Equipment in Cayman Brac - Accident

Members were informed that there was no update on the accident involving a NRA dump truck in Cayman Brac. NRA's Fleet Manager has liaised with RCIP and an update is to be provided at the next meeting.

4c. Proposed Dragon Bay Round-a-bout – circulation of papers and brief comments

The MD Actg. informed that NRA Management had liaised with the

Director of Planning and Planning Dept. has confirmed that the original master plan for this proposed development is still viable. The MD Actg. contacted DART (the new developers) who indicated that they will go back and review/revise the original master plan as changes are necessary.

5a. Authorized signatures – NRA Account

The Chairman requested Director R. Dunn to liaise with NRA's CFO in establishing a procedure for the resolution of authorizing signatures for the bank. The objective is to require the Board to authorise any changes and the bank not to entertain any changes unless supported by a resolution of the Board.

A draft letter was done by Director Dunn and is currently being reviewed by the NRA's CFO.

5c. Crosswalks – Camana Bay

The Actg.MD advised the Board that a study of the crosswalk at Camana Bay had been done over the Christmas holidays a report of which is to be compiled and circulated to the Board.

From the study it was noted that 75% of persons crossing in the daytime did not use the push button, and 40% crossing at night did not use the push button. Two 2ft signage urging persons crossing to use the push button were installed and this improved the situation as it was observed that at least 50% of persons crossing now use the push button. Public Service Announcements (PSA's) advising the public on how to use the crosswalks have been done and positive feedback on them received. Videos will also be shown at the movies.

Visibility for motorists is poor in the general area due to poor overhead lighting and heavy vegetation which should be cut back. It was noted that the red zone at the crosswalk is visible at night. It was suggested that the NRA liaise with DART re the possibility of installing solar lights on the poles in this area.

The Board's request for NRA management to install the pre-warning yellow rumble strips to the pavement to potentially slow down drivers on approach to the crosswalk has been placed on hold pending the Board's review of the report.

c. Proposed Changes to Speed Limits

The Managing Director, Actg. advised that the Traffic Management Panel (TMP) is expected to make its final recommendations to Cabinet on the speed limits in February 2014.

4. New Business

a. 2013/2014 Works Programme

Copies of the proposed 2013/2014 Works Programme were circulated to members for review and comments.

It was noted that all the roadwork projects proposed needed to be done however there was only enough funds for approximately 50% of the projects. It was suggested that the NRA engineers who know the conditions of the various roads and the Board should decide which roads on the list to be done. It was also suggested that NRA need to present the proposed projects for the period to Cabinet for review, discussion and possible to decide on what roads need to be done as priority.

It was noted that equipment at the NRA has not been upgraded since 2008/2009 however there are two full crews available to do the work required.

The Board reviewed the proposed projects and had no problem with the recommendations of the NRA engineers. It was suggested that this proposal be presented to the Ministry to prepare for the next financial year's budget. It was noted that the NRA needs to be pro-active and begin work on the first five roadwork projects in each district until the Ministry makes a decision.

5. Other Matters

- a. The Board approved the installation of guard rails on the Linford Pierson Highway in the vicinity of Rhythm Lane.
- b. The Managing Director Actg. is to check on the Lease Agreement for the two warehouses (housing the lab and sign shop) located on Kingbird Drive.
- c. The Managing Director Actg. advised that Government is currently setting up a Committee in charge of improving downtown George Town with funding identified to do so.
- d. The Board approved the installation of Parking/No Parking/Delivery Signs, ramps and Pedestrian Crossings in various sections of George Town.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2014.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:59pm.



Signature
Chairman of the Board
Confirmation of Minutes – 15.01.14
Date: 12.02.14

Signature
Executive Secretary
Seconded: Confirmation of Minutes
Date: 12.02.14