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**National Roads Authority**  
**Minutes of the One-Hundred & Fifty-Second Meeting**  
**of the Board of Directors**  
**held in**  
**PWD Training/Resource Room,**  
**370 North Sound Road, George Town, Grand Cayman,**  
**Wednesday 24 September 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

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**In attendance were:**

Donovan Ebanks	Chairman
Gary Clarke	Director
David Arch	Director
John Edward Ebanks	Director
Stanley Panton	Director
Dane Walton	Director
Kenross Connolly	Director
David Fawcitt	Director Designate of Chief Officer, Ministry PLAH&I (alt.)
Edward Howard	Deputy Managing Director – NRA
Paul Parchment	Managing Director – NRA
Julie Campbell	HR Manager - NRA

**Apologies:**

Sheree Ebanks	Deputy Chairman
Ronnie Dunn	Director Designate of Financial Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- a. 07 August 2014 – confirmed and signed
- b. 27 August 2014 – confirmed and signed
- c. 10 September 2014 - reviewed

### 3. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

3. i. **Sign/Soil lab facility – drawings** – deferred until 8 October meeting.

3. ii. **5a. Silver Oaks to Bobby Thompson Round-a Bout – widening**

Assistant Director Transportation & Planning and Senior Engineer presented to the board a full scale drawing with details of the proposed widening and facilitated a question and answer session.

In order to make a comprehensive proposal to the Ministry, the Chairman advised he would like a proposal that include:

- a. A third lane for left turn at the Bobby Thompson round-a-bout which would continue onto Bobby Thompson / Fairbanks Road extension.
- b. A proposal which allows the speed limit to be maintained at 40mph throughout the Linford Pierson Highway.
- c. Identify the number of acquisition properties, and obtain valuation for same.
- d. Submit 2 scenarios, one which allows for an 86' width and one a 68' width throughout the bypass.

### 4. **New Business**

a. **IRAP Presentation**

DMD opened presentation and advised that the presentation was based on the results of the survey that was conducted by IRAP in January. He advised no subdivision roads were surveyed as they would not offer information pertinent to the survey as there were not utilized as often as main roads.

The Transportation Planner gave an overview of IRAP and introduced the representative from IRAP who took the board through the results of the survey. He explained the road ratings i.e. 1 – 5 stars, and explained how they were divided into categories, i.e. vehicle, pedestrians, motorbikes and bicycles.

Questions were entertained and Director Walton asked whether or not signs regarding intersections played a part in the overall rating of the roads, which Mr. Fletcher advised it did. Mr. Walton suggested that NRA management make this a priority to ensure that proper signage is installed in hidden intersections.

Transportation Planner then presented the safer roads investment plan using Frank Sound Road as an example.

DMD advised that by conducting this survey the NRA is now part of the 70 countries involved in the IRAP program.

**b. Fleet Acquisition Proposals (Report for Sub-comm.)**

Director Panton advised acquisition of replacement vehicles were necessary due to the current state of the vehicles on hand. The sub-committee found that a number of vehicles/equipment was in need of repair and in some instances repair cost were in excess of the value of the vehicle/equipment. He also indicated that the fleet was at a near minimum to the scope of works.

Director Panton spoke to Acquisition Schedule (A) of which the Chairman requested a more detailed list with description and specification of vehicles be added. Director Panton advised after further conversation with the Signs & Lines Supervisor, the sub-committee would have to relook at #17 and make necessary adjustments.

The Board accepted the recommendations set out in Schedule (A) subject to the changes proposed by the sub-committee in regards to #17 of the same Schedule.

He advised Director Clarke to take the helm regarding the procurement process and to tap into the government agreement re procurement of vehicles. The MD requested the sub-committee be part of the procurement process, this was agreed.

Director Panton updated the Board on the strategy regarding the public auction of the discarded NRA vehicles/equipment. The sub-committee is concerned that due to current scrap metal value; this may not be the way to dispose of the vehicles/equipment. There is also concern that if the public auction is held, the buyer may purchase the vehicle/equipment for a certain part and then dispose of it in the environment; which would then have an environmental impact regarding cleanup cost. It was therefore up to the Board which way they wanted to go. He also advised the sub-committee would like to set a date for the public auction in October.

The Chairman advised that whatever decision was made, the board had to ensure its decision was justified. He advised the sub-committee to investigate what was the higher reserve market value compared to scrap metal cost.

**c. Godfrey Nixon Rd. & Smith Rd. upgrades – land acquisition**

Senior Engineer conducted presentation on the Godfrey Nixon Rd. and advised the land acquisition would be minimal. The Chairman advised to get the land acquisition cost and send instructions to be gazette.

The Smith Road upgrade was not prepared due to time constraints.

**d. Access request – Esterley Tibbetts Hwy.**

The Transportation Planning Unit (TPU) advised they were in receipt of an application from the Planning Department for the development of what the applicant claims will be a "high-end" car repair facility. Access is being sought from the Esterley Tibbetts Highway via Greenwood Drive from Block 13D S. 23(1)

The Board denied the request in accordance to the First Schedule of the Roads Law (2005 revision), whereas the ETH is classified as a "primary arterial" roadway.

5. **Other Business**

The MD advised that he (and the Dir. Of Planning) had been approached by Dart as to whether they would be willing to accompany representatives of Dart to Atlanta, GA, to look at a development that shares key features with what Dart is considering doing between Camana Bay and WB Road.

The Chairman advised that he put the request in writing to him.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

October meetings are scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.

Signature   
Chairman of the Board  
Confirmation of minutes – 10 September 2014  
Date: 22 October 2014

Signature   
HR Manager  
Seconded: Confirmation of minutes  
Date: 22 October 2014