

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference Meeting ID No. 883 2503 5425
15 June 2021

1. Call to Order. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, PCSDS Executive Director, presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 3:11 pm.

Present:

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| 1. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, PCSDS | Presiding Officer |
| 2. Cdr Severino B Destura PCG, CGD-Pal | Member |
| 3. Col. Louie DS Villanueva PA (GSC), WESCOM | Member |
| 4. Romel Carbonell, Saguda Palawan | Member |
| 5. PENRO Eriberto B. Saños, DENR | Member |
| 6. Ms. Katherine Custodio, WWF-Phils | Member |
| 7. Atty. Vicente V. Escala, PGP | Member |

Absent:

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| 1. Commo. Donn Anthony L Miraflor PN, NFW | Member |
| 2. Hon. Sergio S. Tapalla, LGU-Cagayancillo | Member |

Guest:

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| 1. Ms. Marivel P. Dygico, WWF-Phils |
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2. Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising Out of the Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed and adopted. Below are the highlights and discussions pertaining to the previous meeting:

Highlights/Major Concerns	Actions taken
Cagayancillo request for 90HP engine	Approved
Disposal of equipment beyond repair	Disposal ongoing
COA Audit Observation Memoranda (AOM)	No comments from COA
M/Y Narayana trip 28 April to 4 May 2021	To be discussed
Mooring buoy inspection by DENR	Scheduled for 17 June 2021

3. Agenda

3.1 M/Y Narayana. The Committee discussed the violations of the operators of M/Y Narayana and studied their response to the letters from TMO. One violation was breaking the Covid protocol and the second one was the entry of the operators in Tubbataha without a permit. The operators apologized for their mistakes. Asked for her recommendation, the PASu suggested that the operators be given a stern warning in consideration of the difficulties the tourism industry is facing and since none of the passengers and crew tested positive for Covid.

The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation.

3.2. Creation of Resource Mobilization Team. Ms. Dygico informed the Committee that DENR sponsored a mentoring and coaching workshop given by the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) of UNDP on Protected Area Finance Planning (PAFP). The objective of the workshop was to provide PA managers with sufficient skills and tools to formulate a financial plan.

Ms. Dygico pointed out that the TRNP Management Plan expires this year. The PAFP will be valuable in focusing actions which will be included in the new 10-year management plan. One of the actions recommended by BIOFIN was the creation of a Resource Mobilization Team (RMT) that will focus on formulating and implementing the plan. Ms. Dygico recommended that the Executive Committee serve as the RMT. The functions of the RMT are:

1. Provide inputs in the formulation of the vision, goals, targets, strategies for the PAFP;
2. Provide technical assistance in the formulation of the PAFP;
3. Recommend fiscal plans and policies and financial solutions to support biodiversity conservation;
4. Promote stakeholder participation as part of the PAFP preparation process, and wherever possible, ensure representation by marginal groups such as PWDs, senior citizens, and women;
5. Review the draft PAFP and endorse for approval of the TPAMB;
6. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the PAFP.

The Committee approved the recommendation. The matter will be endorsed for approval of the TPAMB during its next meeting. Ms. Custodio suggested that TMO include in the presentation to the TPAMB information on the channels and modes of resource mobilization.

3.3. Procurement of aids to navigation equipment through PCSDS. The PASu recalled that the company, M-NAV Solutions, a marine Aids to Navigation (ATON) specialist, made a product presentation before the PAMB in 2019. The whole ATON system costs ₱172M but M-NAV found a charitable organization, International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN), that could fund 50% of the project cost. The PCSDS included 50% of the project cost in its budget proposal to DBM.

IFAN requires that we submit a proposal for review of its Charitable Expenditure Committee. The Committee recommends approval to the full IFAN Board, which approves proposals. M-NAV proposed that the TPAMB/TMO and PCSDS prepare a formal written proposal and submit it to IFAN. Dir. Matta said that PCSDS will prepare the proposal.

Dir. Matta added that he discussed the matter with the DBM and DENR finance committee. The DENR will fully endorse the proposal and will be a priority project of the DENR Secretary.

3.4 Report on TMO research activities. The PASu reported that the fish and benthos and the seabird census were conducted on 25 May to 2 June 2021. This was funded by DENR. The next scheduled research activity is the shark survey, funded by ACB. DENR will also join the trip to inspect the mooring buoys, a requirement for the release of the 10% retention for the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Prepared by:


ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO
Secretary

Attested by:


ATTY. TEODORO JOSE S. MATTA
Presiding Officer