

Minutes of the 86th TPAMB Meeting
Zoom Conference, ID No. 822 4319 2936
30 July 2021

1. Call to Order. PENRO Eriberto Saños was elected to preside over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:10am.

Present:

1. PENRO Eriberto B. Saños, DENR	Presiding Officer
2. RED Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, DENR	Member
3. Atty. Vicente V. Escala, Office of the Gov	Member
4. Mr. Romel L. Carbonell, SAGUDA-Pal	Member
5. Mr. John Sebastian B. Fabello, 2 nd District	Member
6. Ptr. Jehu P. Cayaon, Tambuli ta mga Kagyanen	Member
7. Ms. Marilyn Cruz, Committee on Appropriations	Member
8. Dr. Ramon P. Docto, Palawan State University	Member
9. Dr. Roger Dolorosa, Western Philippines University	Member
10. Ms. Agnes Acosta- Magdaug, 3 rd District	Member
11. BGen. Sharon G Gernale PAF, Western Command	Member
12. Capt. Francisco G Tagamolila Jr PN (GSC), NFW	Member
13. Ms. Cristy B. Barrameda, PCSSD-DOT	Member
14. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, PCSDS	Member
15. Cdr. Severino B Destura PCG, CGD-Pal	Member
16. Ms. Katherine Custodio, WWF-Phils	Member
17. Ms. Elena Basaya, BFAR	Member
18. Mr. Enrique Nunez, CI-Phils	Member

Absent:

1. Hon. Sergio S. Tapalla, LGU-Cagayancillo	Member
2. Hon. Franz Josef George E. Alvarez, 1 st District	Member
3. SB Jerry Buncag, ENR Comm, Cagayancillo	Member
4. Mr. Albert G. Rama, ENR Comm, Province	Member

Guests:

- Ms. Consuelo Matundan, DENR-MIMAROPA
- Ms. Jeanne Tabangay, CI-Phils
- Dr. Ronald Ona, Palawan State University
- Ms. Marivel Dygico, WWF-Phils

2. Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising Out of the Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting was shared onscreen for reference. The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes. The highlights of the previous meeting and actions taken was reported as follows:

Highlights/Major Concern	Action taken
Budget for Compliance with Health Protocols	15% expended, combined trips, some tests charged to DENR
Proposed Use of Private Donations for Ranger Station	Approved, funds still be to disburse
Draft Resolution on Plea Bargaining	Approved
Draft Resolution: Requesting the RED MIMAROPA to Authorize PENRO Eriberto Saños to be a Signatory to the TRNP Trust Fund	Request approved by RED MIMAROPA through Memo dated 25 March 2021

Draft Resolution: Designating Three Signatories to the TRNP Trust Fund	Resolution for approval during this meeting
Permit for Shark Tagging and Collection of DNA samples of sharks and turtles, LAMAVE	Approved, LAMAVE unable to conduct research
Monitoring Team	Created, TIEZA needs to inspect station for release of funds
2020 Annual Report	Provided in e-format to members and partners

3. Agenda

3.1 Mid-Year Physical and Financial Performance Report. The TMO mid-year physical performance report was presented to the Board in video format. Overall, the activities planned for the first half of the year were implemented. TMO Administrative Officer, Ms. Grace D. Barber, reported the financial performance as follows:

TPAMB TRUST FUND Budget Variance Report (Jan-June 2021)
(In Thousand Pesos)

Program	Approved Budget	Budget Utilized	Budget Variance	% of Budget Utilized
CONMAN-TPAMB	284	38	246	13%
CONMAN-ADMIN	6,955	3,700	3,254	53%
CONMAN-FIELD	1,882	445	1,437	24%
CONMAN-TOURISM	26		26	0%
CONAWA	97	4	93	4%
ECORESMON	144	63	81	44%
SUSRESMON	676	17	659	3%
Total	10,064	4,267	5,797	42%

Only part of the programmed budget was utilized. A variance of ₱659,000.00 representing Cagayancillo share in tourism collections was unspent because the budget allocated was based on 30% of regular tourism entries. There was also an unutilized budget of ₱431,000.00 under the Conservation Management program because some activities and supplies were funded by donors.

3.2 Request for 2021 Budget Realignment. Ms. Grace D. Barber reported the following:

TPAMB TRUST FUND 2021 Revised Budget
(In Thousand Pesos)

Program	Approved Budget	Revised Budget Estimate	Unutilized Budget	% Of Budget Unutilized
CONMAN-TPAMB	284	157	127	45%
CONMAN-ADMIN	6,955	6,608	347	5%
CONMAN-FIELD	1,882	1,451	431	23%
CONMAN-TOURISM	26	2	24	93%

CONAWA	97	30	67	69%
ECORESMON	144	91	53	37%
SUSRESMON	676	17	659	97%
Total	10,064	8,356	1,708	17%

For reasons explained above, Ms. Barber proposed a budget realignment, from the approved budget of 10.064M to 8.356M. She assured the Board that physical targets from July to December 2021 will still be achieved despite the budget cut.

Draft TPAMB Reso No. 21-07, 'Approving the Revised 2021 TMO Work and Financial Plan and Annual Procurement Plan Amounting to Eight Million Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Pesos & 80/100 (₱ 8,355,557.80)' was unanimously approved.

3.3 Proposed 2022 WFP for DENR. TMO will submit a proposal to the DENR to cover part of the cost of managing Tubbataha in 2022. Ms. Grace D. Barber presented the contents of the proposal as follows:

Program	Approved Budget (in Thousand ₱)	Revised Budget Estimate
Seabird survey	1	157
Fish and Benthos survey	1	6,608
Relieving trip	4	1,451
Salaries	6	2
Inspection trip	1	30
Beach forest restoration and water quality trip	1	91
Total	14	₱ 5,082

Ms. Agnes Magdaug of the 3rd Congressional District suggested that proposals for funding to government agencies be submitted as early as January of each year. She added that proposals submitted early have more chances of getting funded.

The draft TPAMB Reso 21-08 Endorsing the Proposed 2022 TMO Work and Financial Plan to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Amounting to Five Million Eighty-One Thousand Pesos (₱5,081,000.00) was unanimously approved.

3.3 TPAMB Reso re Signatory to TRNP Trust Fund. The PASu presented the TPAMB Resolution 21-09, 'Designating DENR PENRO, Eriberto B. Saños, PCSDS Executive Director, Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, and Saguda Palawan, Inc., Executive Director, Romel L. Carbonell as signatories to the TRNP Trust Fund Account'. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

3.4 TRNP Financial Plan and Resource Mobilization Team. The PASu oriented the Board regarding the mentoring program offered by the Biodiversity Finance Initiative Program (BIOFIN) through the DENR Biodiversity Management Bureau. The project aims to

assist protected area managers in preparing financial plans and investment programs for protected areas (PA). She relayed the recommendation of BIOFIN that PAs create a Resource Mobilization Team to discharge the following functions:

1. Formulate the vision, goals, targets, strategies for the PAFP;
2. Recommend fiscal plans and policies and financial solutions;
3. Promote stakeholder participation in the preparation process;
4. Review the draft PAFP and endorse for approval of the TPAMB;
5. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the PAFP.

The PASu said that one of the approaches being considered was asking 500 people to donate ₱5,000 per year for the salary of the rangers. The amount is not too big for an individual but together the proceeds could be substantial. The RMT will decide on this matter.

She recommended that the Executive Committee of the TPAMB constitute the Resource Mobilization Team. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

3.5 Contingency Plan Update. TMO Researcher, Ms. Gerlie Gedoria, presented the TRNP Contingency Plan. She said that the Plan was formulated with the guidance of the Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office and follows the guidelines of the National DRR. The Plan was formulated in 2019 and was expanded to include protocols for Covid-19.

She also said that one of the major players in DRRM, the Ospital ng Palawan (ONP); requested that a MOA between TPAMB and ONP be made to formalize the roles and responsibilities indicated in the plan of each party. Ms. Gedoria also recalled that that PCG and NFW offered their assistance for a tabletop exercise with rangers and partners.

Mr. John Fabello inquired if a fund was allocated for the Plan as it is an additional workload for the partner agencies involved. BGen. Gernale agreed that funding should be included as WesCom does not include such funds in its programs and plans.

She also commented that the duties and responsibilities of WesCom and NFW need not be separate because NFW is under the operational control of WesCom. WesCom created a Joint Task Force called I-CARE composed of NFW, the Tactical Operations Wing, and other branches of the Armed Forces under its operational control.

It was agreed that the Plan be revised as recommended by General Gernale; the functions of NFW will be incorporated into that of WesCom. A tabletop exercise will be conducted to test the efficiency of the Plan. General Gernale agreed to assist TMO in the conduct of the exercise as TMO has no experience in the matter. A workshop will also be held to determine the budget for the Plan.

The Board resolved to authorize the PASu to enter into a MOA with ONP.

3.6 Request of Mabini, Batangas Mayor. The PASu referred to the Board to the letter request of the Mayor of Mabini, Batangas regarding the LGU's request that TMO install moorings and teach their personnel in the installation. The Mayor said that Ms. Tet Lara and Marissa Floirendo will shoulder the shipping of the equipment and travel costs of the personnel.

Ms. Marilyn Cruz and Mr. Enrique Nunez both agreed that the TPAMB should support conservation efforts such as this in other sites. The Board unanimously approved the request of the Mayor Mabini, Batangas.

4. Other Matters.

4.1. Online Remittance of Honoraria. The PASu requested members of the Board to provide TMO with online accounts as depository of the honoraria of members. She said that this will lessen the exposure to Covid of TMO staff who go to bank or to the offices of some members to deliver the honoraria. The members agreed that transactions be done online. Mr. Fabello requested for an exemption.

4.2. Updates on ATON Proposal to IFAN. PCSDS Executive Director, Atty. Matta, informed the Board that the DBM did not approve the 93M fund for Aids to Navigation (AtoN) equipment for Tubbataha. He recommended that the TPAMB pass a resolution urging the DBM Secretary, through DENR Secretary Cimat, to reconsider its decision. The Board unanimously approved the passing of the resolution.

The PASu requested for assistance in formulating the resolution. Atty. Matta instructed her to coordinate with Atty. Villena on the matter.

4.3. 33rd Anniversary Online Event. The PASu informed the Board that August 11, 2021 is the 33rd anniversary of TRNP. With funds from PSFI, TMO is holding an online event called, Junior Ranger of Tubbataha, on 31 August. The PASu requested the members to share the event in the social media platforms of their offices. The members agreed.

4.2. Menardo Jimenez Offer of Support. Mr. Menardo Jimenez, Senior Vice President of PLDT, signified his interest to provide support to TRNP. The PASu reported that the matter would be further discussed during the Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am

Prepared by:


ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO
Secretary

Attested by:


PENRO ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS
Presiding Officer