

Minutes of the 85th TPAMB Meeting

Zoom Conference, ID No. 830 2865 1126

26 February 2021

1. Call to Order. Atty. Vicente Escala was elected to preside over the meeting. After determining that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Present:

1. Atty. Vicente V. Escala, Office of the Governor	Presiding Officer
2. PENRO Eriberto B. Saños, DENR	Member
3. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, PCSDS	Member
4. Mr. John Sebastian B. Fabello, 2 nd District	Member
5. Ms. Agnes Acosta- Magdaug, 3 rd District	Member
6. SB Jerry F. Buncag, ENR Comm, Cagayancillo	Member
7. Ms. Marilyn Cruz, Committee on Appropriations	Member
8. BGen. Sharon G Gernale PAF, Western Command	Member
9. LCdr Severino B Destura PCG, CGD-Pal	Member
10. Ms. Rowena M. Sorioso, PCSSD, DOT	Member
11. Mr. Mario C. Basaya, BFAR	Member
12. Dr. Ramon P. Docto, Palawan State University	Member
13. Dr. Jean S. Jontilla, Western Philippines University	Member
14. Ms. Katherine Custodio, WWF-Phils	Member
15. Ms. Jeanne G. Tabangay, CI-Phils	Member
16. Ptr. Jehu P. Cayaon, Tambuli ta mga Kagyanen	Member

Absent:

1. Commo. Donn Anthony L Miraflor PN, NFW	Member
2. Hon. Sergio S. Tapalla, LGU-Cagayancillo	Member
3. Hon. Franz Josef George E. Alvarez, 1 st District	Member
4. Mr. Albert G. Rama, ENR Comm, Province	Member
5. Mr. Romel L. Carbonell, SAGUDA-Pal	Member

2. Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising Out of the Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed and unanimously approved. No matters from the previous meeting were discussed.

3. Agenda

3.1 Budget for Compliance with Health Protocols. A budget of ₱100,000.00 was included in the 2021 Work and financial Plan for COVID19 response. The PASu reported that compliance with travel protocols to conduct research and rotation of personnel in Tubbataha is estimated to cost from ₱240,000.00 to ₱320,000.00. The amount is based on current government protocols. She requested for an additional budget of ₱140,000.00 to cover expected costs until the next TPAMB meeting to be withdrawn from the TRNP Trust Fund. The TPAMB unanimously approved the request.

3.2 Proposed Use of Private Donations for Ranger Station. Ms. Dygico informed the Board that there are changes to the proposed use of the private donations for the ranger station as follows:

Remaining Fund Balance In Pesos		₱3,184,208.89
Proposed activities:		
Research station design, Scientific Advisory Body (archi, engr., travel)	925,000	
TPAMB project monitoring, progress reporting to contributors (meetings, travel, comms materials)	1,000,000	
Ranger/research station equipment (patrol boat/engine, research equipt)	1,259,208.89	
TOTAL		₱3,184,208.89

The Board unanimously approved the proposal.

3.3 Draft Resolution on Plea Bargaining. To facilitate the resolution of cases Judge Beronio of the Municipal Trial Court of Roxas recommended that the PASu be authorized to decide on plea bargaining proposals. The message was relayed to the Executive Committee by TMO legal counsel, Atty. Norman Alex Austria during its last meeting. The Committee issued Resolution 21-119, 'Recommending that the PASu be Authorized to Decide on Plea Bargaining Proposals from Respondents and is Instructed to Report the Outcome of the Cases to the TPAMB'. The TPAMB unanimously approved the ratification of the resolution.

3.4 Draft Resolution: Requesting the RED MIMAROPA to Authorize PENRO Eriberto Saños to be a Signatory to the TRNP Trust Fund. Some of the signatories to the TPAMB Trust Fund account are no longer connected with the Board. The current signatories, both from the private sector, Ptr. Jehu Cayaon of Tambuli Ta Mga Kagayanen and Ms. Marivel Dygico of WWF-Philippines, agreed to act as signatories on a temporary basis.

The Executive Committee, during its 28 January 2021 meeting, resolved to revert to the customary practice of assigning signatories from the office of the co-chairs and a member NGO. PCSDS Executive Director, Atty. Matta, expressed his agreement to be a signatory during the said meeting. The representative of Saguda Palawan, Inc., is likewise amenable to be a signatory subject to the approval of its Board. PENRO Eriberto Saños requires authority to sign from RED MIMAROPA to do so.

In this connection, the TPAMB resolved to request the Regional Executive (RED) of MIMAROPA to authorize PENRO Eriberto B. Saños to serve as one of the signatories to the TRNP Trust Fund.

3.5 Draft Resolution: Designating Three Signatories to the TRNP Trust Fund. The proposed resolutions: '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' was conditionally approved subject to RED MIMAROPA issuance of authority for PENRO Saños to be one of the three signatories to the TRNP Trust Fund.

4. Other Matters

4.1. Permit for Shark Tagging and Collection of DNA samples of sharks and turtles, LAMAVE. The Board unanimously approved the request of LAMAVE to conduct shark tagging and collection of shark and turtle DNA in Tubbataha. A resolution endorsing the transport of the genetic material will be prepared by the secretariat.

4.2. Monitoring Team. A monitoring team for the ranger station construction project was established to be composed of Executive Committee members and a representative of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA).

4.3. 2020 Annual Report. An electronic copy of the 2020 TMO Annual Report was submitted to the members of the Board. PENRO Saños informed the PASu that hard copies should be submitted to the PENRO, Regional Office, BMB, and the Office of the Secretary. Mr. Fabello also requested for a hard copy of the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Prepared by:


ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO
Secretary

Attested by:


ATTY. VICENTE V. ESCALA
Presiding Officer