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REGIONAL PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING

Via Teleconference (Zoom)
August 27, 2021

I. Regional Project Advisory Board (RPAB) members:

RED Antonio Gerundio, CESO III, DPA
Department of Agriculture – MIMAROPA

RED Joel Valera, CESO III
Department of Trade and Industry – MIMAROPA

RED Elizer Salilig, MFT
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources – MIMAROPA

Engr. Melvin Ethel Tirao (representing RED Marvin Bernal)
Department of Agrarian Reform - MIMAROPA

Engr. Crisanto Lopez (representing RED Yolanda Tangco)
Department of Public Works and Highways – MIMAROPA

Chairman Alfonso Esguerra, Jr.
Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council – MIMAROPA

ARD Vicente Tuddao, Jr., Ph.D., CESO IV (representing RED Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO III)
Department of Environment and Natural Resources – MIMAROPA

Roxanne Uy (representing REDWilhelm M. Suyko, CESO IV)
Department of Interior and Local Government – MIMAROPA

II. The RPAB business meeting began at 10:15AM with a prayer and roll call of attendees from the RPAB members to the technical consultants present, and representatives from the proponent groups and participating local government units.

RED Gerundio first welcomed the participants and also gave a short message on the importance of the projects that will be presented for approval, particularly at this time when there is really a need to provide alternative forms of livelihood to our farmers and fisherfolk.

Before the subprojects were presented, RED Gerundio asked for updates "Upgrading of Brgy. Manoot Farm to Market Road and Construction ofManoot Bridge II". Deputy Project Director (DPD) Engr. Annielyn Del Rosario explained that the RPCO have

submitted two communication letters to Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro but was not receive any response after three weeks.

Compliance Officer Engr. Christian Vargas presented the communication letters to the RPAB as proof, adding that the process must be expedited to make it to the issuance of the NOL1 in September. For the subproject to not be put to waste, it was suggested for the Municipality of Rizal to submit their own proposal with the same subproject.

RED Valera of DTI suggested that the Occidental Mindoro PLGU be given a final warning with the compliance, which was seconded by I-BUILD Head Engr. Inting. Engr. Inting said that the Occidental Mindoro PLGU must be given up to five days of allowance to comply with the requirements, or else, the subproject will be handed to the MLGU of Rizal.

Compliance Officer Michael Vargas of the South Luzon Project Support Office clarified that technically speaking, based on the Operations Manual of PRPD, it is possible for an MLGU to propose a particular subproject for implementation, even if there is a pending proposal by the PLGU on the same subproject.

To resolve the matter at the soonest time possible, RED Gerundio said that he will personally speak with the governor of Occidental Mindoro to ask for his decision of whether they are still willing to take on the subproject or not. RAFC Chairman Esguerra agreed to accompany him, along with Engr. Del Rosario and Engr. Inting. For the meantime, the *"Upgrading of Brgy. Manoot Farm to Market Road and Construction of Manoot Bridge II"* was given a conditional approval by the RPAB.

III. Subprojects presented to the RPAB:

A. Municipality of Rizal, Occidental Mindoro

Title: Upgrading of Brgy. Manoot Farm to Market Road and Construction of Manoot Bridge II
Cost: Php 224,953,000.00
Presented by: Randy Ramos (Rizal MPMIU Head)

Comments/Issues	Response/Action Taken
Lopez (DPWH): Nakita ko po doon sa report sa specification ng pavement natin, ang department order po namin dito is unless meron kayong sariling specifications sa Agriculture, meron po kasi kaming specification na 0.23 po ang thickness at 6.33 yung width. Of course, we also need to see to it the specifications of the bridges that you have.	Ralph Manuel (RPCO I-BUILD): Actually po, para po sa sinasabi ni Sir sa DPWH which is yung minimum, actually po sinundan po yun ng province nung time na prinopose po nila yang Aguas-Manoot, kinonsider po nila yang 6 meters width. Pero gaya nga po dito sa PRDP, wala pa po kasi kaming FMR na nagsstart po ng 6 meters width, so ang advice po ng NPCO

	order na nilabas noong 2019 then parang na-anuhan po sya noon 2020 na yung 5 meters width po ang sundin with 8 inches po na thickness. Kaya yun rin po ang kinomment naming sa kanila noong time po na sinubmit naming yung proposal.
Esguerra (RAFC): Napaka-ganda po noon kung susundin natin yung bagong mga memorandum order doon sa lapad ng kalsada. Pero ang tanong ko lang po ay na-consider po ba, kasi pamilyar ako sa lugar na yan lagi akong nakakapunta, marami pong masasagasaan na puno pero maco-comply naman dahil CENRO na nagsabi na napadalhan na ng application. Ang worry ko lang, doon sa sinulat ba nila sabi kanina sa presentation, not prone to flooding pero very prone yan sa landslide. So ano po ba yung mga safeguard measures? Wala po kasing nabanggit doon sa presentation na napakarami pong lugar dyan na prone yan sa landslide.	Ralph Manuel (RPCO I-BUILD): Actually 'yung design po regarding doon po sa mga side cutting sa matataas na slope, sa design po ng DED is nag-consider po sila ng grouted riprap in which nilagyan po nila ng slope protection yung mga matataas na part po ng bundok po para maiwasan po yung landslide. Actually, yun nga po ang kumain ng malaking amount sa POW nila, nasa 50 million na po yun, yung slope protection po ng mga side cut.
Tuddao (DENR): Concerned po ako ngayon doon sa hazard po ng development project natin. Tanong ko lang po sa LGU kung nabigyan po ba ng karampatang evaluation relative to the geohazard map po na in-issue natin sa Local Government Unit? Napaka-halaga po nitong project location natin dahil we're looking into the safety of our people as well as of the project so kung ito po ay papasok sa high-risk area, specially flooding and landslide, we have to check on that. Nacheck po bai to ng geohazard mapping?	
Tuddao (DENR):Hindi po kasi natin makikita Sir Chair just by looking at that dahil nagkaroon po ng mahabang pag-	RED Gerundio (DA): Okay sige, please take note of that.

aaral po ang Mines and Geosciences Bureau po natin and they have spotted already which of the areas within the municipality ang high risk dito sa mga hazard natin. I think I suggest Mr. Chair na tingnan po natin ulit kung tama ang dadaanan ng ating road at ng bridge.	Randy Ramos (Rizal MPMIU Head): Additional lang po doon sa bridge at sa geohazard. Ito po ay in-overlay din po naming sa aming geohazards coming from MGB at malayo naman po, nasa moderate or hindi po sya ganon ka-grabe ang susceptible to flooding. And then dun sa tulay, meron po kaming hydrologist na nag-conduct ng study for the soil testing.
	Ralph Manuel (RPCO I-BUILD): Regarding po sa bridge na na-mention kanina, actually yun lang rin naman po ang dadaanan non kaya kailangan po talaga ng tulay para don. And nabisita rin naman po ng RPAB members yun last 2020. Nakita rin naman po nila kung gaano kataas yung paglalagyan ng tulay. Kasi ang existing lang po kasi dun ay box culvert lang which is sira na nga po ngayon eh. Kaya ang proposal po dun ay tulay na which is 30.86 meters.
RED Gerundio (DA): How much is the cost involved don? May additional ba tayo, wala?	Ralph Manuel (RPCO I-BUILD): Wala po bale pumapatak po na amount para sa tulay po ay PhP31 million po.
Mayor Pablo (Rizal): Unang-una po ay ang aming lubos na pasasalamat sa lahat ng member ng RPAB at nabigyan kami ng pagkakataon na makapag-present ng aming programa patungkol doon sa upgrading ng Manoot. Una po, katulad ng sinabi kanina ay three years ago ay naaprubahan yung ating Manoot Upgrading, so kami po ay tuwang-tuwa na naaprubahan po yung aming plano na pag-upgrade ng Manoot. Pero ng mga nakaraang buwan po, pinasulat ang ating barangay at sinabi na hindi na matutuloy kaya po ang local na pamahalaan ay gumawa ng paraan para maibigay po ang aming kahilingan para sa Brgy. Manoot. Matagal na pong pangarap talaga dito sa amin na maisa-ayos yung lugar na yan at syempre para hindi na namin kelangan umikot sa San Jose para mapuntahan naming ang isa sa	RED Gerundio (DA): Kanina we have established a kolatilya na ang pwede lang natin maabot ngayon is conditional approval depending on the final waver from the local government unit of the province. So kung meron man ngayong motion, yun lang ang maximum na mabigay natin ngayon kasi as I have mentioned, kami na mismo ng RAFC Chair, maybe technical, mga next week siguro either Wednesday or Thursday, bababa kami to meet with the governor to get his final blessing, na maibigay ito sa inyo unless gusto nilang kuhain ito. But the purpose lang naman natin dito is to finally push the project, para maissuhan na to ng NOL1. Para hindi na malito ang national office ng PRDP kung sino ba ang bibigyan, kung kayo ba or yung probinsya. So we will resolve this issue but as of now, I would like to ask the

mga pinaka-malaki na barangay dito sa atin. Sana po ay mapagbigyan kami, ang local na pamahalaan na kagaya ng pabibigay ng importansya sa probinsya ay maibigay rin po sa amin. Kami po ay gagawin ang lahat para maibigay po ang proyekto sa amin, para sa mga mamamayan rin po ng Rizal. Salamat po sa lahat ng mga member.	members kung bibigyan ba kayo ng conditional approval for this.
Esguerra (RAFC): With regards with the presentation of Rizal, I believe they are in the position for a win-win situation. Tumanggi man ang provincial government, tuloy ng Rizal. Ituloy man ng provincial government, tuloy pa rin ang proyekto. I have a motion here that the presentation made by Rizal be given the sanction of conditional, para sa sitwasyon na ito ay mapagtibay natin ang ating RPAB meeting ngayong araw.	
Tuddao (DENR): Before I second the motion, just for clarification, given that conditionality, ang gusto lang po naming malaman ay kung kanino naming ipapangalan yung mga clearances that will be issued by the DENR doon po sa proyekto na gagawin dyan po sa municipality of Rizal? Is it with the municipal mayor or provincial governor or hihintayin naming ang result ng decision?	RED Gerundio (DA): Siguro hintayin nyo na lang, and we'll communicate with you kung ano ang final decision kung kanino ia-award itong project na ito.
Tuddao (DENR): Yes po thank you so we can forward that to our assistant secretary and central office kasi sila po ang nakakaalam.	
RED Gerundio (DA): May I ask Engr. Tintin to schedule a meeting with the governor? Andyan pa ba si Tintin? O ikaw na lang Annie.	Engr. Annielyn Del Rosario (RPCO DPD): Opo Sir, mag-usap kami ni Tin kung sasama kami sa inyo.

Esguerra (RAFC) moved for the approval of the project. TUDDAO (DENR) seconded the motion.

B. Province of Oriental Mindoro

Title: Rehabilitation/Construction/Concreting of Rosacara FMR with Bridges
Cost: Php 155,654,394.52
Implementing Unit: Province of Oriental Mindoro
Presented by: Hubbert Christopher Dolor, MPA, PhD (Provincial Administrator)

Comments/Issues	Response/Action Taken
Esguerra (RAFC): Sir doon po sa presentation na ginawa nila for possible investment once the FMR is completed, ang gusto ko lang malaman po, yun po bang areas na prinesent, yung almost 200 hectares of coconut, calamansi, ito po bang mga areas na ito ay hindi sila pasok sa areas ng mga IPs? Kasi baka time will come na mag-invest tayo dyan, ang mga farmers natin gusto natin sila talagang kumite, makaahon sila, baka magkaron naman sila ng problema sa lupang ninuno na sinasabi. Hindi po ba sila pasok doon?	RED Gerundio: I think its being handled by the environmental group but let us let the administrator to answer the question. Hubbert Dolor (PPMIU Head): As far as this project is concerned, regarding the concern towards our minorities, we don't have any problem because the said area does not belong. As a matter of fact, it was already inspected and validated by the NCIP people and said that the said project is okay.
Tuddao (DENR): Just to inform everybody, dito po sa inspection na ginawa ng ating CENRO sa Socorro, there will be affected trees na mapuputol po yan, 100+ doon sa Socorro yata and 179 for Victoria. Ang permit po will be issued to DA as proponent para mabilis ang isuuance po ng cutting permit, we will be working closely po with the national government agency. This is pursuant with the existent department order po ng DENR for all government projects, especially roads and bridges, cutting permits shall be issued to the national government agency and this time this will be the Department of Agriculture. So our CENRO is now working on permits para po tuloy-tuloy na ang construction ng mga project na ito.	RED Gerundio (DA): Thank you
Tuddao (DENR): Mr. Chair kagaya po ng nasabi kanina sa Occidental Mindoro, we wish that you file a request sa aming sekretarya requesting for the application or approval of the Gratuitous Speacial Land Use Permit. I think nasabi na rin po sa inyo ng ating CENRO,	

this is to facilitate yung pagkamit ng pagtatayuan ng ating project within the timberland. This is an existing policy po ng DENR. The requirements will be provided by our CENRO office.	
Lopez (DPWH): With regards po sa mga technical references, we have our district offices po, pwede naman po kayong magtanong samin with technical specifications, like the bridges, floodings, and any other aspects.	Hubbert Dolor (PPMIU Head): Yes Sir, thank you so much for the assistance. We will always be happy to hear assistance coming for Oriental Mindoro. Thank you very much Sir, we will do.

Esguerra (RAFC) moved for the approval of the project and was unanimously seconded.

IV. Adjournment

There being no other matters to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.

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