

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Zoom Conference Meeting ID No. 859 8685 4882  
18 August 2021

**1. Call to Order.** CDR Severino B Destura, PCG was elected to preside over the meeting. After the presence of a quorum was determined, the meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

Present:

1. CDR Severino B Destura PCG, CGD-Pal	Presiding Officer
2. Col. Antonio G Mangoraban Jr PN (M), PN	Member
3. BGen. Sharon G Gernale PAF, WESCOM	Member
4. Ms. Katherine Custodio, WWF-Phils	Member
5. PENRO Eriberto B. Saños, DENR-PENRO	Member
6. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, PCSDS	Member
7. Atty. Vicente V. Escala, PGP	Member
8. Hon. Sergio S. Tapalla, LGU-Cagayancillo	Member
9. Mr. Romel Carbonell, Saguda Palawan	Member

Guest:

1. Col. Louie DS Villanueva PA (GSC), WESCOM
2. Ms. Marivel P. Dygico, WWF-Phils
3. Ms. Rhodora B. Ubani, DENR-PENRO
4. Ms. Consuelo Matundan, DENR-MIMAROPA

**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 on the previous meeting:

Highlights/Major Concerns	Actions taken
M/Y Narayana Incident	Letter sent to Narayana
Creation of Resource Mobilization Team (RMT)	ExeCom to constitute RMT per TPAMB reso
Procurement of aids to navigation equipment through PCSDS	TPAMB resolution passed urging the DBM Secretary, through DENR Secretary Cimat, to reconsider its decision not to fund ATONs

### 3. Agenda

**3.1 PCSDS Request for Donation.** In a letter dated 30 July 2021, PCSDS requested for the donation of the used 30-foot fiberglass patrol boat and a 4-stroke 90hp Yamaha engine. The PASu informed the Committee that PSFI will donate a new 30-foot fiberglass boat hull this year. She added that TMO has two 4-stroke 90hp Yamaha engines from the old patrol boat, bought in 2015, which are still in storage. One unit has been donated to the LGU of Cagayancillo during the April ExeCom meeting. Another unit will be available for donation to PCSDS.

The Chair asked for comments on the legalities and procedure of donating the boat hull and engine because these are TMO property. PASu said that the patrol boat was donated to TMO by Conservation International-Philippines 13 years ago and, like the engines, are not booked with TMO.

The Committee unanimously approved the request of PCSDS adding that the cost of repairs will be defrayed by the donee.

**3.2 Release of Cagayancillo 2021 Tourism Share.** The PASu requested the Committee for approval to release the Cagayancillo 2021 tourism share amounting to PhP 17, 125.00. The release is subject to the submission of the 2020 liquidation report and of a proposal for the use of the current fund. Mayor Tapalla of Cagayancillo informed the ExeCom that the liquidation of the previous fund is ready for submission.

The Committee resolved that the Cagayancillo tourism share be released subject to the submission of the two documents mentioned above.

**3.3 Letter of BFAR Regarding FMA5.** PASu asked for the permission of the ExeCom for her to represent Tubbataha in the BFAR Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) for Fisheries Management Area (FMA) 5, which will be tasked to provide scientific advice to the management board of the FMA. The Committee unanimously approved the request.

**3.4 Jimenez Group Offer of Support.** The Jimenez Group of Companies, through Mr. Menardo Jimenez, is offering an annual support worth PhP3M in cash and PhP2M in kind to TMO. The PASu requested Ms. Katherine Custodio of WWF for help in negotiating the terms of support because of Ms. Custodio's expertise on this matter.

Ms. Custodio said that being approached by a donor is a testament to the good work of TMO. She said that the offer of Mr. Jimenez is promising and advised that the following non-negotiable terms be incorporated in the agreement:

1. Prior approval of both parties of all collateral, in print or social media;
2. That TMO will maintain an independent voice in support of its advocacy;
3. That the partnership is non-exclusive.

Ms. Custodio also recommended that the legality of printing the Jimenez Group logos on TMO tourism forms, as requested by the donor, be studied.

The PASu and Ms. Custodio, WWF-Phils, were authorized to negotiate the terms of the support of the Jimenez Group and present the same to the ExeCom for approval.

#### **Other Matters**

**4.1 Absences of TMO Staff Due to Covid.** The PASu asked the Committee if it was acceptable to pay in full TMO staff who tested positive for Covid and their absences not deducted to their sick leave. The members unanimously agreed that this practice is acceptable for humanitarian considerations. A resolution to this effect will be prepared by TMO.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am.

Prepared by:

  
**ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO**  
Secretary

Attested by:

  
**CDR SEVERINO B. DESTURA, PCG**  
Presiding Officer