Excerpts from the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Zoom ID No. 841 0979 8753 30 April 2021

Present:

Executive Committee Resolution No. 21-124

'Requesting the DENR PENRO to Accept Alternative Proof of Completion of the DENR-Funded 2019 Tubbataha Mooring Buoy Project'

WHEREAS, the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park Act of 2009, also known as the Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10067, which took effect on April 24, 2010, aims to ensure the protection of the globally significant economic and other values of the Tubbataha Reefs;

WHEREAS, the Tubbataha Protected Area Management Board (TPAMB) was established pursuant to Section 10 of R.A. 10067 to be the sole policy making and permit-granting body for the Tubbataha;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of R.A. 10067 established the Executive Committee to which the TPAMB may delegate some of its powers and functions;

WHEREAS, on 27 December 2019 DENR-PENRO entered into a Contract of Agreement with Nitrate Trading for the delivery and installation of ten (10) units mooring systems in TRNP amounting to PhP2,417,538.67;

WHEREAS, the project was fully executed in March 2020 and 90% of the budget was released in 2020

WHEREAS, the 10% retention amounting to PhP241,753.87 was due for release on 21 January 2021;

WHEREAS, the DENR-PENRO requires that a member of its Bids and Awards Committee conduct the inspection of the moorings installed in Tubbataha as proof of completion before the 10% retention could be released;

WHEREAS, due to the Covid 19 situation in Puerto Princesa, the conduct of scheduled trips to Tubbataha is indefinite;

WHEREAS, granting a trip can be undertaken, the capacity for vessel is substantially limited by MARINA guidelines;

WHEREAS, further delays in the inspection by the DENR-PENRO BAC representative may result the forfeiture of the 10% retention;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, that the Executive Committee requests, as it is hereby requested, the DENR PENRO to accept alternative proof of completion of the DENR-funded 2019 Tubbataha Mooring Buoy Project;

RESOLVED FURTHER, photographs of the moorings taken by marine park rangers be accepted and considered as proof of completion so payment can be released before the said contract expires.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 30th day of April 2021 at Puerto Princesa City.

I hereby certify to the correctness and accuracy of the above – quoted resolution.

Prepared by:

ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO Secretary

Attested by:

Presiding Officer