

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Zoom Conference Meeting ID No. 828 5359 4832  
29 September 2022

**1. Call to Order.** PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc was elected to preside over the meeting. After determining the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

Present:

1. PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc, DENR	Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Sergio S. Tapalla, LGU- Cagayancillo	Member
3. Ms. Katherine Custodio, WWF-Phils	Member
4. Capt Boyd P Amorado PN (GSC), WESCOM	Member
5. CG Capt Dorothy D Manglicmot, CGD-Pal	Member

Absent:

1. Capt Allan M Javier PN (GSC), NFW	Member
2. Ms. Angelica M. Querubin, Saguda	Member
3. Mr. Niño Rey C. Estoya, PCSDs	Member
4. Gov. Dennis M. Socrates, PGP	Member

Guest:

1. Ms. Marivel P. Dygico, WWF-Phils
2. Ms. Marjorie Ortega, DENR-PENRO
3. Ms. Rhoda Roque, PCSDs

**2. Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising Out of the Minutes.** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 July 2022 was reviewed and adopted. The highlights were as follows:

Highlights/Major Concerns	Actions Taken
Oceana MOA re Plastics Campaign	For discussion
Policy on the use of TRNP Logo	Policy to be presented next TPAMB meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> AHP Meeting	PASu and Saguda attended the meeting upon BMB request
Application for plantilla position	TMO consolidating necessary documents

### 3. Agenda

**3.1 Update on Phase II ranger station construction.** Supporters of WWF are helping follow up on the release of the 58M for the construction of Phase II (central structure) of the ranger station. The PASu reported that the requirements of the Bureau of Treasury and the Department of Budget have been met. On 16 September 2022, DENR USec for Finance, Atty. Analiza Teh, requested the DBM for the issuance of a Notice of Cash Allocation.

The Committee instructed the PASu to follow up on the issuance of the NCA with the DBM. Further, upon the recommendation of Ms. Custodio, WWF-Phils, the PASu was instructed to follow up on the preparation of the Program of Works for Phase II.

**3.2 PASu authority to sign MOA on Oceana Plastics Campaign.** The PASu reported that the recommendations of PCSDS, expressed in its legal opinion dated 2 Sept 2022, were incorporated in the MOA with Oceana. Some of these was the inclusion of the authority of Ocean

to enter into the MOA, addition of a definition of terms, etc. The draft MOA was shown on screen for the comments of the Committee.

The Executive Committee resolved to authorize the PASu to enter into the MOA with Oceana on the latter's plastics campaign.

**3.3 Cagayancillo share in tourism collections.** The Municipality of Cagayancillo has not yet withdrawn its share in tourism collections in TRNP in 2021 amounting to PhP17,125.00. For 2022, its share is PhP878,505.00. The PASu requested Mayor Tapalla to withdraw the funds so it can close its books for the year. Mayor Tapalla assured the Committee that their accountant is now working on the supporting documents for the release of the fund and added that the PhP895,630.00 will be a significant contribution to the Municipality.

**3.4 7<sup>th</sup> AHP Meeting, 30 Oct-4 Nov 2022.** The 7<sup>th</sup> AHP meeting will be held in Bogor Indonesia. The invitation indicated who will comprise the participants: two from park staff, and one key stakeholder from the TPAMB. The representatives to the meeting are TMO Admin Officer, Ms. Barber, TMO staff, Ms. Valenzuela, and Mayor Tapalla. The Presiding Officer requested that lessons from the trip be shared by the participants after the trip.

**3.5 2022 Donors.** The PASu reported that it has not received the funds that are expected from its donors. *The MPIF released funds only from the first quarter and withheld further releases until such a time as the MOA was signed by DENR MIMAROPA.* The Jimenez Group of Companies has released only PhP800K of the PhP2M that it should have released by now. The DENR grant for trips to TRNP amounting to around PhP1.5M has also not been released.

The PASu added that TMO is now using the merchandise fund to defray the cost of running the park. PENRO Cayatoc recalled that he recently signed checks for the DENR grant as payment for the trips to TRNP. The MPIF fund is expected to be released in the coming weeks. As to the delay in the Jimenez fund, Ms. Custodio surmised that it may be because they are having a hard time consolidating funds from the different companies to donate to TRNP. The PASu said that a MOA with the Jimenez Group for its contribution in 2022 has not been perfected. Ms. Custodio advised that TMO look for other sources of funding since the partnership with the Jimenez Group is not official; they cannot be held accountable for commitments made verbally.

The PASu said that the TRNP Trust Fund can defray the costs that the Jimenez grant will not cover, e.g., ranger salaries and field supplies. TMO will calculate the amount and propose the same during the next meeting.

#### **4. Other Matters**

**4.1 MPR Training.** The TPAMB has a standing request that the Philippine Navy, Philippine Coast Guard, and Municipality of Cagayancillo send personnel who were trained in marine conservation and Tubbataha. TMO conducts the Comprehensive Training for Marine Park Rangers of Tubbataha for personnel to be assigned in the park.

The PASu requested that the PN and PCG send personnel to join the training scheduled for 9 to 11 November 2022 and to send only those who will be assigned to Tubbataha in the future. Capt Manglicmot said that the PCG will send personnel to join the training. A formal letter will be sent by TMO to the agencies involved.

**4.2 Proposal on Closure of TRNP to Private Yachts.** The PASu proposed that the Park be closed to private yachts during the last week of April to the last week of May in 2023. The private yachts compete for moorings with the accredited dive operators, sometimes overstaying in one mooring. The period proposed for closure is the peak diving season. Mayor Tapalla proposed the installation of moorings for the smaller vessels. The PASu said that the site for installation of moorings is the main limitation.



The Presiding Officer instructed the PASu to make a presentation next meeting, with maps and photos to help the Committee reach a decision.

**4.3 Damage to TMO.** Photos were shown of the damage to TMO caused by the mango tree that fell as a result of Typhoon Karding. The PASu explained that the extension of the office is not included in the building, but an addition made by TMO to entertain guests. The cost of repairs will not be borne by the owners, therefore, an additional expense is anticipated for repairs.

The PASu was instructed to submit an estimate for the repair work.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Prepared by:

  
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Secretary

Attested by:

  
**PENRO FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**  
Presiding Officer