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OFFICE OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH (108TH) REGULAR MEETING OF THE NTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, NTA BUILDING, SCOUT REYES STREET CORNER PANAY AVENUE, QUEZON CITY
12 JANUARY 2018, 12:00 NOON**

Present:

Adm. ROBERT L. SEARES	-	Vice-Chairman/Administrator
Dir. PEDRO J. MENDIOLA, JR.	-	Member, Traders/Exporters Sector
Dir. RODOLFO F. SALANGA	-	Member, Manufacturing Sector
Dir. WILFREDO C. MARTINEZ	-	Member, Tobacco Farmers Sector
Dir. TEOFILO R. QUINTAL	-	Member, Tobacco Farmers Sector
Dir. NESTOR C. CASELA	-	Member, Academic Community Sector

Others Present:

Atty. MEL JOHN I. VERZOSA
Deputy Administrator for Operations

Mr. ENRIQUE G. DELA CRUZ
Consultant, Office of the Undersecretary
for High Value Crops – Department of Agriculture

Atty. ROBERT A. AMBROS
Officer-in-Charge, Regulation Department
and concurrent Acting Board Secretary and
Acting Legal Counsel

Ms. KYRA P. CLAMAÑA
Private Secretary II
Office of the Administrator

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chairman/Administrator called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Acting Board Secretary declared that there is a quorum for the meeting with the presence of more than majority of the Appointive Members of the NTA Governing Board. The Acting Board Secretary noted the presence of the following members of the board, to wit:

- 1. Adm. ROBERT L. SEARES**
- 2. Dir. PEDRO J. MENDIOLA, JR.**

3. Dir. RODOLFO F. SALANGA
4. Dir. WILFREDO C. MARTINEZ
5. Dir. TEOFILO R. QUINTAL; and
6. Dir. NESTOR C. CASELA

Atty. Ambros likewise recognized the presence of Atty. Verzosa and Mr. Dela Cruz.

III. FOR APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION/CONSIDERATION:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE 108TH REGULAR MEETING HELD THIS 12 JANUARY 2018 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, NTA BUILDING, SCOUT REYES STREET CORNER PANAY AVENUE, QUEZON CITY**

Dir. Salanga moved for the approval of the Agenda for the 108th Regular Meeting of the Board. Dir. Casela seconded the motion. The board then adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 776-2018

“BE IT RESOLVE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the Agenda for the 108th Regular Meeting of the NTA Governing Board held this 12 January 2018 at the Conference Room, NTA Bldg., Scout Reyes Street corner Panay Avenue, Quezon City.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EIGHTIETH (80TH) SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2017 AT THE BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, NTA BLDG., SCOUT REYES STREET CORNER PANAY AVENUE, QUEZON CITY**

Dir. Quintal moved for the approval of the minutes. Dir. Salanga seconded the motion. The board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 777-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the Minutes of the 80th Special Meeting of the NTA Governing Board held on 15 December 2017 at the NTA Board Room, Second Floor, NTA Bldg., Scout Reyes Street corner Panay Avenue, Quezon City.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

- C. APPROVAL OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Dir. Salanga moved for the deferment of the above matter for their further review considering that the proposed plan was just given to

them yesterday. He said that the matter will be discussed in the next board meeting. Dir. Casela seconded the motion.

(deferred)

D. APPROVAL OF THE 2018 REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRADING AND REDRYING OF LOCALLY GROWN LEAF TOBACCO

Dir. Casela moved for the approval of the 2018 Revised Rules and Regulations with the amendments proposed as per yesterday's committee meeting, particularly the deletion of the penalty of imprisonment. Dir. Quintal seconded the motion and the Board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 778-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board hereby approves the 2018 Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Trading and Redrying of Locally Grown Leaf Tobacco, as amended.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.....”

E. REQUEST FOR THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC BIDDING FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF 667 HEADS OF BRAHMAN HEIFER UNDER THE BEEF CATTLE PRODUCTION PROJECT FOR CY 2018 WITH APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT (ABC) IN THE AMOUNT OF P30MILLION

(deferred)

F. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO THE WINNING BIDDER FOR THE PROJECT: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 39 UNITS DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR USE OF THE NTA OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Dir. Salanga moved for the approval of the above matter. Dir. Quintal seconded the motion. There being no further comment, the Board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 779-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board hereby approves the award of contract for the project: “Supply and Delivery of 39 Units of Desktop Computers for Use of the NTA Officials and Staff” in favor of the winning bidder, Maximum Solutions Corporation, with the Single Calculated and Responsive Bid (SCRB) in the amount of P3,003,000.00

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.....”

V. OTHER MATTERS:

A. SURVEY OF TOBACCO FARMERS WITHOUT MARKETING TIE-UP

Dir. Casela stated that there is a potential problem that may be encountered for the tobacco farmers who planted tobacco this season without any marketing agreement. He said that there is need for the Branch Managers to submit a survey of the list of the said tobacco farmers in order for the NTA Top Management and the Members of the Board to discuss the concern with the major tobacco traders for possible market matching.

Dir. Salanga also said that the board would like to know the estimated volume of cured tobacco based on the tobacco crop planted for this season.

B. IRRIGATION SUPPORT PROJECT FOR SMALL TOBACCO FARMERS (ISPSTF)

Dir. Casela also reported that Engr. Abraham Dela Peña reported on the status of accomplishments for the 3 batches of the irrigation support project. He said that the accomplishment is almost 100%, except for lacking documentary requirements to be submitted by the concerned local government units (LGUs). He said that the LGUs should be able to submit the lacking requirements so that the NTA will be able to submit its report before the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for possible request for additional funding for the 4th Batch of Irrigation Projects.

C. LIST OF TOBACCO FARMERS WITH PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Atty. Verzosa reported that some of the Branch Managers already submitted the list of farmers with past due accounts through the Acting Board Secretary. He said that the Branch Managers will be going to the NTA Central Office on January 29 and 30 for the Planning Workshop and he said they can be invited by the board to discuss the subject past due accounts.

D. 2018 VIRGINIA TOBACCO FESTIVAL AT CANDON CITY

Dir. Salanga reported that the 2018 Virginia tobacco Festival will be held on March 23, 2018 at Candon City.

E. AGRIPINOY BUSINESS PLAN

Dir. Salanga requested for the deferment of the discussion on the AgriPinoy Business Plan. He instructed the Acting Board Secretary to invite Ms. Norra Corre and Dr. Mikael G. Crisologo to attend the Committee Meeting on January 29.

F. TRAINING ON THE HARMONIZED TOBACCO GRADES

Atty. Verzosa informed the Members of the NTA Governing Board that the NTA will be conducting an orientation training on the harmonized tobacco grades at Candon City from January 31 to February 2 for the NTA-financed tobacco farmers. He also informed the members of the board that another training will be conducted for company-financed farmers scheduled on February 7 to 9. He then invited the Members of the Board to attend the orientation training to be able to share their expertise.

There being no other matter to be taken up, and upon motion of Dir. Mendiola, duly seconded by Dir. Quintal, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 P.M.

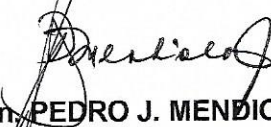
The Board set the schedule of the next committee and board meetings on January 29 and 30, 2018, respectively.


PREPARED AND CERTIFIED CORRECT:



ATTY. ROBERT A. AMBROS
Acting Board Secretary

ATTESTED:



Hon. ROBERT L. SEARES
Vice-Chairman and Administrator


Hon. PEDRO J. MENDIOLA, JR.
Appointive Director, Tobacco Trader/Exporter Sector


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