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OFFICE OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD

**ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH (111TH) REGULAR MEETING OF THE NTA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD AT THE BOARD ROOM, 2/F NTA BUILDING,
SCOUT REYES STREET CORNER PANAY AVENUE, QUEZON CITY
13 APRIL 2018, 12:00 NOON**

Present:

Usec. EVELYN G. LAVIÑA	-	Alternate Chairman/Presiding
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:

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

Atty. ROBERT A. AMBROS
Department Manager, Regulation Department
and concurrent Acting Board Secretary and
Acting Legal Counsel

Mr. RAMON R. MUNCAL
Stenographer II, NTA Governing Board

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

I. OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO ORDER

Honorable Undersecretary Evelyn G. Laviña, Alternate Chairman of the NTA Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Mr. Enrique dela Cruz led the opening prayer.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF THE APPOINTIVE DIRECTORS, NTA GOVERNING BOARD, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Acting Board Secretary acknowledged the presence of the following Ex-Officio and Appointive Members of the NTA Governing Board, to wit:

1. Usec. EVELYN G. LAVIÑA
2. Adm. ROBERT L. SEARES
3. Dir. PEDRO J. MENDIOLA, JR.
4. Dir. RODOLFO F. SALANGA
5. Dir. WILFREDO C. MARTINEZ
6. Dir. TEOFILO R. QUINTAL; and
7. Dir. NESTOR C. CASELA

The Acting Board Secretary declared that there is a quorum for the meeting with the presence of majority of the Members of the NTA Governing Board. He also recognized the presence of Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz from the Department of Agriculture.

III. FOR APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION/CONSIDERATION:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH (111TH) REGULAR MEETING HELD THIS 13 APRIL 2018 AT THE BOARD ROOM, 2/F NTA BUILDING, SCOUT REYES STREET CORNER PANAY AVENUE, QUEZON CITY**

Dir. Salanga moved for the approval of the Agenda for the 111th Regular Meeting of the Board. Dir. Quintal and Dir. Casela jointly seconded the motion. The board then adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 815-2018

“BE IT RESOLVE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the NTA Governing Board approves the Agenda of the One Hundred and Eleventh (111th) Regular Meeting of the NTA Governing Board held this 13 April 2018 at the Board Room, 2/F NTA Building, Scout Reyes Street corner Panay Avenue, Quezon City.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH (110TH) SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD HELD ON 16 MARCH 2018 AT THE BOARD ROOM, 2/F NTA BUILDING SCOUT REYES STREET CORNER PANAY AVENUE, QUEZON CITY**

The Presiding Officer presented the Minutes of the One Hundred and Tenth (110th) Regular Meeting of the NTA Governing Board held on 16 March 2018 for their consideration and approval.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 816-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the Minutes of the One Hundred and Tenth (110th) Regular Meeting of the NTA Governing Board held on 16

March 2018 at the NTA Board Room, NTA Bldg., Scout Reyes Street corner Panay Avenue, Quezon City.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD (83RD) SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD HELD ON 23 MARCH 2018 AT THE TRAINING ROOM, 2/F NTA-CANDON BRANCH OFFICE, CANDON CITY, ILOCOS SUR

The Presiding Officer also presented the Minutes of the Eighty-Third (83rd) Special Meeting of the NTA Governing Board held on 23 March 2018 at the Training Room, 2/F, NTA-Candon Branch Office, Candon City, Ilocos Sur, for their consideration and approval.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 817-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the Minutes of the Eighty-Third (83rd) Special Meeting of the NTA Governing Board held on 23 March 2018 at the Training Room, 2/F, NTA-Candon Branch Office, Candon City, Ilocos Sur.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

D. APPROVAL OF THE NTA AGENCY PLAN AND BUDGET (APB) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019

On motion of Dir. Casela, duly seconded by Dir. Salanga, the board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 818-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the NTA Agency Plan and Budget (APB) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 in the amount of FIVE BILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND PESOS (Php5,679,233,000.00).

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

E. DESIGNATION OF THREE (3) NTA REPRESENTATIVES (FINANCE MANAGER/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER/CORPORATE SECRETARY) TO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION/WORKSHOP ON THE GOCC LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (GLMS) TO BE HELD ON 24 MAY 2018 AT THE GCG TRAINING ROOM, 3F CITIBANK CENTER, 8741 PASEO DE ROXAS, MAKATI CITY

On motion of Dir. Salanga, duly seconded by Dir. Quintal and Dir. Mendiola, the board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 819-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board hereby designates the following NTA employees as the Agency representatives to attend the Orientation/Workshop on the GOCC Leadership Management System (GLMS) to be held on 24 May 2018 at the GCG Training Room, 3F Citibank Center, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, to wit:

- 1) Atty. Rohbert A. Ambros – Acting Board Secretary/Compliance Officer;
- 2) Ms. Milagros C. Tiu – Chief Accountant; and
- 3) Mr. Joseph B. Benosa – Information Systems Analyst II.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

F. APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST OF GOMBURZA/CANONIGO ASSOCIATION INC. FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PAYMENT OF THEIR LOT AVAILMENT FROM THE NTA PROPERTY LOCATED AT PACC, MANILA

Dir. Salanga reported that the Members of the Board discussed the matter during yesterday's committee meeting wherein the Officers of the association were present. It was agreed that the NTA will grant an extension of two (2) years for the lot awardees with the condition that those who will not be able to pay in full the cost of the lot awarded after the extension, all their payments shall be forfeited and shall return the possession of the lot they respectively occupy.

Dir. Quintal moved for the approval of the above matter. Dir. Salanga seconded the motion and the board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 820-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the request of the Gomburza/Canonigo Association Inc. for an extension of two (2) years in the payment for the lot awarded to the occupants of the NTA property located at Paco, Manila, beginning April 2018 until March 2020, without further extension; *Provided*, that the lot awardees who will not be able to pay in full the cost of their respective lot award within the said extended period shall forfeit all their payments in favor of the NTA and shall surrender to the NTA the possession of the lot they respectively occupy; *Provided, further*, that the individual lot awardees shall be required to execute a notarized undertaking to this effect.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

- G. APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST OF MS. MARICAR R. DE LEON, COMPUTER OPERATOR II, NTA-CAGAYAN BRANCH OFFICE, TO AVAIL A HOUSING LOT AT THE NTA PROPERTY LOCATED AT TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN

Upon motion of Dir. Martinez, duly seconded by Dir. Mendiola, the board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 821-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the NTA Governing Board approves the request of Ms. Maricar R. De Leon, Computer Operator II, NTA-Cagayan Branch Office, to avail a housing lot at the NTA Property located at Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, consisting of one hundred square meters (100 sq.m.) only, under the same terms and conditions imposed under Board Resolution No. 547-2016 dated 20 January 2016.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

- H. REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY FOR THE DIFFERENT NTA BRANCH OFFICES TO USE THEIR FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES INVENTORIES UNDER THE TCGS CY 2017-2018 TO IFOIGAP-RICE PROJECT FOR CY 2018 AND/OR TCGS CY 2018-2019

Upon motion of Dir. Casela, duly seconded by Dir. Quintal, the board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 822-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the request of the different NTA Branch Offices to use their fertilizer and pesticide inventories from the CY 2017 Integrated Farming and Other Income Generating Activities Project-Rice Component (IFOIGAP-Rice) and CY 2017-2018 Tobacco Contract Growing System (TCGS) to supplement the fertilizer and pesticide requirements of CY 2018 IFOIGAP-Rice and/or CY 2018-2019 TCGS; *Provided*, that the respective Branch Offices shall submit to the board the list of their fertilizer and pesticides inventories.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

- I. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE IRRIGATION SUPPORT PROJECT THAT THE MAXIMUM LOANABLE AMOUNT SHALL NOT EXCEED PHP100,000.00, PER AVAILEE, IRRESPECTIVE OF FARM AREA

Dir. Quintal informed the Honorable Undersecretary that prices of machineries are increasing and yet prior to this time the prices of power mover engines as per 2012 implementing guidelines are less than P100,000.00 and because of the fluctuating prices of these engines, the board increased the maximum loanable amount to P100,000.00 irrespective of farm area. He then moved for the approval of the proposed amendment to the Implementing Guidelines for the Irrigation Support Project. Dir. Martinez seconded the motion. The board then adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 823-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the amendment of the Implementing Guidelines for the Irrigation Support Project that the maximum loanable amount shall not exceed PhP100,000.00, per avallee, irrespective of farm area.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

IV. OTHER MATTERS

A. FINAL AND LAST EXTENSION OF THE CONSULTANCY SERVICE CONTRACT OF MR. REX ANTONIO P. TEOXON

Upon motion of Dir. Salanga, duly seconded by Dir. Casela, the board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 823-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the last and final extension of the Consultancy Service Contract of Mr. Antonio P. Teoxon for a period of one (1) month from 16 March 2018 until 15 April 2018.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.....”

B. WATER SCARCITY IN REGION I

Usec. Laviña reported that she visited some agricultural areas in Region I and she was saddened by the situation of rice and vegetable farmers due to lack of irrigation. She narrated that she was able to actually see standing tobacco crops during her trip. She said that the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) will now be under the Department of Agriculture. However, she learned that some existing NIA irrigation system has no water due to extreme evaporation or soil absorption. She then recommended to the NTA to study how to improve the existing irrigation structures in order to answer the needs of the farmers especially those planting garlic.

Dir. Casela replied that the soil type in Ilocos Region is arid, the reason why the NTA ventured in the construction of Small Water Impounding Project (SWIP). He further reported that the NTA has an on-going negotiations with the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) for the construction of additional irrigation system. He also said that Secretary Piñol endorsed the use of Solar Powered Irrigation System as part of the NTA irrigation project.

C. DISPLACED TOBACCO FARMERS AT SAN JOSE CITY, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

Mr. Dela Cruz requested from the NTA the list of tobacco farmers of Occidental Mindoro so that the DA will assist them in the production of other high value crops. He also requested the contact number of the NTA employee assigned in the area. Atty. Ambros committed to send the list of tobacco farmers.

D. AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (AFM) PLANNING SESSION

Mr. Dela Cruz also reported that he has attended the planning session of the DA AFM. He said that the NTA is represented by Mr. Manuel Ramiscal. He said that one of the major concerns of the group is about climate change which is encouraged to be included in the mainstream of all DA programs and projects.

Dir. Casela said that the NTA is implementing the Kakahuyang Pangkalikasan at Pangkabuhayan (KPP) Project and the yearly Synchronized Tree Planting Project. He said that the objectives of the projects are to provide the farmers sufficient fuelwood for their curing and also to maintain the ecological integrity. He also informed the Honorable Undersecretary that the NTA research group has designed a special furnace (Anawang) which effectively reduced fuelwood consumption by 20% with the use of alternative biomass such as sweepings, coconut shells and husks and rice hull.

Dir. Quintal also mentioned that the NTA has planned to procure weather forecasting system which will be able to predict weather conditions in just a matter of time and this will help the farmers in protecting their crops for any eventuality. He said that the estimated cost of the system is P400,000.00, per unit.

Usec. Laviña encouraged the NTA that in the formulation of its roadmap, the tobacco farmers should be consulted and to consider finding solutions to problems for each geographical areas.

E. PROCUREMENT OF WEATHER FORECASTING SYSTEM

On motion of Dir. Quintal, duly seconded by Dir. Mendiola, the board adopted the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 824-2018

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NTA Governing Board approves the procurement of nine (9) units of Weather Forecasting System through public bidding, the same

to be implemented for CY 2018 and to be included in the Supplemental Budget of the NTA for FY 2018.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED....."

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matter to be taken up, and upon motion of Dir. Salanga, duly seconded by Dir. Mendiola, the meeting was officially adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

PREPARED AND CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ATTY. ROHBERT A. AMBROS
Acting Board Secretary

ATTESTED:


Hon. EVELYN G. LAVIÑA
*Undersecretary, Department of Agriculture
and Alternate Chairman, NTA Governing Board*

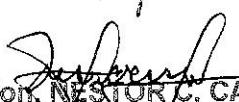

Hon. ROBERT L. SEARES
*Administrator, National Tobacco Administration
and Vice-Chairman, NTA Governing Board*


Hon. PEDRO J. MENDIOLA, JR.
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