

PORT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the 362nd Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority held at Port Authority 45 Harbour Drive at 1430 hours on Thursday, 29 May 2014.

Present:

Mr. Woody DaCosta, (Acting Chairman)
Mr. Paul W. Hurlston, (Secretary)
Mr. Robert Foster
Mr. Ashton Bodden JP
Ms. Jacqueline Scott
Mr. Stran Bodden JP

Attendees: Mr. Clement Reid – Deputy Port Director – Operations

Apologies: Mr. Errol Bush, MBE. (Chairman)
Mr. Gerry Kirkconnell, (Deputy Chairman)
Ms. Samantha Bennett
Mr. Arek Joseph

		NOTICE AND QUORUM	
		The Acting Chairman noted that due notice of the Meeting had been given to all Members and that a quorum existed. Accordingly, the Meeting could proceed.	



1		Welcome and Call to Order	
		The Acting Chairman welcomed members.	
2		Apologies and absences	
		See Above	
3		Confirmation of Previous Minutes	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 361 minutes were Approved on a motion moved by Ms Jacqueline Scott and seconded by Mr. Robert Foster. 	
4		Matters Arising	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board of Directors expressed their empathies to Mr. Ashton Bodden and his family as a result of his daughter's illness. • The formal documentation of Government's approval for the Port to defer property insurance payments will be sent to members by Mr. Stran Bodden. • Mr. Stran Bodden will also follow up on the land swap (CDC) for insurance debt as discussed in the last Board of Directors meeting (361). • The Board of Directors said that they will deal with the issue of H.M. Customs erecting a building on the Port Authority's property at CDC without formal port approval or the land being transferred to Customs/Government at the point of initial building construction. 	

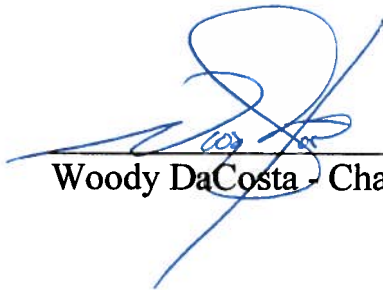
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The matter of the recent road closure for Batabano Carnival affecting cargo operations actually turned out to be a non-issue as the ships were able to work without delays. 	
5.		<p>Other Business</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Water Sport Operators (WSO) has been given one free month use of the Port Authority's Marina (PAM) by the Minister of Tourism. This free period will end on the 14 June 2014 and at that time the Licence Agreements should be signed and a charge of CI\$350.00 per month per boat levied on each WSO. The WSO's have now made additional demands on what they have termed "defects" at the PAM and these they want corrected before they will consider signing any Licence Agreement. The Minister of Tourism has issued instructions to the Port Authority's management to provide water and electricity for each boat slip and to put in street lights at the PAM. Mr. Clement Reid asked the Board of Directors to give management directions on the hiring of security, janitorial and other staff at the PAM as the Ministry of Tourism initial position was that they were not required and would significantly add to the cost of operating the PAM. It appears that the annual operating costs will be greater than the revenues from the PAM. The Board of Directors agreed that staff is need at the PAM and gave management approval to hire security and janitorial staff. However, since the Minister of Tourism instructions differed, Mr. Stan Bodden thought it best that the Minister meets with the Board of Directors and give the Board his policy directives. Mr. Stran Bodden is to arrange this meeting. He also informed the members that 	

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		<p>while the Port Authority is a statutory authority and the Board of Directors want it to operate as a business; the Government's perspective is that the direction taken by the Board must always be in accord with the Minister's plans and policies. The Government also has the social responsibility to provide certain services and these may not necessarily equate into profit centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Port Director informed the Board that the current security contract with K9 expires on 30 June 2014 and asked for a directive on procuring security services. It was Agreed that the contract would be openly tendered with submissions going through the CTC as was done with all previous tenders. The Port Director will keep the Board of Directors updated on each step in the process. 	
		Adjournment	
		There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1645 hours.	

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Woody DaCosta - Chairman



Paul W. Hurlston (Secretary)

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