



CABINET MEETING

Office of the President

Meyuns Satellite Office | 9:15 AM – 10:52 AM

Monday, April 2, 2018

In Attendance:

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| 1. President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. | 11. Director Brian Melairei | 21. Chief Lorraine Franz, MOS |
| 2. Vice President Raynold B. Oilouch | 12. Director Gail Rengiil | 22. Press Secretary Olkeriil Kazuo |
| 3. Minister Emais Roberts | 13. Executive Director Nick Ngwal | 23. PNCC AGM LeoBen Teriong |
| 4. Minister Faustina Rehuher-Marugg | 14. Postmaster General Timothy Sinsak | 24. Pam Anastacio, PNCC |
| 5. Minister Umiich Sengebau | 15. Acting Director John Tarkong, Jr. | 25. Dwight Alexander, Compact |
| 6. Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton | 16. Grants Coordinator Judy Dean | 26. Norbert Villanueva, NDBP |
| 7. Minister Sinton Soalablai | 17. COS Secilil Eldebechel | 27. Kimie Ngirchechol, EQPB |
| 8. Minister Charles Obichang | 18. DCOS Rebluud Kesolei | 28. Peter Polloi, MPIIC |
| 9. Postmaster General Timothy Sinsak | 19. Kaleb Udui, Jr., Senior Econ. Advisor | 29. Daniel Klopper, Legal Counsel |
| 10. Director Casmir Remengesau | 20. Chief Lorraine Franz, MOS | |

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AGENDA	DISCUSSION
NEC Weather and Water Shortage Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Emergency Committee (NEC) is scheduled to meet today. Daily monitoring and reading of water level in Ngerimel Dam ongoing. Rain was expected over the weekend. Some rain in Airai and Aimeliik, but not substantial. No clear communication from PPUC of any potential leakage. Vice President Oilouch suggests for PPUC water division manager to attend NEC meetings. COS Eldebechel instructed to develop a memorandum from the President to PPUC today. Minister Soalablai instructed to ensure active education within all schools of the importance of water conservation.
Ministry Briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health: Pacific Partnership 2018 commenced today. MOH preparing to launch kebeas eradication in partnership with Aimeliik on April 7 kebeas to begin in Aimeliik and Ngatpang. Aimeliik to begin in Tebadel. Minister Roberts requests for status of India grant applications from the MOH. Judy Dean states about a dozen about ready to be awarded. First Palauan to graduate from Cuba medical program to do so in June. Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs: MCCA completed performance report. Working on to Earth Day activities. Minister Temengil-Chilton reports CNMI aging office to bring 30 seniors to Palau for Senior Citizen's Day in May. MCCA working with them on logistical arrangements. MCCA working on launching Year of Good Health programs in May with plans for awarding on Thanksgiving to recognize outcome of program. MCCA continues to engage with MOE on youth core program for the summer. Preparation ongoing for delegation from Palau to the Guam Micronesian Island Fair. Guam requestes for Kendall and Kelau. MCCA preparing for a delegation in representation of Palau that program for May 2-5. Ministry of Education: MOE announces Promotion Day and Graduation to fall on May 28-31. MOE to begin arrangements for banquet with the President and high honor students prior to graduation season. Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism: Minister Sengebau seeking

	<p>for Palau Responsible Tourism Framework endorsement from the OEK through a resolution. MNRET requested to develop and provide a copy of the resolution to the President. Regulation development challenges expressed. MNRET seeking to utilize new legal counsel from the AG for assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of State: MOS has received comments from the PIF on the draft declaration for PALM8. Emailed to COS and Deputy. Seeking for review and comment. Final draft of the memorandum of agreement has been reviewed from MCCA for Cuba baseball coaches. MOS submitted to the Office of the President and legal counsels for review. MOS conducted a townhall meeting with Kayangel on Wednesday in Koror in regards to kebeas project. Kayangel seeking to finish rat eradication before implementation of kebeas eradication. New Taiwan Ambassador designate to present credentials on Thursday at 10 AM. President instructed for it to be moved to 3 pm on the same day. Meeting with Special advisor to Abe on Tuesday, April 3. MOS announce Dwight Alexander of Compact Review Office to start attending cabinet meetings in regards to Compact updates. • Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce: MPIIC announces representatives from Sojitz, JICA and JATCO to visit Palau on Thursday. Bid closed on March 26th. Discussion to be made on the bid during the meeting. MPIIC met with Airai leadership on kebeas. State initiative to eradicate kebeas in Oikull completed. Airai leadership requested for kebeas project to be commence after swearing-in ceremony. Airai to approach kebeas from village to village. In Koror, MPIIC to work state legislators in regards. MPIIC reports MOH is also working with Koror. • Ministry of Finance: The President instructed for MOF to develop an analysis of the \$123 million Compact funding by next week. The President’s legal team, AG and the COFA review team to work together to determine Palau’s process.
Other Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDBP Update: NDBP reports approving \$1.5 million loans as of the end of March 2018. In the month of March, a total of \$102,969 loans were approved. • PNCC Update: Expansion of cell coverage ongoing. Ngesaol has been completed, however ongoing work continues improve services due to obstructions from large trees. Another antenna to be installed at GF shop. Within Koror, PNCC continues negotiations with landowners. Ongoing work in Ngarchelong as well. Board and management team has met the leadership of Kayangel in regards to cable TV services. PNCC to work with COS Eldebechel of live broadcasting of the SORA. • Earth Week: Announcement to be made of zero plastic use in the government and encourage use of water bottle during the meeting.
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Ministers and Directors are reminded to “follow up” and “think outside the box on all initiatives. • All Ministers and Directors are reminded of the following upcoming events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swearing-in of Aloysius Alonz as Director of BPS: Monday, April 2 (11:00 AM) 2. Anniversary of the Imperial Visit: Monday, April 9 in Peleliu 3. Chairman Sasakawa to address the Joint Committee: Friday, April 13 (10:00 AM)

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. State of the Republic Address: Tuesday, April 17 (10:00 AM)5. Health Assistance Training Program Graduation: Wednesday, April 186. Micronesian Islands Forum: April 2018 in Saipain7. Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting: April 25-27 in Koror |
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