



CABINET MEETING
Office of the President
Ngerulmud – 9:12 AM
January 3, 2017

In Attendance:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President Tommy Remengesau, Jr. 2. Minister Billy Kuartei, MOS 3. Minister Elbuchel Sadang, MOF 4. Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton, MCCA 5. Minister Umiich Sengebau, MNRET 6. Minister Charles Obichang, MPIIC 7. Minister Sinton Soalablai, MOE 8. Director Debbie Ngemaes, Hospital & Clinical Services 9. Director Brian Melairei, Public Works 10. Director Casmir Remengesau, Budget & Planning 11. Exec. Director Keobel Sakuma, PNMS 12. Kaleb Udui, Jr., Senior Economic Advisor | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. COS Secilil Eldebechel 14. DCOS Rebluud Kesolei 15. Press Secretary Olkeriil Kazuo 16. NDBP Board Chairman Marino Rechesengel 17. NDBP President, CEO Claire Harvey 18. Harley Fletcher, NDBP Commercial Loan Officer 19. Lorilynn Derbai, Foreign Service Officer, MOS 20. Anthony Rudmich, PPUC Water Project Manager 21. Isebong Rengulbai, PPUC PIO |
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AGENDA	DISCUSSION
Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Extending New Year well wishes to everyone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to reports, celebration was peaceful with no major incidents
NDBP: Agriculture & Aquaculture Loan Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: One of the most important initiatives we undertook almost a year ago to promote economic development is through the \$5 million aquaculture and agriculture program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It's now very clear that it's not a question of money - We've had the money for a long time but haven't had a meaningful disbursement - I want to make it very clear to the president and management of NDBP that I want this implemented as soon as possible in the most productive way - In the coming days and months, not years, through Kaleb Udui, Jr., generate a plan of action to get this money to people • NDBP Chairman: We've come up with other strategies to introduce these programs. It's a bit difficult to implement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Is there someone on board who is able to go out into the community to speak to people and encourage people to apply? Yes, Kenny Kinzio has been bringing in clients and talking to clients • NDBP President: We're in the process of hiring business development officers including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working in association with MNRET talking to farmer's association, women's group, etc. to increase awareness of the program - Advertise in Tia Belau and Island Times



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Putting up notices on bulletin boards - We've shortened the application process considerably - One of the issues with customers is lack of business plans in which they will need to go SBDC - The issue is people want farm, but don't have land. People want to farm, but don't know where to get labor from - Also working with Ngardmau in regards to an allotment process type program - Considering supplemental agribusiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: In my general understanding is the bank should take a proactive mode here to have a plan in place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nabeyama farm loan of \$100,000 took a while - The point is for people like Nabeyama who cannot draft a business plan help them fill the paperwork - In a nutshell when can we realistically see this money disbursed? • Projects in the pipeline include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Couple of projects in Ngatpang - Clam project in Peleliu - A few loans have been approved in Ngiwal already • President: Why don't we work with them to expedite the process? There are areas feasible for the project including states like Ngaraard. Give them support. The bank must take an active role and approach these people. Don't treat this like a normal NDBP loan program where people cannot afford it. Clients are supposed to approach you. You need to approach and be more proactive. This is no longer business as usual. Think outside of the box. Hire people, go out on a daily basis. I'm asking Kaleb Udui, Jr. to take work on this with you. Sometime in the very near future give me a plan on how to disburse this money. If you need legislation from the Congress to reduce risks we can work with you on that. Let's take this program up a notch
<p>Update on Strategies for Traffic Congestion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on meetings with BPS, BPW and PPUC, it's clear the group have explored all that has been discussed to mitigate traffic congestion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One option that hasn't been executed, but has been discussed is talking to parents of Koror Elementary School, Maris Stella, Mindszenty and Palau High School to take alternative routes for drop off and pick up of students - Police Chief and Director to create a plan for people to take specific route to drop off their children depending on the school. Plans anticipated for discussion during meeting with parents this week and executed before school commences on Thurs, Jan. 5
<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update: PPUC Mandate per Angaur Water Billing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication with PPUC CEO has been made - There was a different interpretation and was told to consult with legal counsel - President: Task our legal counsel to look into it. PPUC's legal counsel must look into it again • Sewer Overflow Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has been resolved - Cleared treatment plant enabling flow - PPUC communication team is requested to clarify in future press releases and public notices whether EQPB has cleared surrounding areas where sewage leakage occurred - President: For next meet ask EQPB representatives to attend • Applicants for Taiwan I-Shou University Medical Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No names has been submitted



- President: Are there no qualified applicants or there's no applicants? *There are qualified applicants, but they haven't confirmed*
 - ~ Extra efforts must be made to recruit our students for these golden opportunities
 - ~ Work with scholarship offices
- Director Ngemaes: Minister Ngirmang recruited one staff and an HR officer to recruit students
 - ~ Calvin Johannes, a former nurse and a recent graduate of the University of Guam expressed interested and will likely apply
 - ~ Director Ngemaes to follow up
- Mosquito Breeding Clean Up with Governors and Youth
 - President: MOF continue looking into grant funding to involve the youth and states for major clean up of mosquito breeding sites and kabeas. This will be a national initiative
- Rat Infestation Update
 - President: At some point, we want to hear what's been done. This impacts health and tourism
 - Director Ngemaes to follow-up
- Director in charge of invasive species department in Oahu, Hawaii is visiting Palau for the holidays
 - Minister Temengil-Chilton plans to introduce her to MNRET to discuss best practices address invasive species
 - President: Our first responsibility in leadership is to establish contacts with people, establish connections that would lead to opportunities. Public service is all about relationships. We can't always rely on Palau government to appropriate funds. The inauguration is a great networking opportunity to meet with people on how we can partner up. Ministers and Directors must take initiative to meet and talk to people seeking for opportunities and assistance to Palau
- President: What's the latest on Dr. Nakano's employment contract situation?
 - Director Ngemaes is unaware of issues regarding the dentist. However, he is a great dentist who has the skillset to perform major operations. He is highly recommended and over 300+ Japanese residents signed a petition appealing to the Minister to renew his contract
- Inauguration and Installation Update
 - Today RQ's were processed for supplies needed for staging
 - Public Works has begun cleaning up and preparing The Capitol for the events
 - President: We have a leadership meeting with OEK today at 2:00 pm. If there are past waivers of inaugurations, conferences, Independence Day activities and the likes share them to make it clear this is not the first time procurement process has been waived for major events
- New Jail Update
 - Technical concerns have been addressed with EQPB. Currently waiting for results
 - Main concern was the size of septic tank and how it will discharge into the environment. EQPB was concern lies on how the national government can assure that the Ngerikiil River is not contaminated
- Slaughterhouse Update
 - Building will be completed by the end of the month
 - Equipment, according to ROC, has been delayed due to bidding issues. Will arrive in March. Takes 3-4 weeks to install
 - Will be fully installed by April 2017
 - The slaughterhouse once complete will have the capacity to process twenty (20) 150 pound pigs per hour
 - Suggestion made into considering tax on imported pork and look into the demand of pork in



	<p>Palau. Suggested to build demand for local pork and encourage hotels and restaurants to buy local</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As suggested by ROC in order to maintain consistency of quality pork, Palau is advised to maintain pig feed. The feed is available locally - Ministry of Health is suggested to get involved to ensure sanitation and packaging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unveiling of Year of the Youth Stamps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MCCA is ready to unveil two sets of stamps - FestPac participants and Olympians - to conclude the Year of the Youth - Will participant in Wednesday's press conference to unveil • Tourism Policy Framework Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft framework has been completed - MNRET working on forwarding the draft to the President and all Ministers for review - MNRET considering asking the OEK for support via resolution • KSG Building Permit update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Just received good news, Koror State Governor has agreed to award permit for the Malakal project giving us perpetual water use rights • Assistance from Australian Ambassador <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ambassador of Australia has conveyed support related to PPP - Support similar to what's been addressed with slaughterhouse - Considering working with MOS and MNRET on
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Make sure there's a resolution for Ngirturong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funeral is on Jan. 29th • MOS to draft letter of appreciation to Ron. Resigned on Friday
Los from New Year Mass at Evangelical Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Sadang shared Los for the national government: "Ko mo chubechubechad el uai a demmiu el chubechubechad" – Lukas 6:36 • President: That compliments are plans for the New Year. I plan to declare this year the Year of Family. It will be the theme of our administration. Look into initiatives involving families from health, sports to bank subsidy

Meeting Minutes Subject to Change and Approval at next Cabinet Meeting