



Decision List BC Meeting 10/17/2023

Date	10/17/2023
Time	9:00 – 11:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger, Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes of last BC Meeting

Decision:

Approved

3.0.0 Discussion papers

BC proposals to be discussed and decided upon jointly.

3.1.0 Food resilient futures

Van Hall Larensteijn (VHL) has received a grant of €522,967 to execute a research project on Food Resilient Futures, in collaboration with a consortium of partners in the Caribbean region. Attached is the project proposal. The aim of the research is to contribute to water-smart and nature inclusive food resilience in the Caribbean Netherlands. The study has a practically oriented approach: through living labs local youth will be trained as (co)-facilitators, who will contribute to a participatory envisioning process for the islands. Based on the results, local stakeholders will select and implement experiments for food resilient futures. This project strategy should lead to a network of a living lab where professionals and youth work together on food resilient futures. Training manuals and the results of experiments with regard to water and food system alternatives will be used actively to encourage youth to be involved in sustainable agriculture and consumption. By signing attached collaboration agreement, Saba would become a partner in the consortium and benefit from the living labs organised by VHL. As collaborative partner, Saba would provide an in-kind contribution (in the form of capacity) equivalent to a sum of €4,350. The required work, which in practice involves mostly arranging the logistics for setting up local living



labs, can be executed by the NEPP team. The activities align very well with the aims of the hydroponics project and the additional goals formulated by PES in the food security proposal.

Decision:

Approve the signing of the collaboration agreement and to mandate the Commissioner of Agriculture to sign on behalf of the Public Entity Saba.

3.2.0 Reaction PES to report ILT

In June this year a report was published by ILT about the licensing, inspection and enforcement (vergunningverlening, toezicht en handhaving, VTH) processes on the BES islands. The main conclusion in the report is that VTH-processes are not organised sufficiently on the islands. One of the recommendations is to install an external VTH-unit via the Omgevingsdienst Nederland. The reaction of the OLS addresses our concerns with regards to the way the report was written, but also includes a generally positive view on the different advices in the report.

Decision:

Approve the drafted reaction letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure and water (IenW).

3.3.0 Sea water quality

As part of the Nature and Environment Policy Plan (NEPP), IenW has been working on a project for the monitoring of sea water quality. This is needed to map the potential impacts of land and environmental factors on marine biodiversity, like coral reefs. Attached is a proposal for the monitoring of sea water quality around Saba and Statia.

Decision:

Approve further development of the project proposal for sea water quality monitoring on and around Saba and Statia, based on the draft. draft.

Approve the signing of the MoU on integrated ocean management by the Minister for Nature and Nitrogen Policy.

Mandate the program manager NEPP as account holder for the budget once it becomes available.



3.4.0

Appointment of new department head of Public Health & Sport

There has been a vacancy for department head of the Public Health & Sport department following the departure of the previous department head. After several interviews it is proposed that Mr. M. Bakker to be appointed as the new department head of Public Health & Sport as of December 11, 2023.

Decision:

Approve the appointment of Menno Bakker as the new department head of Public Health per December 11, 2023.

3.5.0.

Black Rocks Harbor tender support Witteveen+Bos

Preparations for the international tender for the construction of Black Rocks Harbor are almost complete. Currently the public entity has little capacity available for the harbor project. At the request of the harbor project team, Witteveen+Bos prepared a quotation for tender coordination and support. With the support of Witteveen+Bos, Public Entity Saba can continue the preparation of the tender with the aim of publishing it on December 1, 2023.

Decision:

Approve and sign proposal Black Rocks Harbor – ‘tender coordination and support’ by Witteveen+Bos.

3.6.0.

Workshops spatial development plan

On 23, 24 and 25 October, workshops will be organized for policy advisors, department heads, the Island Council, the Executive Council and some relevant external stakeholders. The aim of the workshops is to give participants an introduction to sustainable spatial development and to collect input for the spatial development plan for Saba. Prof. dr. Ellen van Bueren, professor of Urban Development Management of the Technical University Delft, will act as a guest speaker and moderator for the workshops.

Decision:

Approve budget for organizing workshops about the spatial development plan for Saba.



3.7.0

R.O. pumps purchase

The existing Reverse Osmosis (R.O.) pipeline network comprises four pumps, each backed by a factory guarantee of four years. These pumps have been in operation since the inception of our project in 2017 and are currently experiencing significant wear and tear, necessitating their replacement. Given the distinct geological characteristics of our island, it is imperative that we select replacement pumps that not only align with our unique demands but also meet our stringent specifications. With this proposal we request approval for ordering and installing new pumps.

Decision:

Approved to proceed with the procurement and ordering of new pumps.

3.8.0

Crisis management exercise and workshops on Statia

On the 13th and 14th of November 2023 there is a crisis exercise and workshops on crisis management on Statia. The crisis coordinator on Statia, invited the crisis organization partners from the BES and CAS and also the former British islands in the region. This is very useful for cooperation between islands in the Caribbean.

Decision:

Approve the participation of the head of public order and safety in the crisis exercise at Statia.

3.9.0

Centric Visit Nov 2023 – Finance K2F Application Assessment and Training

We propose to invite a member from our financial administration system Centric, to visit Saba for three weeks. During this period, the Centric expert (application manager) will assess our current system, identify optimization opportunities, and devise a comprehensive plan for 2024 to enhance efficiency and effectiveness within our organization and to our clients. This initiative includes on-site training for our staff to maximize system utilization and tap into existing modules to better streamline our work processes.

Decision:

Approve all costs for the Centric visit and extra costs related to travel and accommodation.

Approve that the Island Secretary and Head of Finance approve the



necessary options for optimization as shown in attachment “Prijsverdeling Prijsindicatie SABA”. This will be with the assistance of our digitalization specialist who will help to ensure that what is offered is what is needed.

4.0.0 Formalities

5.0.0 Incoming Pieces / Requests

Request amendment operational license (1253/2023)

Request was submitted for an amendment to operating license for the addition of a spa. The activities of the spa fall in line with the purpose of the company and therefore no additional permit is needed.

Decision:

Duly noted

Request business establishment permit Saba (1255/2023)

Application submitted for a sole proprietorship business license to sell women’s clothing and accessories.

Decision:

In agreement

Request business establishment permit Saba (1256/2023)

Application submitted for a sole proprietorship business license focusing on alteration and repair of clothing and other textiles.

Decision:

In agreement

Request business establishment permit Saba (1257/2023)

Application submitted for a sole proprietorship business license to provide services including car wash, car detailing, fixing electronics,

Decision:

In agreement

Financiële beschikkingen MBO (1261/2023)

The Ministry of Education provides the Executive Council with an overview of financial decisions for the month of September.



Decision:

Duly noted

6.0.0 Announcements

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1. Governor Johnson
2. Commissioner Zagers
3. Commissioner Heyliger
4. Island Secretary Streppel

7.0.0 Closing