



Decision List BC Meeting 01/30/2024

Subtitle	Weekly BC Meeting
Date	01/30/2024
Time	9:00 – 12:00
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**

Attachment:

BC Minutes 03.2024

Minutes BC Meeting 23.01.2024

Decision:

BC Minutes Approved.

3.0.0 **Discussion papers**

BC proposals to be discussed and decided upon jointly.

3.0.1 **Budget veterinarian**

Recently the Public Entity received an additional budget from the funds for the Nature and Environmental Policy Plan (NEPP) for various activities. Part of the funds were allocated to cover the salary costs for a veterinarian for 0.5 fte for two years (\$55,000 per year). In the 2024 budget of PES, a full-time salary for a veterinarian was already reserved from the free allowance. As 0.5 fte can be covered via the NEPP fund, this would free up an amount of \$55,000 from the free allowance. It is advised to allocate this budget for sustainability and nature related activities, prioritizing the goat project.

Additionally, as the current veterinarian is being paid on a contract assignment and not via payroll, it is advised to shift the entire budget allocated to the salary for the veterinarian (\$111,000) to the NEPP budget.



Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.2 Cooperation agreements Ministry of J&V and CN for legal support for strengthening the law of crisis management and firefighting

The Ministry of Justice and Security is currently working on strengthening the legislative process for crisis management and firefighting in the European Netherlands.

The three public entities have officially expressed the desire to be involved in this from the beginning. This will ensure that the strengthening of the system in the Caribbean Netherlands is shaped simultaneously with the strengthening of the system in the European Netherlands. At the same time, it is also indicated that it is desirable to be supported in the legal and policy assessment of the possible consequences of the legislative process for the Caribbean Netherlands. The Ministry of Justice and Security has made a proposal to provide the BES islands with the requested support. The Ministry is now requesting formal agreement to this proposal.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.3 Costa Rica Fishing Tournament

Team Navigator have frequently competed in various fishing competitions around the region—Saba, St. Maarten, Bonaire, etc.. On more than one occasion the team have also won these tournaments which was the case again at the 2023 SXM Fishing Tournament. This win earned Team Navigator an invitation to compete with some of the world's best at the World Championship Fishing Tournament in Costa Rica.

A team of five people will be competing in the tournament and is looking for sponsorship from the Public Entity Saba to assist with the registration fee (\$15,500). Competing in this international event, well covered by the media, will also be an opportunity to help promote Saba.

Various departments have combined sources of funding to contribute to this initiative: Public Health & Sports – \$3,000; Tourist Office – \$5,000;



and \$5,000 from the previous year's donation. This brings the total contribution from the Public Entity of Saba to \$13,000.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.4 New assignment ZEA Consultancy

The department of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning is currently making progress in recruiting new permanent employees, but it will take a few more months to build a new team. ZEA Consultancy will continue on a temporary assignment to ensure the continuation of ongoing projects. The new assignment is for six months, with 1 month notice. To reduce costs, only the most essential projects will be carried out and the hours will be limited: until February 29th max. 36 hours/week, from March 1st max. 24 hours/week.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.5 Unallocated NEPP budget

In 2022, PES received budget for several NEPP projects. With the transfer of this budget, an amount of \$469,362 was accidentally transferred additionally.

As the budget was provided as an addition to the free allowance, the allocation of the budget is technically a matter for the Public Entity. Therefore, some costs were already made when it became clear that the budget was a result of a mistake made by LNV in the conversion of the Euro to Dollar amount, and LNV expressed the wish to have the steering group co-decide on the allocation of the budget.

The steering group decided to allocate this amount as follows:

- Spent: \$34,538
- Coral Restoration: \$120,000
- Covering shortage NEPP 2023: \$261,180
- Food security: \$53,644
- Total: \$469,362



Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.6 **Vacancy project coordinator NEPP**

Recently the Public Entity received an additional budget from the funds for the Nature and Environmental Policy Plan (NEPP) for various activities (see attached beschikking). Part of the funds were allocated for a project coordinator to support with program management activities. A budget was made available to cover a salary for two years.

The vacancy was drafted in such a way that it covers a broad range of activities and responsibilities, leaving room for project management tasks in addition to coordination, should a suitable candidate be found.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.7 **BC Proposal Cultural Subsidies 2024**

The Public Entity of Saba has been subsidizing the following organizations on an annual basis based on their subsidy requests.

This BC proposal would like to decrease the number of proposals per organization and therefore have one proposal that has the overview of subsidies for multiple organizations.

- QWL library \$100k
- Saba Festival Foundation (Carnival) \$80k
- Saba ARC (heritage center) \$65k
- Saba Association of Caribbean States (SACS) \$40k
- Project Bureau \$72k
- Handmade on Saba \$20k

Total amount of subsidies \$377k

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.



3.0.8

BC Proposal Lions Club Subsidies 2024

The Public Entity of Saba has been subsidizing the Saba Lion's Club programs on an annual basis for the past years. The government with support of the ministry of VWS would like to continue to provide support to Saba Lions Club financially in the following way:

- Meals On Wheels \$137,000
- Food Baskets \$29,700 (6 months period)

Total amount of subsidies \$166,700

The account managers for these subsidies is the department head of Community Development & Culture with support of colleagues.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.9

BC Proposal SCS Request for Support visit of Barbados Vocational School

The Saba Comprehensive School (SCS) is hosting a Guidance Officer from the Samuel Jackman Prescod Institute of Technology (SJPI) in Barbados and has asked the Public Entity Saba for their cooperation and support in the form of covering the costs of the visit of the Guidance Officer.

The SCS believes that a stronger bond with SJPI will greatly benefit SCS students as it will expand the possibilities of tertiary education and will benefit the entire community of Saba in the long run. Information sessions for the school, community and PES has been organized.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.3

Urgent BC proposal Child Focus Subsidy 2024

Under the newly proposed subsidy agreement for the fiscal year 2024, the following key provisions are set to take effect:

Quarterly meetings between OLS (Community Development) and CFF. Subsidy disbursements will occur on a quarterly basis, with conditions.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.



Explanation:

Proposal Preapproved on Jan 26, 2024

3.1.4 Urgent BC proposal Work Travel: Slavery Conference NL

Werkgroep Slavernijverleden Koninkrijk Relatie will be hosting a conference on the next steps in the process after the apologies for the Slavery Past.

This conference will be held in The Netherlands on January 31st, 2024.

Staff from Community Development will be travelling to this conference to represent Public Entity Saba to gain the much-needed information on the given topic.

For this trip all expenses for hotel and flights have been covered from January 29th to February 1st.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.5 URGENT Repairs corner Saba Wishes

Repairs need to be done to road leading to The Bottom at the corner of the Dorm and Saba Wishes.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.6 Waste Containers

Late last year we ran out of Orange Waste Containers. They were ordered from TWS (Total Waste Systems) and a 50% payment was made for them. The waste bins have now been shipped and the next half of the payment has to be made, Euro 17,610.50

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.



3.1.8 Welding Garbage Truck #D-56

Last year June J&A Construction did welding on our Garbage truck #D-56 the work was completed but the invoice was only received on January 18th, 2024

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

4.0.0 Formalities

5.0.0 Incoming Pieces / Requests (on paper)

6.0.0 Announcements

Announcements:

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

7.0.0 Signing

8.0.1 Digitalization presentation (11.00)

8.0.2 HR21 presentation (11.30)

9.0.0 Closing