



Decision List BC Meeting 01/09/2024

Subtitle	Weekly BC Meeting
Date	01/09/2024
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:

Minutes BC Meeting December 19 2023

BC Minutes 38.2023

Decision:

BC Minutes Approved.

3.0.0 **Discussion papers**

BC proposals to be discussed and decided upon jointly.

3.1.0 **Assistance Dutch Hunters Association voor goat project**

The goat control project is moving towards a phase in which hunting becomes more difficult as the roaming goat population declines. The remaining population is estimated to be between 500 and 1500 goats. One of the approaches considered for a next phase in the project is to bring in external hunters in order to speed up the hunting process.

Recently contact was made with the Royal Dutch Hunting Association (Nederlandse Jagersvereniging). They have shown interest in assisting the Public Entity with a large-scale removal of free roaming goats by deploying several hunting teams for a period of two weeks. The hunters would bring their own equipment and do not have to be paid for their time. PES would cover the costs for travel (economy class) and



accommodation. This could be a very cost-efficient way for PES to quickly reduce the roaming goat population.

It should have minimum effect on the trails, because the hunting is taking place during in high season. The tourist vacation plans should not be jeopardized because of this. Mount Scenery trail should not be closed at any time. Goats that can be retrieved safely, should be retrieved. Please communicate this to the public in a timely manner.

This is being done at the peak of tourism high season. The shooting of the goats in the various areas should not in any way jeopardize the planned hiking visit that tourist may have already signed up for. The work has to be executed, however taken our visitors into account. Mount Scenery being our number one attraction, should at no time be closed off. Retrieve the goats that can be retrieved safely. Inform the Public in advance about these activities.

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BC Proposal Approved

3.2.0 Candidate Selection Finance department

A vacancy for a Financial Administrative Employee was approved (BC 148/2023) and advertised. On December 20th the Finance Department held the interviews with two candidates. A selection has been made to hire the preferred candidate on a 1.5 year contract per Jan 1st, 2024 – June 30th 2025.

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BC Proposal Approved

3.3.0 HRM PES learning and development visit to HRM Statia

The HRM team PES/OLS is invited to meet with HRM team OLE in the second week of January 2024, just before the head of HRM team OLE is going on holiday. The team is invited for a 2- day program to get to know the team, share daily practice and InterVision on difficult situations. The idea is also to find out the specific work areas, where we can share information with the goal to harmonize policy and procedures. In the light of working together and strengthening the relations amongst the



BES islands, specifically HRM work areas, HRM OLS wants to respond positively to this request. It is in the interest of working together that the whole team gets the opportunity to personally connect with our colleagues HRM OLE.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved

3.4.0 Letter lenW about waste management subsidy

In 2023 the Public Entity Saba requested a subsidy from the funds for the Nature and Environmental Policy Plan for waste management. The budget (€800,000) was received on December 14th (see attached beschikking). Because of the timing of the transfer of the subsidy, it was not possible to execute the planned activities before the deadline of December 31st, 2023.

Additionally, anticipating the subsidy, the Public Entity had decided earlier in 2023 to prefinance the purchase of a waste baler, which needed to be done urgently in order to ensure continuation of waste processing on the island. However, due to the timing of the transfer of the subsidy at the end of the financial year, it was no longer possible to make amendments to the budget and finance the baler via the subsidy provided. This effectively freed up an amount of €135,000 from the subsidy.

Attached is a draft letter to lenW with two requests:

- Extension of the subsidy term until December 31st, 2024.
- Reallocation of the €135,000 designated for the waste baler to unforeseen waste management costs.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.5.0 Participation working group climate agenda

The national government and the island governments of the Caribbean part of the Netherlands aim to develop a climate agenda in 2024. The aim of the Climate Agenda is to accelerate the transition to a resilient and sustainable future for the islands. Each island will develop its own individual climate plan as part of the Climate Agenda.



Saba has been invited to attend a technical working group on the Climate Agenda in Curacao from January 21 –23. Representatives from the other five Dutch Caribbean islands, the ministry of EZK and possibly the ministries of BZK and LNV will be present. The aim of the working group is to further fine tune a first draft of the Climate Agenda. It is advised that Justin Simmons and Sarah van der Horn, the two policy advisors overseeing the climate portfolio, participate in the working group.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.7.0 Increase in tredes for all PES employees

As customary at the beginning of the new year we adjust our staff's basic salary with an increase of 1 step (trede). This has been budgeted for in the 2024 budget and needs to be processed in the January 2024 payroll. In order to make these changes we need the approval of BC.

Attachment:

Dossier 211 cover.pdf

HRM – Salary Admin Increase in step 2024 – 04012024

Decision:

BC proposal approved.

4.0.0 Formalities

Attachment:

Subsidieverlening OLS Watertransport RO 2023

Brief aan eilandbestuurders inzake terinzagelegging ontwerp

Tar.RK.BES.2024.vdef 09–11–2023 incl handtek F.L.V.P.L. Tierolff

20231213 Final translation tariffs Kadaster (from Dutch to English)

Verzonden Brief– Vaststelling Good Governance 2019–560063484

Verzonden Brief Vaststelling Uitbreiding Capaciteit Financial (Good Governance Deel 2)–560063877

2023– 4355 Gebruik luchtvaartterrein Saba buiten Uniforme Daglicht Periode

2023–4323 Gebruik luchtvaartterrein Saba tijdens openingsuren



2023-4325 Gebruik luchtvaartterrein Saba tijdens openingsuren

Letter to Saba – LIGDIH Project

04 Brief OLS inwerkingtreding IAB-RIA BES

5.0.0 Incoming Pieces / Requests (on paper)

Vendor's Permit Application (1332/2023)

Application submitted for a vendor's permit to sell food.

Decision:

BC approve request.

Vendor's Permit Application (1372/2023)

Application submitted for a vendor's permit to sell food.

Decision:

BC approve request.

6.0.0 Announcements

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

7.0.0 Signing

8.0.0 Closing