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**MINUTES OF THE 43<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott
- The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,  
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism, Lands & Physical Planning
- The Honourable Governor, Mr Stanley Reid
- The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development
- The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration,  
Labour, Environment, Human Rights, Gender Affairs, Constitutional Affairs and  
Information and Broadcasting
- The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities, Housing, Agriculture and Fisheries and Information Technology
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones
- Mrs Nicola Webster, Executive Assistant/Understudy to Clerk, Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary  
Mr Marcel Fahie, Chairperson, AASPA  
Mr Vanroy Hodge, CEO, AASPA
- ABSENT: Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

EX MIN 16/188 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016, the Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016, the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and the Minutes of the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla (NCBA) Shareholder Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 16/189

**EX MEM 16/106 SUPPORT FOR A SISTER AIRPORT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE HARTSFIELD – JACKSON ATLANTA  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE CLAYTON J LLOYD  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mr Vanroy Hodge, CEO, AASPA  
Mr Marcel Fahie, Chairman, AASPA

Council noted that:-

- (i) the Sister Airport Agreement is based on a Resolution (15-R-3413) by the Transportation Committee of the City of Atlanta, Georgia; authorizing the Mayor of the City (or his Designee) to establish a Sister Airport Program for the purpose of creating mutually beneficial collaborations and airport initiatives that officially links Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to certain airports in foreign cities, and for other mutually beneficial purposes;
- (ii) the City of Atlanta and the AASPA seeks to establish a Sister Airport Program for the purpose of establishing bonds of friendship and cooperation through relationships to promote new business and subsequent economic growth, as well as regional and international cooperation and understanding;
- (iii) the City of Atlanta owns and operates the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; and the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority (AASPA) owns and operates the Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport;
- (iv) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the busiest airport in the world and is uniquely poised to play a leading role in expanding opportunities with airports located in the emerging markets of the world;
- (v) the Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport recognizes the City of Atlanta's leading role in the global aviation sector and the benefits that can be achieved by establishing a Sister Airport Agreement;
- (vi) the initial terms of the Sister Airport Agreement shall not exceed five (5) years and shall be subject to renewal terms not to exceed five (5) additional years, at the discretion of the City of Atlanta and the AASPA;
- (vii) the Aviation General Manager is authorized to act as an official representative of the City of Atlanta to carry out the Sister Airport Program. The Aviation General Manager provides updates to the City Council regarding the status of the Sister Airports Program. So too would the Chief Executive Officer of the AASPA to the Board of Directors of the AASPA;

(viii) the proposed Agreement between the Hartsfield –Jackson Atlanta International Airport and the Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport has been reviewed by various stakeholders including the Ministry of Tourism, Anguilla Tourist Board, and the Portfolio Ministry for AASPA. All of the parties consulted support the Agreement or have no objections to the Agreement;

(ix) and supports the Sister Airport Agreement between the Hartsfield –Jackson Atlanta International Airport and the Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; PS, FIN; CEO, AASPA; CHAIRMAN, AASPA

EX MIN 16/190

**EX MEM 16/107 ANGUILLA AIR AND SEA PORTS AUTHORITY (AASPA) – 2016 BUSINESS PLAN**

Parliamentary Secretary, CEO and Chairman, AASPA, remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 14/778 of 11th December, 2014, Council:-

- (i) noted the presentation by Mr Vanroy Hodge, CEO, AASPA;
- (ii) noted that the Minister with responsibility for Ports has to consider and approve the AASPA 2016 Business Plan in accordance with the part 4 of the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority Act;
- (iii) endorses the 2016 estimates of recurrent and capital expenditure for the AASPA and noted that the conditions for the approval of the 2016 Business Plan are applicable to the approval of the estimates and that the Minister with responsibility for Finance has to consider and approve the estimates in accordance with section 64 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act;
- (iv) noted that the Minister with responsibility for Ports in accordance with section 64(5) of the Financial Administration and Audit Act has to lay the 2016 estimates before the House of Assembly after approval of the estimates by the Minister of Finance and should endeavour to lay the estimates at the next sitting of the House of Assembly or soon thereafter; and
- (v) endorses the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority's Business Plan.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; PS, FIN; CEO, AASPA; CHAIRMAN, AASPA

EX MIN 16/191

**EX MEM 16/108 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MR X**

*[note on publication: names redacted to protect personal health information]*

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council confirmed the decision taken by round robin in EX MIN 16/187 of 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016 as attached.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/192

**EX MEM 16/109 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MRS Y**

*[note on publication: names redacted to protect personal health information]*

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Mrs Y, who is employed by the Anguilla Public Service should be paid her deferred salary of EC\$56,656.54 to assist her with costs associated with her medical condition.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, MHA; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/193

**EX MEM 16/110 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS B**

*[note on publication: names redacted to protect personal health information]*

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Ms B, who is employed by the Anguilla Public Service should be paid her deferred salary of EC\$12,211.50 to assist her with costs associated with her mother's medical condition.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: COMP IRD; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/194

**EX MEM 16/111 NOMINATIONS FOR ANGUILLA DAY NATIONAL AWARDS 2016**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the Anguilla Honours and Awards Committee met and has recommend based on the categorises listed below the following persons for the 2016 Anguilla Day Awards.
  - a) Anguillians and/or non-Anguillians who have played a critical role during the Anguilla Revolution of 1967-1969; and
  - b) Anguillians and/or non-Anguillians who have made outstanding

contributions to the Social, Political, Economic and Cultural (Arts, Science and Technology, Entrepreneurship) development of Anguilla since 1969.

### **Mr. Colins J. Hodge – Revolution**

His personal testimony might never be told, but the events surrounding the Anguilla Revolution are well chronicled in Petty and Hodge's book, "Anguilla's Battle for Freedom, 1967 – 1969." As a young man, just twenty years old, Colins was among the men who ensured that the St. Kitts policemen were carted off the Wallblake Airport onto a flight back to St. Kitts on May 30, 1967. He was one of two men who guarded the plane to ensure that the policemen did not disembark.

Petty and Hodge in the book detail the plot to overthrow the ruling government in St. Kitts in 1967. It was on the afternoon of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1967 when the sloop 'The Rambler' owned by James Ronald Webster of Island Harbour set sail for St. Kitts with 18 men on board including Colins to execute the plan. Colins along with four others were captured and arrested by the St. Kitts police on suspicion of their involvement in the failed coup d'état.

It would take some four months before the case could be heard. On October 26, 1967, Colins was the first man to be tried. On the announcement of a non-guilty verdict, Colins was immediately flown home to his beloved country where he was greeted by a large and appreciative crowd.

### **Mrs. Ethelyn Fleming - Revolution**

Ethelyn provided a key transportation link during the Anguilla Revolution. The then 18 year old teenager, driving Charlie Fleming's Volkswagen bus, would transport supporters to and from the venues of the various protest actions and demonstrations, during the day and well into the evening hours. She was considered to be 'The Taxi of the Revolution' and also transported food to feed the many freedom fighters. Ethelyn was also a very vocal participant in the 1967 uprising, standing shoulder to shoulder with the other men and women in support of the cause.

### **Ms. Juliette Hawley – Revolution**

Juliette was one of the many women who stood by the side of Mr. James Ronald Webster during the Anguilla Revolution. One account of her bravery was when Mr. Tony Lee was coming to Mr. Webster's office, Juliette was there with her fellow protestors holding a banner which read "No Tony Lee here today." When the trucks needed to be filled with rocks to be used as weapons she was there to lend a hand. Saving and securing Anguilla was the focus at that time and Juliette played her part not for awards or ceremonies but out of her deep love for her beloved Anguilla.

### **Ms. Agnes Duncan - Revolution**

Agnes was one of the many women who stood by the side of Mr. James Ronald Webster and other revolutionary heroes such as Charlie Fleming and Edward Duncan during the Anguilla Revolution. She was among those

who kept watch and protected the shores of Anguilla and also rolled drums at the airport to stop the St. Kitts policemen from landing. She also assisted with cooking of food for the many brave freedom fighters.

**Ms. Miriam D. Hodge – Social Development**

Miriam Hodge née Fleming is regarded as one of the pillars of the West End community. She was born in West End in 1921. She attended the West End Primary School now the Alwyn Allison Primary School and later travelled to Aruba where she met and married Elred Hodge from Long Bay. She returned home in 1954 and along with her husband settled into the West End Community where they raised 7 children. Miriam, a Methodist, played an active role in the West End Methodist Church now the Immanuel Methodist Church and for well over 50 years served as a member of the Choir, Women’s League including a stint as President, Steward and Class Leader.

She was deeply immersed in the sport of boat racing along with her husband and as a seamstress would make sails for the racing boats. For many years she operated a grocery store as well as a bakery. Miriam later served for a period of six years as a representative member for West End/Long Bay on the Public Service Commission and the Social Welfare Department. She continues to be admired for her efforts to help her fellow man.

**Mrs Viola Winifred Connor - Social Development**

Viola Connor has been actively involved in the life of her church and her community throughout most of her life. She is considered to be one of the founding members and stalwarts of the Blowing Point Maranatha Methodist Church. In addition, she has been very active in community life including serving on the Poor Law Board and Welfare Department Liaison Community Welfare Officer and President of the Blowing Point Community Policing Watch Committee, an organization which works closely with the Royal Anguilla Police Force to reduce crime and deviant behavior within the Blowing Point Community. Viola also served as the Scout Master for the 6<sup>th</sup> Anguilla Boy Scouts of Blowing Point during the 1990s.

Viola has dedicated and committed her life to the community and her church to ensure that the social needs of the society are given the attention to sustain its people and she is a shining example of what it means to put country above self.

**Mr. Raymond Conrad Connor – Social Development**

Raymond is considered to be one of the pioneers in the development of Anguilla’s tourism and boat building industries. In the 1940’s this young entrepreneur built many small boats for himself and Anguillian fishermen and by the 1960’s had established himself as a leading boat builder not only at home but the region as well. Many of his boats were used in the modernization of the island’s ferry boat and cargo boat trade between Anguilla and St. Maarten.

In later years, Raymond became involved in the tourism industry in a different capacity. He became a taxi driver, a job that he did for many years before retiring in the mid 2000's. He was privileged to be honoured as a 'Pioneer in Tourism' by the Anguilla Tourist Board some years ago for his sterling service to the development of tourism in Anguilla.

There is no doubt that Raymond Connor, now 89 years old, has significantly contributed to Anguilla's social and economic development. His entrepreneurial skills have not only helped him to adequately provide for his wife Viola and their family of ten children, but has also helped the island of Anguilla and its people to become more self-sufficient by benefitting tremendously from the service industry. His contributions as a shipwright are etched in the annals of Anguilla's history and pictures of his boats are also prominently displayed at the Anguilla Heritage Museum under the curatorship of prominent historian Mr. Colville L. Petty, OBE.

- (ii) approved the recommendation of the Anguilla Honours and Awards Committee.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA

EX MIN 16/195

**EX MEM 16/112 DUTY EXEMPTION FOR TROPICAL TREATS**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the extension of duty exemption should be granted to Tropical Treats on the grounds that this exemption falls in line with eligible projects where a local Anguillian is venturing into a manufacturing business. This exemption is due to expire on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$75,957.00.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 16/196

**EX MEM 16/113 DUTY EXEMPTION FOR MR RANJITH S. KUMARA**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Mr Ranjith Kumara on Alternative Energy Equipment to be used to complete a solar and wind energy system on the grounds that the GoA is willing to encourage individuals to turn to such systems and vehicles and that the price of capital is often prohibitive when it comes to locals who have that ambition.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is US\$10,045.00.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 16/197

**MEETING OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Ministers advised that a Meeting of the House of Assembly had been scheduled for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 16/198

**OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

The Hon Attorney General informed Council that he would be off island from the 24<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 to attend a Child Safeguarding Conference in Miami.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

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