

Minutes Board Meeting Vecinos Akumal Norte April 29, 2022

Present:

All board members by Zoom

Other Attendee

Rocio Cue for the item on National Guard

Minutes of Previous meetings

1. The minutes for the previous meetings (February 24 and March 7) are pending revision and will be presented for approval at the next board meeting. There was extensive discussion on Dan's intention for an overarching committee to link the Pluma and national guard. This matter will be discussed with the committees involved and a formal proposal brought to the board

2 National Guard report - Rocio Cue

The National Guard first came to Akumal in October 2020 in Akumal Norte. Since then there has been frequent and good communication with the Office of the President and Licenciada Leticia. The original Guards were from the Marines but in the last 3 months this has now changed to the Army Tourist Guards who now have 1 Truck and 2 AT. The new guard assignments will not be subject to monthly changes as happened with the Marines. The newly assigned General would like to meet with us on a regular basis possible once every 2 weeks. The guards now have access to the pluma camara.

An issue was raised about the possibility that permanent guard assignments may lead to familiarity. It is believed that the background checks and ongoing training together with regular contacts with the General will ensure that this does not become a problem.

There was also discussion about the recent drug finds and the intelligence gathering methods used by the guard.

2 Finance Committee - Tandy

The first payments for dues should be received in April and May. At present the Pluma Budget is overspent due to unforecast repairs and maintenance (36K). The road repairs will possibly require an additional 8K pesos in this current phase.

Financial requirements have also been identified for Communications and the Charter committee, both of which will be reviewed at future meetings. Neil Carter is on the committee, and we are benefiting from his expertise and research

Members are reminded that funds that are in the budget forecast may not yet be available due to the timing of annual dues payments. So specific expenditure authorization is required.

3 Charter Committee - Tandy

The Committee will need significant funds from July onwards for legal expertise and have obtained proposals from known lawyers. We have received an offer to cost share some expenses, which will be followed up. We have also contacted Pablo Diaz who may wish to become a committee member.

4 Road and Maintenance Committee - Dan and George

Repair Work is underway on a number of sections of the road which will take about a month. The topes are being redesigned and may also include the use of reflective tape. The tope replacements at the pluma will be paid for by Lou from Casa Redonda.

A number of CAPA leaks on the road have also been identified some have been reported directly to CAPA. It is proposed that Dan immediately send a letter to CAPA identifying all the leaks. Dan and Peter to follow up

5 Government Committee - Ingrid

Various studies and documents have been provided to Ivan delineating the North Akumal properties. One area that still requires further input is the outer limits of the North Akumal properties on the mangrove side between Jamie's and Henning's properties. George will provide information on the La Bahia lot and Ron Stern may be able to provide further information on the property around Midway. There is an outstanding charge for photogrammetry of 25,520. This requires immediate payment. In addition the balance of Ivan's contract (\$200,000) pesos will shortly become due. An updated inventory of North Akumal properties has been provided to Ivan and will be shared with the Board.

6 Other - Policy documents

Confidentiality Policy - Tandy

The Board needs to establish a policy of when information should not be released because of confidentiality concerns. Minutes should identify the item but not sensitive content. However transparency is also required by the members and minutes and decisions need to be made public using the website. The Board agreed to keep some information confidential when there is a good reason, such as a procurement action, personal information, or security information. Until a policy is adopted, board members must identify if they are presenting sensitive information and ask for confidentiality. Members to provide suggested revisions to both confidentiality and conflict of interest documents.

7 Membership Committee - Dan

There are 41 New Members, detailed by building and type, and they account for 200K in new memberships which is more than double our forecast. The total membership is 163 of which only 61 have paid their annual dues. (\$330K pesos in Dues)

8. Tulum Agreements will be signed next week.

The revised agreement with the municipality will be signed this month. It recognizes our quasi-independent; it asks us to be like City Manager of Akumal Norte, and provides for a working relationship with the municipality.