



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 73rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024.

PRESENT:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05-24
Series of 2024

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Sponsors: HON. MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS
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Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

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WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela actively upholds a policy on extending preferential consideration to the welfare of the local farmers and the advancement of the local agriculture sector in the formulation of its policies, development of its plans, and the implementation of its programs;

WHEREAS, acknowledging the susceptibility of the province of Isabela to the effects of climate change, especially sudden floods and prolonged droughts, and its adverse effects on the local agriculture sector, the Provincial Government of Isabela affirms the vital role that dams and irrigation facilities play in promoting agricultural production by ensuring water security, increasing crop yields, providing seasonal flexibility, improving crop quality, mitigating floods and droughts, generating hydropower, and fostering infrastructure development in rural areas;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela recognizes the environmental and agricultural risks that illegal quarrying causes, including habitat destruction, soil erosion, water pollution, air pollution, noise and vibration disturbances, visual degradation, and legal and regulatory challenges. Accordingly, it carries out a strong-hand approach and enforces the full force of the law against illegal quarrying, ensuring that such does not occur and prosper in the province;

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2024, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan received a letter from the National Irrigation Administration – Region 02 (NIA – R02) requesting the formal expression of commitment from the Provincial Government of Isabela regarding the control and regulation of illegal quarrying activities within the periphery of NIA’s dam and irrigation structures;

WHEREAS, accompanying such letter is a communication from the NIA Central Office informing all NIA Regional and Department Managers to *“coordinate with the local governments in their respective areas and secure their commitment on the control/regulation of illegal activities within the periphery of NIA’s dam and irrigation structures, through a duly signed resolution by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Bayan.* The accompanying letter also reminded such officials regarding NIA Memorandum Circular No. 145 s. 2022 which provided the requirements for the implementation of new irrigation projects and repair/rehabilitation/restoration works for existing irrigation systems;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the fact that the formal expression of commitment from the concerned sanggunian is a pre-requisite to the implementation of new irrigation projects and the repair, rehabilitation, and restoration of works for existing irrigation systems and that illegal quarrying activities pose a threat to the structural integrity of NIA’s dam and irrigation structures which will bring about adverse effects to the local agriculture sector and livelihood of many Isabeleños, this August Body hereby conveys its unequivocal approval to the request of NIA – R02 hence this resolution;

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WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, this resolution also serves as a reiteration of Provincial Government of Isabela's pronouncements on strengthening its partnership with the NIA and openness for collaboration in addressing shared concerns in the province of Isabela.

WHEREFORE, upon motion of the Honorable Marco Paolo A. Meris, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE RESOLUTE COMMITMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA TO IMPLEMENT ALL PERTINENT LAWS AGAINST ILLEGAL QUARRYING IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, INCLUDING IN AREAS NEAR AND AROUND THE DAMS AND IRRIGATION FACILITIES AND STRUCTURES OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to Honorable Governor Rodolfo T. Albano III; the National Irrigation Administration – Central Office thru Engr. Robert C. Suguitan; the National Irrigation Administration – Region 02 thru Engr. Edison L. Tolentino; the DILG – Isabela thru Engr. Corazon D. Toribio; the Isabela Police Provincial Officer thru Director PCOL Lee Allen B. Bauding, and; the Provincial Environmental and Natural Resources Officer, R. Geronimo P. Cabaccan Jr. for their information.

Approved and Adopted, February 13, 2024.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Resolution:**


ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED:


DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO
Presiding Officer Protempore