

Republika ng Pilipinas
LALAWIGAN NG SURIGAO DEL SUR
TANDAG CITY

Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan
(Office of the Provincial Council)

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 110TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL OF THE SOUTH, KAHAYAG, BISLIG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr.	- Vice Governor (Presiding Officer)
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Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

District I	District II
Hon. Ruel D. Momo	Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon	Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.	Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.
Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr.	Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo
	Hon. Raul K. Salazar

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Ex – Officio Members:

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod	- Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative, Surigao del
Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel	- President, Philippine Councilors' League, Surigao del Sur Chapter
Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno	- President, Provincial Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas
Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez	- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

ABSENT:

On Sick Leave:

Hon. Jose Dumagan Jr.	- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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RESOLUTION NO. 2373-24
(Series of 2024)

AUTHORIZING HON. ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA), FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR WITH THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KALINAWAN RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

SPONSORS:

**HON. ANTONIO C. AZARCON, HON. RAUL K. SALAZAR,
HON. GINES RICKY J. SAYAWAN, SR., HON. JOSE DUMAGAN,
JR., HON. ANTHONY JOSEPH P. CAÑEDO, HON. RUEL D. MOMO,
HON. VALERIO T. MONTESCLAROS, JR., HON. MARGARITA
G. GARAY AND HON. JIMMY I. GUINSOD**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the protection and advancement of the right of Filipino People to a healthful and balanced ecology, provides for the promotion of social justice, guarantees the right of the people and their organization to reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision making;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 known as the Local Government Code directs and authorized local government to establish, maintain, preserve and conserve communal forest and watersheds;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 192 under Section 4. Mandate. The Department shall be the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, specifically forest and grazing lands, mineral resources, including those in reservation and watershed areas, and lands of the public domain, as well as the licensing and regulation of all natural resources as may be provided for by law in order to ensure equitable sharing of the benefits derived therefrom ; for the welfare of the present and future generations of Filipinos. To accomplish its mandate, the Department shall be guided by the following objectives that will serve as basis for policy formulation: (a) Assure the availability and sustainability of the country's natural resources through judicious use and systematic restoration or replacement, whenever possible; (b) Increase the productivity of natural resources in order to meet the demands for forest, mineral and land resources of a growing population; (c) Enhance the contribution of natural resources for achieving national economic and social development; (d) Promote equitable access to natural resources by the different sectors of the population; (e) Conserve specific terrestrial and marine areas representative of the Philippine natural and cultural heritage for present and future generations;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units (LGUs), have likewise the responsibility for sustainable management and development of forest resources and watersheds within their territories who shall mutually commit themselves to pursue such objectives under a multiple and sustainable use, demand driven and participation, development approach;

WHEREAS, the management of watersheds should achieve the goals of (1) sustainable multiple use of natural resources within the watersheds in a manner that is environmentally sound, economically viable and socially acceptable, and (2) the prevention of further watershed degradation and the restoration of the productive and protective function of currently degraded watersheds;

WHEREAS, effective and purposive collaboration and coordination of development initiatives among all stakeholders in a watershed including Local Government Units, National Government Agencies, Non-Government Organization, People's Organizations, and the Private Sector, will hasten and facilitate the achievement of these goals;

WHEREAS, the Kalinawan River Watershed is one of the Priority Critical Watershed supporting National Irrigation System having an area of ninety-nine thousand and two hundred thirty-one hectares 99, 231.8 covering portions of Cabadbaran City and Municipalities of Tubay, Santiago, Jabonga and Kitcharao in the province of Agusan del Norte and some Municipalities of Surigao del Norte, namely Alegria, Bacuag, Mainit, Placer, Sison, Tubod, Claver, Gigaquit, and Malimono as well as portion of the Municipality of Carrascal, Province of Surigao del Sur including the inland wetland of Lake Mainit;

WHEREAS, DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-41 provides guidelines in the creation of Watershed Management Council in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province in his letter dated May 10, 2024 addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor requested the August Body for the passage of a Resolution authorizing him to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur with the various stakeholders on the Establishment of the Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 465 (1) (vi) of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Provincial Governor shall represent the province in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan or pursuant to law or ordinance;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and to make the Memorandum of Agreement legal and binding and on motion of Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and duly seconded by Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to authorize Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur with the various stakeholders on the Establishment of the Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council, provided that the parties mutually agree to the following terms and conditions, to wit:

The Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council shall:

1. create a Watershed Management Planning Team (WMPT) for the preparation of Integrated Watershed Management Plan to include, among others, protection, restoration, and rehabilitation, water quality monitoring and delineation of buffer zone;
2. approve the Integrated Watershed Management Plan endorsed by the WMPT;
3. participate in the formulation of policies that support inter-agency coordination, collaboration, cooperation, partnership & convergence, and complementation of natural resources benefits and cost sharing, and resources planning and programs implementation;
4. contribute in the management of the resources and development activities stipulated under the approved Integrated Watershed Management Plan;
5. review existing policies governing their specific watershed and recommend appropriate revisions/amendments to concerned agencies, if necessary;
6. join in the monitoring of the activities, including but not limited to rehabilitation and protection, within their particular watershed;
7. ensure enforcement of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) laws, rules and regulations in coordination with DENR and concerned agencies;
8. endorse persons for deputation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR);
9. facilitate the resolution of problems and conflicts that may occur within their particular watershed in coordination with concerned agencies;
10. support and participate in activities that promote and establish awareness on watershed management and resources;

11. formulate internal rules, regulations and guidelines with regard to the conduct and proper functioning of the Council;
12. develop a Manual of Operations for the guidance of the Council;
13. coordinate with existing watershed management bodies present in the watershed (Protected Area Management Board, Water Quality Management etc.) to ensure that watershed programs, projects and activities of the council complement with that of other watershed management bodies; and
14. present to RDC the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for adoption.

The DENR-Regional Office shall:

1. prepare and give notice of meetings;
2. provide administrative support in the conduct of meeting;
3. record the meeting proceedings and produce the minutes before the conduct of next meeting; and
4. serve as the custodian of all records correspondences, plans, files and other documents of Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel and to Mr. Hernan P. Ramirez, OIC-CENR Officer, CENRO-Tubay, Doña Rosario, Tubay, Agusan del Norte, for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2024 at the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.

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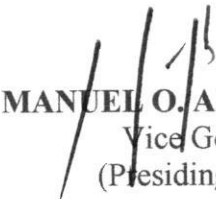
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.



EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**



MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)