

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 116TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL HILLS, TELAJE, TANDAG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

PRESENT:

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

District I	District II
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon	Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco
Hon. Jose Dumagan Jr.	Hon. Margarita G. Garay
	Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.
	Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo
	Hon. Raul K. Salazar

Ex – Officio Members:

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

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr.	- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Hon. Ruel D. Momo	- do -
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.	- do -

ABSENT:

On Sick Leave:

Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez	- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan
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RESOLUTION NO. 2557-24
(Series of 2024)

CREATING THE SPECIALIZED TEAM WHO WILL CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION ON THE SOURCE OF POLLUTION, ASSESSMENT OF THE DAMAGE AND IDENTIFICATION OF RESPONSIBLE PARTIES ON THE ALLEGED DISCOLORATION OF THE RIVERS OF HINATUAN, SURIGAO DEL SUR

AUTHOR:

HON. JOSE DUMAGAN, JR.

CO-AUTHORED:

HON. MELANIE JOY M. GUNO

WHEREAS, the Ebo River is a river system which traverses the Municipalities of Barobo, Tagbina and Hinatuan. Said river has been investigated by Provincial and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) - Surigao del Sur due to its alleged discoloration on September 5, 2024;

WHEREAS, during the Committee Hearing on the Committee on Environmental Protection and Ecology on October 22, 2024, the Environment Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) presented to the August Body the result of the water testing conducted in Ebo River at the headwaters of the Municipality of Barobo up to the coastal waters of the Municipality of Hinatuan. The report revealed that the arsenic, nickel, lead, zinc, chromium and other mineral levels in Ebo River is clearly above and beyond the acceptable levels that the DENR have set. In the said report, EMB recommended to conduct another study to make a comparative study of the previous water analysis as compared to the present situation of the water quality of said river. This raises concerns as numerous fish pens, fish ponds, water and fish resources are existing in the area where catches are daily consumed by the residents living at or around Ebo River;

WHEREAS, because of such concern, the Committee on Environment aims that a thorough water analysis testing should be conducted immediately not only of the Ebo River Water System but also of all the fish ponds and fish pens that are located adjoining the Ebo River;

WHEREAS, during the 116th Regular Session of the 20th Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel, Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan, in his Privilege Speech, manifested that it is imperative to create the Specialized Team (comprising of Air Quality Management Section (AQMS), Planning Information System and Management Unit (PISMU), Provincial and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) - Surigao del Sur, DENR-RO, DENR-CENROs and all Barangay Officials of all barangays affected by the river discoloration) who will conduct a thorough investigation of the source of pollution, assessment of the damage, and identification of responsible parties on the alleged discoloration of the rivers of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur to avoid potential risk to human health and the environment;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and on motion of Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. and jointly seconded by Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Surigao del Sur to create the Specialized Team who will conduct a thorough investigation on the source of pollution, assessment of the damage and identification of responsible parties on the alleged discoloration of the rivers of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur, to be composed of the following, to wit:

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| CHAIRPERSON: | Provincial Environment and Natural Resources
Officer - Surigao del Sur |
| VICE-CHAIRPERSON: | Representative from the Air Quality Management
Section (AQMS) |
| MEMBERS: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative from Planning Information System and Management Unit (PISMU) |


- Representative from DENR – Regional Office
- Representative from DENR - CENRO Lianga
- Representative from DENR- CENRO Bislig
- Barangay Officials of Barangay Roxas, Hinatuan
- Barangay Officials of Barangay Carpineto, Tagbina
- Barangay Officials of Barangay Batunan, Tagbina
- Barangay Officials of Barangay Dugmanon, Hinatuan

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Ms,. Thelma S. Alcoberes, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO), to Regional Executive Director Maritess M. Ocampo, DENR CARAGA, Brgy. Ambago, Butuan City, to DENR-CENRO Lianga, to DENR-CENRO Bislig, to Sangguniang Barangay of Barangay Roxas, Hinatuan, Sangguniang Barangay of Barangay Carpineto, Tagbina, to Sangguniang Barangay of Barangay Batunan, Tagbina and to Sangguniang Barangay of Barangay Dugmanon, Hinatuan, for their information and appropriate action.

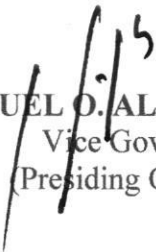
ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2024 at the City of Tandag, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.

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


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