

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 117TH 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2024

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr.

-Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

District I

Hon. Ruel D. Momo

Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon

Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.

District II

Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco

Hon. Margarita G. Garay

Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.

Hon. Raul K. Salazar

Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo

Ex – Officio Member:

Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez

- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon
ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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. Jimmy I. Guinsod

- Indigenous Peoples Mandatory
Representative, Surigao del Sur

ABSENT:

On Sick Leave:

Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr.

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

On Vacation Leave:

Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr.

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

RESOLUTION NO. 2593-24
(Series of 2024)

EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST) FOR THE CONDUCT OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE UTILIZATION OF FALCATA AND OTHER SOFT TIMBER SPECIES AS FUEL FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE FORM OF WOOD CHIPS FOR LOCAL AND EXPORT MARKET

AUTHOR:

HON. CONRAD C. CEJOCO

WHEREAS, Falcata, Gemelina and other soft timber species are abundant in the Province of Surigao del Sur and in the CARAGA Region. A significant number of farmers and growers are engaged in planting and growing these species. However, these farmers and growers are at a loss due to the decrease for demand of lumber and plywood made from the above mentioned tree species as well as the influx of synthetic alternatives which led to the decrease in the value and prices of these tree species;

WHEREAS, wood chips, saw dust and other residues from the forestry industry are utilized as biomass fuel in the country. In fact, there is a demand for wood chips in the local market and in foreign countries especially in Japan and Korea to serve as fuel for energy production;

WHEREAS, the production of wood chips from planted timber species would probably be a better alternative than lumber and plywood considering the demand for the same for clean energy. Embracing the benefits of biomass energy in the Province offers substantial environmental, economic and social benefits. Environmentally, biomass energy reduces greenhouse gas emissions by replacing fossil fuels. Economically, the biomass sector stimulates rural development by creating jobs in farming, collection, processing and power generation and reducing dependence on imported gasoline and crude oils;

WHEREAS, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) through its Forest Products Research and Development Institute should be tapped for the conduct of a Feasibility Study for said probable project in our locality;

WHEREAS, during the 117th Regular Session of the 20th Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan, in his Privilege Speech manifested that it is imperative to earnestly request North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU) for the conduct of a Feasibility Study on the utilization of Falcata and other soft timber species as fuel for renewable energy in the form of wood chips for local and export market to attain its strong environmental and economic benefits in the province;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and on motion of Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco and duly seconded by Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr. and Hon. Margarita G. Garay;

NOW THEREFORE


BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to earnestly request the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) for the conduct of a Feasibility Study on the utilization of Falcata and other soft timber species as fuel for renewable energy in the form of wood chips for local and export market.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copy of this Resolution to Engr. Noel M. Ajoc, Regional Director, DOST CARAGA, CARAGA State University Campus, Brgy. Ampayon, Butuan City, for his information and favorable action.

ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 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