## Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Authority Held on Tuesday, 15 April 2025

# At the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Botanical Gardens, Paget and Remotely using Teams Teleconference

PRESENT: Ms. Davida Morris, Chair

Mr. Eugene Saunders, Deputy Chair

Ms. Debby Correia, Member Dr. Tom Sleeter, Member

ADVISORS: Dr. Geoff Smith, Director, DENR

Ms. Patricia Hollis, Environmental Officer, DENR

Dr. Shaun Lavis, Hydrogeologist, DENR

**ABSENT:** Mr. Andrew Barnes, Member

Mr. James Morrison, Member Mr. Jonathan Starling, Member

Mr. Paul McDonald, Senior Planning Officer, Dept. of Planning

Mr. Armell Thomas, Acting Chief EHO

Ms. Crystal Baxter, Environmental Health Officer

Mr. Tarik Christopher, Acting Chief Engineer, Public Works

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting No. 402 held on 26 March 2025 approved and signed by the Chair.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 BELCO Complaints reporting was deferred.

#### 2.2 BELCO Remedial Action Plan Update

There was nothing to report.

#### 2.3 Tynes Bay Waste Facility March Update was deferred

- 3 Ministry of Public Works Presentation on the Material Recovery Plant (MRF) Annual Report was deferred.
- 4 Applications for Construction Permits and Operating Licences (New)

#### 4.1 CP-835, OL-1282 D. Evans

The Authority APPROVED:

the application for a construction permit and operating licence for a 295 kW propane generator at 77 North Shore Road, Devonshire, subject to standard conditions.

#### 4.2 CP-843, OL-1296 Princess West Ltd.

The Authority **APPROVED**:

The retroactive application for a construction permit and operating licence for a 750 gpm fire pump at 71 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, subject to standard conditions and providing no objections are received during the advertised period.

#### 5 Applications for Construction Permits and Operating Licences (Reissues)

### **5.1** The Authority **APPROVED**:

the applications for reissue of operating licences listed on the two-page printout, subject to standard conditions. Included in the printout were OL-881 and OL-1189, Amis Memorial Chapel crematorium and animal crematorium. It was noted that a satisfactory annual report had been submitted [It was subsequently noted that the periodic soil analysis requirement set for 2024 had not been completed. DENR to instruct licencee to complete before presentation to the Authority].

#### 5.2 The Authority **APPROVED**:

The applications listed in the printout as "challenges". These comprise of a number of generators for which applications for construction permits and operating licences had been received since 2019 but which were not compliant with the Authority's noise standards at that time. Since then, the Authority has updated its Policy on licencing of non-compliant generators that have been in place for many years without complaints being received. The update allows the EA to use their discretion on such applications and is aimed at ensuring that generators are licenced so that any future complaints can be addressed according to the Clean Air Act 1991 and the licence conditions.

Debby Correia recused herself during consideration of applications submitted by One Comm.

During its deliberations of these applications, the Authority **NOTED**:

- All but CP-613, OL-989 (Harkings, 9 Harvest Lane, Hamilton Parish) are for support of critical infrastructure.
- All have been in operation for many years, without complaints being lodged with DENR.

#### The Authority **APPROVED**:

those 11 genset operating licences applications (and construction permits where indicated), subject to standard conditions.

### 6 Applications for Import Permit

# 6.1 Import Permit 202 Cool Zone

The Authority **TOOK NOTE** of the import of:

4 cylinders each containing approximately 14.8 oz R600A, subject to standard conditions.

#### 7 Applications for Water Rights (New)

7.1 The Authority again **DEFERRED**:

WR 5830 Meyer Properties Ltd commercial water right for supply to boat power washer at 19 Wellington Slip Road, St. Georges, pending a site visit by the Government Hydrogeologist to assess current power washing practices and environmental stewardship.

# 7.2 The Authority **APPROVED:**

**WR 5845-5847 BELCO** three domestic water rights for monitoring and recovery of oily water at 27 Serpentine Road, Pembroke, subject to standard conditions.

## 7.3 The Authority **APPROVED:**

WR 5848 to WR 5850 Princess West Ltd three domestic water rights for the disposal of rainwater at 71 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, subject to standard conditions.

#### 8 Applications for Water Rights (Reissues)

**8.1** The Authority **APPROVED**:

the reissuance of Water Rights on the three-page printout, subject to standard conditions, with the exception of four indicated as withdrawn.

#### 9 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 4 pm, Wednesday 7 May 2025 in the DENR Boardroom, Botanical Gardens, Paget

CHAIRMAN

DATE