



## Decision List BC Meeting 05/07/2024

<b>Subtitle</b>	Weekly BC Meeting
<b>Date</b>	05/07/2024
<b>Time</b>	9:00 – 12:00
<b>Location</b>	Courtroom
<b>Chair</b>	Governor Johnson
<b>Attendees</b>	Eviton Heyliger, Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers

### 1.0.0 **Welcome**

### 2.0.0 **Minutes**

*Attachment:*

BC Meeting Minutes 30.4.2024

BC Minutes 15.2024

*Decision:*

Approved.

### 3.0.0 **Discussion Papers**

#### 3.0.3 **Building permit request parcel 82/1996**

A building permit request was submitted to build a house on a parcel of land along Midway Road in Zion's Hill with certificate of admeasurement 82/1996. The application does not comply with building regulations on several points.

*Decision:*

Approved

#### 3.0.4 **New Rates for tariffs for Drinking Water and RO Water**

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management has provided annual subsidies which are meant to be utilized towards lowering the cost of water on Saba. These subsidies are provided to lower the tariffs for drinking water (Saba Splash) and transported water (RO). For 2024, an additional subsidy in the amount of 362,482 euros has been provided as



part of the purchasing power package for the Caribbean Netherlands. This amount will further reduce the costs of RO water and Saba Splash drinking water. In February, VEI provided assistance to OLS for cost calculations for Saba Splash and RO water, which factored in the new subsidy. Based on these cost calculations, the new rates are as follows:

### **Saba Splash**

Saba Splash is offered to the public at \$ 3.50 for 3 gallons and \$ 4.50 for 5 gallons. With the additional subsidy, the costs will be reduced by approximately 43% for 3 gallons and 33% for 5 gallons. This will bring the new rate to \$ 2.00 for 3 gallons and \$ 3.00 for 5 gallons. The cost price per bottle is \$13.11 for the three-gallon and 15.10 for the five-gallon. The subsidy will be used to cover the gap between the cost price and the selling price, as well as to cover the \$1.00 commission per bottle at the supermarkets

### **RO Water**

As for the RO water supply with the additional subsidy, the costs will reduce the water tariffs by 42%. During the first quarter of 2024, consumers paid \$60.00 per truckload of 1,000 gallons. With the implementation of the additional subsidy received for 2024, the transportation fee will be further reduced to \$35.00 per truckload of 1,000 gallons.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.5**

#### **Protection sewage plant Under the Hill**

As part of the social housing project Under the Hill 2, a waste water treatment plant was constructed, funded by PES. The sewage plant is located next to an unstable hill side. To limit the risk of damage from falling rocks, the supplier has recommended covering the sewage plant with sand. CCD BV prepared a quote to build a wall of concrete 'lego blocks', place these around the sewage plant and fill the sewage plant area with sand.



*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.6 Subsidy coral restoration plan**

In 2023 a coral restoration plan was written in collaboration with the Saba Conservation Foundation (SCF) and university of applied sciences Van Hall Larenstein (VHL). Budget was approved for phase 1 of the proposal. The activities in this phase can be divided in two sections: 1) Coral restoration and 2) Grazer research and restoration activities. SCF and VHL were asked to jointly write an implementation plan for phase 1 of the coral restoration plan, with the aim to have this phase of the plan executed by these two organizations.

Additionally, SCF and VHL each submitted a subsidy request based on the budget overview in the implementation plan. A collaboration agreement will signed between SCF and VHL to formalize their collaboration on this project.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.7 VEI Scope of Support Activities 2024**

Since 2016, VEI has been providing OLS with support to develop water management on Saba. The first partnership agreement was for a period of 5 years (2016–2021). Since further expertise was needed from VEI, it was decided to enter into another 3–year partnership from 2022–2024. The agreement was approved under BC proposal 440/2022. Each year, the scope of activities is defined together with VEI. For 2024, the scope includes infrastructural support and financial and general support. The infrastructural support includes assistance with the upgrades to the water transport system, training and analysis on non–revenue water and introduction of a backup water expert, since the current expert assisting OLS is expected to retire.

The financial support includes assistance with cost calculations for 2024 and 2025, assistance to the finance department with budgeting and templates, Saba Splash marketing, etc.

*Decision:*

Approved.



**3.0.9 Training and exercise of all involved emergency services and ESFs for purposes of certification airport**

To keep the airport certified, an exercise involving airport personal, all emergency services and the public entity should take place every two years. It is now urgent to organize this exercise. The Executive Council is legally (Veiligheidswet BES) responsible for the preparation of the preparation of the multi crisis organization.

*Decision:*

Approved.

**4.0.0 Formalities**

**5.0.0 Incoming pieces/requests (on paper)**

**6.0.0 Announcements**

Announcements:

Governor Johnson  
Commissioner Zagers  
Commissioner Heyliger  
Island Secretary Streppel

**7.0.0 Signing**

**9.0.0 Closing**