

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF BOHOL City of Tagbilaran



PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PDC-EXECOM) HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2020 VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING.

In Attendance:

Governor Arthur C. Yap, PDC Chair and Presiding Officer and

Majority of the Members of the PDC-ExeCom

PDC-EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 55 - 2020

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE PROPOSED PHILIPPINE-ISRAEL SOLAR POWERED FERTIGATION PROJECT (SPFP) TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – REGION VII (RDC-7) FOR APPROVAL AND SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Solar Powered Fertigation System (SPFS) is an agricultural application that utilizes modern irrigation technology that will enhance production efficiency through the precise combination of fertilization and irrigation while reducing cost;

WHEREAS, the Solar Powered Fertigation Project (SPFP) is a partnership program between the Government of the Philippines and the Government of Israel, a world-leader in agricultural technologies, with the agreement centering on planning, development and execution of large-scale irrigation projects geared towards increasing farm productivity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, SPFP aims to redefine Philippine agriculture by introducing advanced technology that will contribute to the attainment of the following: minimize seasonal yield fluctuations through stabilizing production volume at 5 metric tons per hectare every season; increase productivity for formerly rainfed areas by at least 15%; reduce input costs of irrigation by at least 20% through savings from fuel; increase in income of farmers by 80%; and provide accurate remote real-time information system performance through the Smart Agriculture feature of the system;

WHEREAS, the Province of Bohol is considered the rice granary of Region 7, producing 70% of the total regional rice production, in a total of 57,400 hectares of provincial land area apportioned for rice production out of the 82,092 hectares total area planted to rice in the region;

WHEREAS, the Province of Bohol can identify more agricultural land areas to be covered under the SPFS project being a major rice producer of Central Visayas, especially the remaining 44% farmlands that are rainfed dependent, with targeted project sites to be equitably distributed among the municipalities in the three (3) Congressional Districts of Bohol, which will irrigate not only those farmlands planted for rice but may also include those planted with high-value crops, for a whole year cropping season;

WHEREAS, after review and deliberation, the proposed Philippine-Israel Solar Powered Fertigation Project has been found by this Body to be supportive to the attainment of Bohol's development goals towards agricultural productivity and therefore worthy of support and endorsement to the Central Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC-7) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) for their support and assistance;

WHEREFORE, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened –

To favorably endorse the proposed Philippine-Israel Solar Powered Fertigation Project to the Regional Development Council – Region VII (RDC-7) for approval and support.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to provide copies of this resolution to the Department of Agriculture Regional Office VII (DA-7) for appropriate action and assistance.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

TTY. JOHN TITUS J. VISTAL

Head, PDC Secretariat

APPROVED:

Governor Governor Chairman, PDC-Bohol

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