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Construction to gravel standard of DR 3662 (28km: lipanda –Tsandi) Omusati Region

Minutes of the Public Participation Meeting held in Tsandi Town

(28 June 2022)





CONSTRUCTION TO GRAVEL STANDARD OF DR3662 (28KM)

Public Meeting Minutes

Venue: Tsandi
Date: 28 June 2022
Time: 09h30 to 11h50

1. Opening and Welcoming

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Hon. J. Amunkete of the Tsandi Constituency opened meeting and welcomed everyone. He thanked everyone for coming and wished for a productive meeting. He also requested for full cooperation and participation. Thereafter, Hon. introduced the consulting team members and their roles.

He then gave a short background of the meeting explaining that previous consultation meetings at Regional level started already in February 2022, and that the Regional Council is fully aware of these developments.

2. Overview of the Meeting

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Mr D. Kaihiva also requested for support and cooperation when community members are interacting with the surveyor teams who will be soon in the area for marking of the road's route, sitting of borrow pits and recording various infrastructure such as crop fields, camps, homesteads, houses, buildings, roads, electric power lines, water pipelines, water pans, etc..

Mr H. Simasiku (Roads Authority) informed the meeting that the construction of the road will take at least 20 months, and that this road is already proclaimed since the late 1990's. The Contractor to be appointed will determine where they want the construction to start, either lipanda or Eendombe or Tsandi. He further informed the meeting that, should everything go according to plan, construction will start January 2023. He also informed the meeting that the funding for this road construction is co-financed by the German Federal Government through the KfW Bank and the Government of the Republic of Namibia.

He also explained that employment will be done at once and not in phases. He also explained that, when the contractor is appointed hopefully by the end of this year, he will then approach the Hon Councilor and the Traditional Authority for list of names for people to be considered for employment.

Mr H. Simasiku further explained that the appointment of SME's as sub-contractors will be done at the same time as the appointment of the main Contractor. Hence SME's are expected to team-up/joint-venture with main Contractors so that they submit their offers with the main Contractor. Also that separate Tender Documents are available for SME's/sub-contractors to be completed.

After a long and detailed presentation, an opportunity was given for comments, recommendations, suggestions and clarification questions. Comments, questions and responses are presented in the table below.

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SOURCE/COMMENTATOR	COMMENTS/QUESTIONS	RESPONSES
Headman Iita Ananias Okalonda	Headman advised that he can help identify where the surveyors can find good borrow pits for road material.	D. Kaihiva thanked the Headman for his support and exchanged contact details.



T. Amuyela Omuthitu	He wanted to know how earth works for borrow pits will be managed if the project is a labour-based one.	D. Kaihiva explained that there will be some heavy machinery to be used for borrow pits and other final phases' activities during the construction.
T. Amuyela Omuthitu	Commented that, starting in January the construction will be a problem for the construction works due to rain and water filling up in roads and pans	D. Kaihiva replied and stated that most likely only site establishment and jobs contracts will finalised in early 2023.
T. Amuyela Omuthitu	Raised a concern that from experience, some Contractors replaced fences is sometimes shorter and allow livestock in the crops field. Hence, wanted to know if same standards fencing will used.	D. Kaihiva, responded by acknowledging that some Contractors do build sub-standards fences. He assured the meeting that, they will make sure that the fences to replace the old once meet the functions of the fence that was removed and moved. But, also importantly meet the cultural or traditional importance too.
Hon. J. Amunkete Tsandi Constituency	Commented that, the last speaker's concern should be noted and seriously addressed.	Comment noted.
T. litula Omuthitu	Advised that the exact route be marked for everyone to know.	D. Kaihiva told the meeting that the surveyor will do just that within the next two weeks.
F. Hamukoshi Onkiila	He wanted to know what will happen to their underground water pipelines.	D. Kaihiva responded by advising the community to clearly mark all the pipelines so that they are able to be recorded by the surveyor. He further explained that, should the pipelines be damaged during the roads construction, the



		Contractor is required to fix them.
A. Amushila Onalushwa	<p>He just provided advised and information that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engineers should study the flooding and topography of the area carefully so that correct culverts are put up. 2. He also urged the Contractor to locate the borrow pits in the correct place so to avoid flooding of roads and houses. 3. He advised that old borrow pits are in the area and should be prioritised for use during this project. 4. He also told the meeting that there are existing wells that can be used by Contractor. 	Advised well noted.
Headman Iita Ananias Okalonda	Reiterated that the Contractors should put up strong bridges and culverts.	D. Kaihiva noted that this serious advice will receive their utmost attention. He also assured that, EMCON worked in this area and that they have not experienced such poor quality in their projects and also fully aware of the Etaka River that flow strong during the raining season.
J. litenge Omathima	Stated that she is happy with the development, as she been wondering when this will become a reality. She is expressed that, now she believed that the youth in the community will get new job opportunities.	H. Simasiku assured her that an added objective is to employ the local people during the construction of the road, and also to transfer skills so that one day some of the local community members can become Contractors and sub-



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		contractors.
L. Amukwa Ondugu	Wanted to if loss of fruit trees will be compensated for.	D. Kaihiva answered and stated that, yes, if such tree will be removed. The amount to be paid will be guided by the GRN Policy on compensation.

4. Way forward and Conclusion

Mr. D. Muroua gave a word of appreciation to those who made time to come to the meeting. He encouraged those present to share the information they received and to contact him anytime if more information is required. Interested and Affected Parties were invited to register and/or to send any responses on the proposed project via post-mail or fax or e-mail. All the contact details were made available at the meeting.

The meeting was attended by over 90 people.

5. Meeting Closure

Headman Iita Ananias, closed the meeting after thanking who travelled from so far to give the community such good news. He also expressed his appreciation to those who came to attend this important gathering. He urged the youth to take up this opportunity.

The meeting then was adjourned after a prayer.



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Minutes of the Public Participation Meeting held in Elondo Village

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Public Meeting Minutes

Venue: Elondo Village

Date: 28 June 2022

Time: 12h30 to 14h45

1. Opening and Welcoming

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Hon. J. Amunkete of the Tsandi Constituency opened meeting and welcomed everyone. He thanked everyone for coming and wished for cooperation. Thereafter, Hon. introduced the consulting team members and the purpose of the meeting.

He then gave a short background of the meeting explaining that previous consultation meetings at Regional level started already in February 2022, and that the Regional Council is fully aware of these developments.

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meeting that they will start with surveying work to record all structures and infrastructure and to identify who needs compensation. Emphasis were made on issues related to compensations and borrow pits, that in communal area, compensation is only for loss of property and not for materials mined.

Mr D. Kaihiva also requested for support and cooperation when community members are interacting with the surveyor teams who will be soon in the area for marking of the road's route, sitting of borrow pits and recording various infrastructure such as crop fields, camps, homesteads, houses, buildings, roads, electric power lines, water pipelines, water pans, etc..

Mr H. Simasiku (Roads Authority - Control Engineer) introduced himself and explained his role as RA's Control Engineer and also explained D. Kaihiva role and also the Contractor's. He informed the meeting that the construction of the labour-based road will take at least 20 months, and that this road is already proclaimed since the late 1990's. The Contractor to be appointed will determine where they want the construction to start, either in lipanda or Eendombe or Tsandi. He further informed the meeting that, should everything go according to plan, the Contractor will be appointed by December 2022 and that construction will start January 2023. He also informed the meeting that the funding for this road construction is co-financed by the German Federal Government through the KfW Bank and the Government of the Republic of Namibia.

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Mr H. Simasiku further explained that the appointment of SME's as sub-contractors will be done at the same time as the appointment of the main Contractor. Hence SME's are expected to team-up/joint-venture with main Contractors so that they submit their offers with the main Contractor. Also that separate Tender Documents are available for SME's/sub-contractors to be completed.

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M. Shaanika	Wanted to know if compensation was in cash.	D. Kaihiva acknowledge that it will be in bank account transfer, but not in cash. He also explained that cost to cover for fences replacement will be covered by the Contractor. He further



		informed the meeting that compensation will be guided by the GRN Compensation Policy. That e.g. compensation will for proper loss including fruit trees and land (crops and fence-off grazing).
M. Shaanika	Advised that Contractors replace fences with same height.	D. Kaihiva, responded by acknowledging that some Contractors do build sub-standards fences. He also said that the specifications now include 1.8m height. He assured the meeting that, they will make sure that the fences to replace the old once meet the functions of the fence that was removed and moved. But, also importantly meet the cultural or traditional importance too.
M. Silas	Wanted to know if full compensation will apply to house or homesteads.	D. Kaihiva replied and stated that yes 100% compensation as per the current guidelines. He added that, as per the current alignment, there will be no need to resettle families. But only fences will need to be moved to make way for the road reserve.
P. Lasarus	She was concerned that their underground water pipelines will be damaged during construction.	D. Kaihiva responded by advising the community to clearly mark all the pipelines so that they are able to be recorded by the surveyor. He further explained that, should the pipelines be damaged during the roads construction, the



		Contractor is required to fix them and to make future repairs easy by adding a sleeve under the roads where the pipes are crossing.
W. Nakanjala	Wanted to know who will be Contracted.	D. Kaihiva explained again that, no one is yet contracted and that all companies with the relevant capacity and experience can submit their offers when the tender is out, hopefully in August 2022.
W. Nakanjala	Stated that he was worried that Contractors will only employ people from outside.	D. Kaihiva explained that the appointment of SME's as sub-contractors will be done at the same time as the appointment of the main Contractor. Hence SME's are expected to team-up/joint-venture with main Contractors so that they submit their offers with the main Contractor. Also that separate Tender Documents are available for SME's/sub-contractors to be completed. He also clarified that, when the Contractor is appointed hopefully by the end of this year, the Contractor will then approach the Hon Councilor and the Traditional Authority for list of names for people to be considered for employment, especially for labour and unskilled jobs positions.
Headman A. Katanya	Commented and advised as follows: 1. The community is	These very important inputs noted.



	<p>aware that the road will bring both the negative and positive. But expect the long-term positive to outweigh the negative.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Recommended that access roads be constructed to schools and clinics. 3. He also advised that the 30m width of the road should be strictly adhered to, to assure safe travelling on the road. 4. He also strongly advised that, road maintenance is critical and should be done regularly. 5. Borrow pits should be rehabilitated and turned into waterpoints for the community. 6. He also requested his community members to watch over people, especially children who keep vandalising and removing pegs that mark the roads or borrow pits locations. 	
<p>N. Ekandjo</p>	<p>Wanted to know where the water will come from for use during road construction.</p>	<p>D. Kaihiva, responded and said that mainly from existing sources such as pans/oshanas, rural water supply, to some extent NamWater and drilling of new boreholes as last resorts.</p>
<p>N. Ekandjo</p>	<p>Wanted to know who will appoint sub-contractors.</p>	<p>D. Kaihiva, reiterated that, the appointment of SME's or sub-contractors for concrete, de-bushing and earth works will be done at</p>



		the same time as the appointment of the main Contractor. Hence SME's are expected to team-up/joint-venture with main Contractors so that they submit their offers with the main Contractor. Also that separate Tender Documents are available for SME's/sub-contractors to be completed.
S. Linus	Commented that, she has been wondering what they did wrong since many projects just passed them by in the past. Hence, she is very happy.	Noted.
T. Asino	She stated that, they have very good borrow pit material in their crop field, and wanted to know how they will be compensated.	D. Kaihiva explained that compensation is only for lost of the piece of land (e.g. how many m ² lost) and not for the amount of materials to be used from the borrow pit. He also made it clear that, after the use and rehabilitation of the borrow pit, it will belong to the community since she being compensated for the piece of land already.
M. Thomas	Stated that he is a driver, and wanted to know how he can be employed.	D. Muroua responded that after the Contractor and sub-contractors are appointed, they will approach the relevant Councilors and Traditional Authorities for list of names for specific jobs. This will most likely only be in January 2023.
T. Panduleni	First expressed his appreciation for the proposed	Noted.

	project and wanted this project to go ahead.	
T. Shanikwa	Commented that this was talked about when he was a young many years ago. He hope that, before he dies, it will become a reality.	Noted.

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5. Meeting Closure

Headman Amos Katanya, requested the community to work together and expressed his appreciation for the good news. He though reiterated that the engineers should take recommendation from the local community seriously, especially with reference to flooding regimes in the area and advice on where to put up strong culverts. He closed the meeting after thanking all who participating and urged those who came to share the correct information with their neighbours.

The meeting then was adjourned after a prayer.



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Minutes of the Public Participation Meeting held in Eendombe Village

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Public Meeting Minutes

Venue: Eendombe Village

Date: 28 June 2022

Time: 15h35 to 17h45

1. Opening and Welcoming

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Hon D. lilende of the Ogongo Constituency opened meeting and welcomed everyone. He thanked everyone for coming and wished for a successful meeting aimed at addressing this poor road network experience by the community. Thereafter, Hon D. lilende introduced the consulting team members and Hon. J. Amunkete of the Tsandi Constituency who explained the purpose of the meeting, and who also gave a short background of the meeting explaining that previous consultation meetings at Regional level started already in February 2022, and that the Regional Council is fully aware of these developments.

Please note that Eendombe falls in both Tsandi and Ogongo Constituencies.

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P. Manuel Eendombe	He wanted to know where the route of the road was passing Eendombe and if it was clearly marked.	D. Kaihiva told the meeting that the surveyor will do just that within the next two weeks and requested the Traditional Authority



		to educate the community not to remove marking pegs that will be put up by the surveyor.
Chief Kanime Kanime lipanda and Eendombe	<p>Chief gave various comments and advice as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expressed concern about the current very poor quality gravel road between Eendombe and Okahao. 2. Contributing to the poor quality is slipperiness and flooding during the raining season. 3. Poor placements of culvert that do not serve their purpose. 4. Very narrow road-way that does not allow two vehicles to pass safely. 5. The Eendombe-Okahao road being too high. 	<p>Mr H. Simasiku acknowledged the situation and conditions of the road referred to by the Chief. He then explained that there are now improved specifications to address concerns raised by Chief Kanime. He also explained that the poor conditions is also due to poor gravel material in the area and also maybe lack of regular road maintenance. He assured that, DR3662 will of superior quality compared to the road between Eendombe and Okahao. On the last point, he explained that due to topography and flood vulnerability of the area, it is sometimes required for the road to be elevated to avoid flooding on the road-way.</p>
I. Efraim Okathitu Okashau	Advised that the same Contractor who built the Okahao-Eendombe road not to be given the contract for this new road.	D. Muroua noted the comments, but also explained that the past construction was based on an older specification. And that that company might not be black-listed hence legally can take part in the tendering process.
L. Usko Eendombe	She wanted to know if those to be affected will be informed and if could still	D. Kaihiva clarified that, those who are affected will be identified,



	work on their crops.	confirmation to be done with support from the Traditional Authority. And will be communicated with directly. Mr Kaihiva also recommended that people continue with their livelihood activities even though they have been identified to be directly affected, since construction is a long process and could take some time before the actual construction work reaches a particular area.
T. Kampolo Eendombe	Wanted to know why they did not retain money of the Contractor who built the Eendombe-Okahao road	D. Kaihiva said that they are not able to answer questions related to the previous project, but acknowledge the concerns raised. He assured the meeting that they are a new team and will surely facilitate that a better road is built.
P. Manuel Eendombe	Only had a comment that; why only gravel roads are built and not tar roads or bitumen standards roads.	H. Simasiku explained that, due to high demand for maintenance of gravel roads, RA now has taken an approach to build low-seal volume roads and to upgrade some of the current gravel roads to low-seal volume roads.
N. Ndungandulu Omuthitu Kashau	He stated that he concur with the various concerns raised about poor quality work. He then named the assumed Contractor who produced this poor quality construction works. He blamed them for wrongly placing culverts, also facing in the wrong direction.	Concerns were noted.

	Hence blocking flood waters.	
Hon D. lilende Ogongo Constituency	Reiterating that the RA takes serious note of this poor quality road construction.	Noted, also seriously.

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The meeting was attended by over 115 people.

5. Meeting Closure

Headman Hambuku, thanked the GRN and the Councilors for this planned development. He reminded that the TA was involved in the discussions about the construction of this road many years ago. He also noted that the road is important because it links his community to various services. Headman Hambuku reiterated that, what they needed is good quality roads. He advised that borrow pits be rehabilitated properly and recommended that good quality road materials be used, even if such materials needed to be hauled from other areas. He concluded by asking his community to work together and for the benefit of the community.

The meeting then was adjourned after a prayer.



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Public Meeting Minutes

Venue: lipanda Village

Date: 27 June 2022

Time: 14h30 to 16h40

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D. Shiwapo lipnda	He wanted to know whether the road between Epato and Ombafi is still planned to be constructed.	D. Kaihiva: Explained that both Epato and Ombafi are accessible via other roads, hence lipanda, Eendombe, Elondo access roads where prioritised since during the raining season, these villages are not accessible. D. Kaihiva also informed the meeting that the Hon Councilor have submitted a request this year (2022) for the lipanda-Ombafi earth track to be upgraded to a gravel road.
Headman J. Amadhila Traditional Authority	Commented that, they fully support the proposed development, and that they see a great need for lipanda to be connected to Eendombe where their nearest clinic is located.	Comment noted.
S. Kashuku lipanda	He commented that he welcome the proposed road with open arms.	Comment noted.
M. Shongola lipanda	Commented that he appreciate the construction of the road. He explained that their farming needs are between Tsandi and Okahao. Hence access to Okahao via Eendombe will improve access to their main town of Okahao.	Comments noted.
D. Pinehas	She thanks the Hon Councilor for the proposed road. She explained that it has been very difficult to drive her car all the way to	D. Kaihiva, expressed that they are very aware of the many pans in the area that prohibit even larger cars to reach



	lipanda, as she usually leaves her car in Ombafi.	lipanda.
M. Willem	Advised the community to openly talk about the proposed road.	Advise noted.
Headman J. Amadhila Traditional Authority	<p>Reiterated that they appreciate the development coming to them. He encouraged everyone to support the road construction.</p> <p>The Headman also suggested that the borrow pits should be rehabilitated into earth dams.</p> <p>He also informed the meeting that he will call for a community meeting to further inform his community.</p>	Input noted.
K. Amukwaya lipanda	He wanted to know what will happen to their underground water pipelines.	<p>D. Kaihiva responded by advising the community to clearly mark all the pipelines so that they are able to be recorded by the surveyor.</p> <p>He further explained that, should the pipelines be damaged during the roads construction, the Contractor is required to fix them.</p>
D. Kaihiva EMCON	<p>(in the absence of more discussions)</p> <p>D. Kaihiva informed the meeting that the construction of the road will take approximately 24 months. The Contractor to be appointed will determine where they want the construction to start, either lipanda or Eendombe or Tsandi. He further informed the meeting that, should</p>	Inputs noted.

	<p>everything go according to plan, construction will start early 2023.</p> <p>He also explained that employment will be done at once and not in phases. He also explained that, when the contractor is appointed hopefully by the end of this year, he will then approach the Hon Councilor and the Traditional Authority for list of names for people to be considered for employment.</p> <p>D. Kaihiva further explained that the appointment of SME's as sub-contractors will be done at the same time as the appointment of the main Contractor. Hence SME's are expected to team-up/joint-venture with main Contractors so that they submit their offers with the main Contractor. Also that separate Tender Documents are available for SME's/sub-contractors to be completed.</p>	
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4. Way forward and Conclusion

Mr. D. Muroua gave a word of appreciation to those who made time to come to the meeting. He encouraged those present to share the information they received and to contact him anytime if more information is required. Interested and Affected Parties were invited to register and/or to send any responses on the proposed project via post-mail or fax or e-mail. All the contact details were made available at the meeting.

The meeting was attended by over 24 people.

5. Meeting Closure

Headman J. Amadhila, closed the meeting after thanking everyone and for receiving information about such an important development. He also urged the consulting team to continue to give his community more information.