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**MINUTES OF THE 134<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL HILLS, TELAJE, TANDAG CITY, THIS PROVINCE ON APRIL 2, 2025**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr. - Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
(Temporary Presiding Officer)

**Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:**

**District I**

Hon. Ruel D. Momo  
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon  
Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr.

**District II**

Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco  
Hon. Margarita G. Garay  
Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.  
Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo  
Hon. Raul K. Salazar

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod - Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative, Surigao del Sur

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. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez - President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr. - Vice Governor

**ABSENT:**

**On Special Privilege Leave:**

Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr. - Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan



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Since the Honorable Vice Governor Manuel O. Alameda, Sr. was on Official Business and in adherence to Section 4, Rule II of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan Rules of Procedures, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon moved that Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr. will act as the Temporary Presiding Officer and it was duly seconded by Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel. Hence, Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., acted as the Temporary Presiding Officer.

**I - Call to Order**

The session was called to order by the Honorable Temporary Presiding Officer at 9:36 in the morning.

**II - Pambansang Awit/Surigao del Sur Hymn**

The Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan directed the attention of the August Body to the multi-media presentation for the singing of the Pambansang Awit and the Surigao del Sur Hymn.

**III - Invocation/Prayer**

To invoke God's presence, Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod led the Prayer.

**IV - Roll Call**

The Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan called the roll to determine the presence of quorum. Eleven (11) Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members responded to the call including the Honorable Temporary Presiding Officer. Thus, Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Temporary Presiding Officer declared the session in quorum.

Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno and Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez arrived at 9:43 and 9:45 in the morning, respectively.

**V - Approval and Adoption of the Order of Business**

- Order of Business of the 134<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur dated April 2, 2025.

Before the approval of the Order of Business, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon took the floor and expressed his concern on Item Nos. 6 and 7 calendared for Second Reading in the day's session, viz: Resolutions No. 6 entitled "Urging the Province of Agusan del Sur to Come Up with a Counterpart of the Committee on Boundary Dispute/Settlement in their Sangguniang Panlalawigan to be Able for the Two Legislative Bodies to Settle the Boundary Dispute Between the Provinces of Surigao del Sur and Agusan del Sur" and Item No. 7 Resolution entitled "Inquiring Whether the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Agusan del Sur has the Authority to Enter Into and be Bound by the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Surigao del Sur for the Resolution of the Existing Boundary Dispute Ensuring its Effective Implementation on the Provisions Contained in the Said MOU". He believed that the second Resolution would be unnecessary if the first Resolution will be answered in the affirmative because once the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Agusan del Sur will create a counterpart, it would mean that they have a parallel authority to discuss and possibly settle the Boundary Dispute. For him, there is no necessity that the Province of Agusan



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del Sur will answer the Second Resolution regarding any authority at all. He further commented that, as far as the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur is concerned, they have the authority because it is inherent upon them as their function being the Legislative and Policymaking Body. According to him, it will be presumptuous as of this point in time until the Province of Agusan del Sur would respond to the Resolution under Item No. 6. Hence, manifested that Item No. 7 calendared under Second Reading will be deleted in the Order of Business of the day's session.

After a thorough review of the Order of Business page by page and there having no corrections, comments and objections raised by the Body, said Order of Business was approved and adopted, as corrected on motion of Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. and jointly seconded by Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco and Hon. Margarita G. Garay. It was assigned as Resolution No. 2992-25.

#### **VI - Approval and Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Session**

- Minutes of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur dated March 25, 2025 prepared by Ms. Genevieve M. Cagalawan, Local Legislative Staff Officer IV.

Before the approval of the Minutes in the previous session, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon manifested some corrections relative to his position on the passage of a Resolution denying the Motion for Reconsideration filed by the Counsel of Respondent Mayor Betty Ensomo-Pimentel. He recalled that he abstained or inhibited in participating in the particular Administrative Case because the Counsel for the Complainant was his Law Partner in the Azarcon Law Office and it would appear on the record that he participated, which definitely did not. He wanted that the Minutes of the previous session will be corrected to make it appear that he did not participate in the discussion and voting in the passage of the said Resolution.

After a thorough review of the Minutes page by page and there having no more corrections, comments and objections raised by the Body, said Minutes was approved and adopted as corrected on motion of Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. and duly seconded by Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod. It was assigned as Resolution No. 2992-25.

#### **VII - Approval and Adoption of the Transcript of Proceedings**

- Transcript of Proceedings of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur dated March 25, 2025 prepared by Mrs. Metzi Ann D. Obaob, Administrative Assistant V. as corrected by

Before the approval of the Transcript of Proceedings, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. manifested that the Transcript of Proceedings of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session be corrected, omitting therein the manifestations previously made by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Floor Leader of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

After a thorough review of the Transcript of Proceedings page by page and there having no corrections, comments and objections raised by the Body, said Transcript of Proceedings was approved and adopted as corrected on motion of Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. and duly seconded by Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod. It was assigned as Resolution No. 2994-25.



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### **VIII - Question/Visitors' Hour**

There was no visitor in the day's session.

### **IX - Privilege Hour**

During the Privilege Hour, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Floor Leader of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan informed the Body that the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members who will deliver their privilege speeches in the day's session are the following, namely: Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr. and himself.

The first who took the floor was Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.. He greeted one and all a pleasant morning. He informed the Body that some of the Local Government Units has the problem with regards to the relationship between the Vice Mayor and the Members of the Sangguniang Bayan. He pointed out on the functions and the budgets of the two Offices because as practiced, the budget of the Members of the Sangguniang Bayan was incorporated or under the Office of the Vice Mayor and sometimes the Vice Mayor has the full control of the budget considering that he/she is the Head of the Office. In this connection, he manifested to pass a Resolution in Unassigned Business/Privilege Business in the day's session entitled "Encouraging All Local Government Units (LGUs), this Province to Create Three (3) Distinct and Separate Offices and Budget Under the Legislative Department, namely; Office of the Vice Mayor, the Office of the Members of the Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod and the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod".

This time, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon took the floor during the Privilege Hour. His concern was relative to the letter coming from Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor and Presiding Officer dated March 20, 2025, requesting for the passage of a Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution authorizing the Provincial Governor, this Province to enter and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Local Government Unit of Carmen, represented by Hon. Jane V. Plaza, Municipal Mayor, for the implementation of the Carmen Sustainable Agro-Forestry and Agro-industrial Development Program (CASAAD Program). He informed the Body that a copy of the MOA has been attached to the letter-request of the Honorable Governor. Finding the laudable intent of the aforesaid request, he manifested to pass a Resolution in Unassigned Business/Privilege Business in the day's session entitled "Authorizing Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province to Enter Into and Sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in Behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Carmen, Represented by Hon. Jane V. Plaza, Municipal Mayor, for the Implementation of the Carmen Sustainable Agro-Fishery and Agro-Industrial Development (CASAAD) Program".

### **X - Calendar of Business**

#### **A. Unfinished Business**

None

#### **B. Business for the Day**



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### **B.1 Committee Reports**

At this point, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Rules, Privileges and Ethics moved for the omnibus approval of the Nine (9) Committee Reports. It was duly seconded by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, namely:

1. Committee on Sports, Games and Amusement;
2. Committees on Finance and Appropriation (Lead Committee)/Laws and Justice and Human Rights;
3. Committee on Finance and Appropriation;
4. Committees on Urban Planning and Development (Lead Committee)/Finance and Appropriation;
5. Committee on Energy and Power;
6. Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability;
7. Committees on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability (Lead Committee)/Agriculture/Fisheries;
8. Committee on Boundary Settlement; and
9. Committees on Peace and Order, Public Safety and Anti-Illegal Drugs (Lead Committee)/Laws and Justice and Human Rights.

### **B.2 First Reading and Referral to Committees**

The following matters calendared for First Reading and Referral to Committees were automatically referred to appropriate Committees, viz:

#### **Referred To: Committee on Laws and Justice and Human Rights**

1. 1st Indorsement from Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor, this Province dated March 20, 2025, forwarding to Mr. Edgar G. Perez II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the basic communication dated March 19, 2025 from PCOL Harry B. Domingo, Provincial Director, Police Provincial Office, this Province providing response to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 2856-25 dated February 18, 2025 entitled "Earnestly Requesting PCOL Harry B. Domingo, PNP Provincial Director, this Province and its Hierarchy to Establish Prudent Policies and Guidelines in Treating Lawyers Who are Handling Cases Involving Communist Terrorist Groups (CTG's) in the Province of Surigao del Sur", for the Body's information and appropriate action.

#### **Referred To: Committee on Environmental Protection and Ecology**

2. Resolution No. 65 dated March 4, 2025 of the Municipality of Barobo, this Province entitled "Resolution Formally Expressing Support to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) of Bislig City to Any Curative and Protective Measures Regarding the River/Water Turbidity Affecting the Municipalities of Barobo, Tagbina, and Hinatuan".



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**Referred To: Committees on Environmental Protection and Ecology (Lead Committee)/ Laws and Justice and Human Rights**

3. 1st Indorsement from Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor, this Province dated March 25, 2025, forwarding to Mr. Edgar G. Perez II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the basic communication dated March 4, 2025 from Mr. Virgilio R. Alas III, EMS II, Municipality of Madrid, this Province relative to the report on the Assessment of Sand and Gravel Extraction within the Carac-an River, Madrid, Surigao del Sur, conducted by the composite team created through Sangguniang Panlalawigan Order dated September 4, 2024 in connection to Administrative Case No. 06-24 between Mr. Jose E. Mollaneda, complainant vs. Hon. Juan Paolo L. Lopez, respondent, for the Body's information and appropriate action.

**Referred To: Committee on Youth**

4. Resolution No. 71 dated March 4, 2025 of the Municipality of Barobo, this Province entitled "Respectfully Requesting the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to Furnish a Copy of the Official Seal of the Provincial Youth and Development Council for Reference and Adoption at the Municipal Level of Barobo, this Province".

**Referred To: Committee on Sports, Games and Amusement**

5. Resolution No. 70 dated March 4, 2025 of the Municipality of Barobo, this Province entitled "Resolution Requesting Mr. Julie A. Patidongan, Owner of the 'Barobohanon Amusement Arena', to Comply with the Mandate of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur as Provided Under Resolution No. 2825-2025, Specifically on the Application for an Appropriate Provincial Franchise for his Cockpit Arena".
6. 1st Indorsement from Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor, this Province dated March 27, 2025, forwarding to Mr. Edgar G. Perez II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the basic communication from Mr. Emeliano S. Reyes, Operations Manager, Carmen Cockpit Arena, Municipality of Carmen, this Province, submitting an application for a Legislative Franchise for the operation of a cockpit in the Municipality of Carmen, this Province, for the Body's information and appropriate action.
7. 1st Indorsement from Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor, this Province dated March 27, 2025, forwarding to Mr. Edgar G. Perez II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the basic communication dated March 27, 2025 from Mr. Edelberto F. Subricaray, Operations Manager, Lucky 9 Cockpit Arena, Purok 6, La Paz, Municipality of Bayabas, this Province, submitting an application for a Legislative Franchise for the operation of a cockpit in the Municipality of Bayabas, this Province, for the Body's information and appropriate action.



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**Referred To: Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability**

8. Ordinance No. 03 dated February 25, 2025 of the Municipality of Barobo, this Province entitled “Ordinance Creating the Positions of Administrative Aide III (Audio-Visual Equipment Operator 1) – SG 3 and Administrative Aide III (Utility Worker 2) – SG 3, Under the Office of the Saggunian Secretary, Sangguniang Bayan, this Local Government Unit”.
9. Ordinance No. 28 dated February 26, 2025 of the Municipality of Cortes, this Province entitled “An Ordinance Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 18 Series of 2024 Dated May 8, 2024 of the Municipality of Cortes, Surigao del Sur Entitled ‘An Ordinance Creating the Office of the Municipal Vice Mayor (OMVM) of the Municipality of Cortes, Surigao del Sur Providing for its Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern’ by Incorporating the Necessary Corrections on Section 3 and 4 Thereof”.
10. Ordinance No. 29 dated February 26, 2025 of the Municipality of Cortes, this Province entitled “An Ordinance Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 19 Series of 2024 Dated May 8, 2024 of the Municipality of Cortes, Surigao del Sur Entitled ‘An Ordinance Renaming the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan (OSB), this Municipality to Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan (OSSB) and Providing for its Revised Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern’ by Incorporating the Necessary Corrections on Section 3 and 4 Thereof”.
11. Ordinance No. 30 dated February 26, 2025 of the Municipality of Cortes, this Province entitled “An Ordinance Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 20 Series of 2024 Dated May 8, 2024 of the Municipality of Cortes, Surigao del Sur Entitled ‘An Ordinance Creating the Office of the Members of the Sanguniang Bayan (OMSB) of the Municipality of Cortes, Surigao del Sur Providing for its Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern’ by Incorporating the Necessary Corrections on Section 3 and 4 Thereof”.

**Referred To: Committee on Information, Technology and Communication**

12. Ordinance No. 02 dated February 18, 2025 of the Municipality of Barobo, this Province entitled “Ordinance Operationalizing Republic Act 10173, or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 in this Municipality and Providing Guidelines Therefor”.

**Referred To: Committee on Energy and Power**

13. Letter from Mr. Roel E. Abad, General Manager, Surigao del Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc., Tandag City, Surigao del Sur dated March 25, 2024 addressed to Mr. Edgar G. Perez II, Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, this Province with Subject: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the Over/Under Recoveries Based on the Formula on the Various Automatic Cost Adjustment and True-Up



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Mechanism (For the Year 2022-2024), for the Body's information and appropriate action.

**Referred To: Committee on Finance and Appropriation**

14. Appropriation Ordinance No. 9 dated March 10, 2025 of the Municipality of Carrascal, this Province entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing Supplemental Budget No. 1, Series of 2025, Involving an Amount of One Hundred Twenty Two Million Ninety Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One Pesos and Ninety Centavos (₱122,094,371.90) Covering Various Expenditures for the Operation of the General Fund of the Municipal Government and Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Purpose".

**Referred To: Committee on Agriculture/Fisheries**

15. Resolution No. 62 dated February 25, 2025 of the Municipality of Barobo, this Province entitled "Apprising the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur that the Municipality of Barobo has Already Identified the Color-Code Policy on Boats/Vessels Operating Within the Municipality of Barobo, this Province", for the Body's information.

**For Information**

1. Letter from Atty. Neal Vincent M. Bainto, Assistant Executive Secretary, Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for General Administration, Office of the President, Malacañang Palace, Manila dated March 7, 2025 addressed to Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), San Miguel, Manila, copy furnished this Office regarding the referral for any action that the matter may deem proper, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulation, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Resolution No. 2805-25 of the Province of Surigao del Sur, expressing support for Resolution No. 667 (s.2024) of the SP of Davao del Norte, which requested for reconsideration of the retroactive application of salary increase for local government unit officials and employees to begin on January 01, 2024 under DBM Local Budget Circular No. 160 (s. 2024), for the Body's information.
2. 1st Indorsement from Ms. Riza D. Sion, CESE, Provincial Director, Department of the Interior and Local Government, this Province dated March 25, 2025, forwarding to Mr. Edgar G. Perez II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the basic communication dated March 25, 2025 from Ms. Maria Loisella E. Lucino, CESO IV, Regional Director, Department of the Interior and Local Government, DILG, CARAGA Region, Caraga Bldg., Purok 1A, Barangay Doongan, Butuan City, the acknowledgement receipt of Resolution No. 2824-25, Series of 2025 entitled "Adopting Resolution No. 6 of the League of Caraga Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative (LCIPMR), Denouncing the Proliferation and Acts of Dubious Organization Utilizing the Name of the Indigenous in Caraga Region, and Urging Private and the Government Agencies to ask for Confirmation from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in their Dealings with those Organizations Claiming to Represent ICCs or IPs" of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur. The latter informed the Body that the activities of these organizations, which claim to represent ICCs/IPs, were previously discussed during the 1<sup>st</sup> RPOC Meeting on February 4, 2025. During the meeting, the NCIP Caraga



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endorsed two Resolutions to address the concerns, as follows: 1. RPOC Resolution No. 9, Series of 2025 entitled “A Resolution Enjoining Government Agencies and Local Government Units from Processing Applications for Accreditation, Permits, and Other Similar Instruments of Any Person or Group of Persons Claiming to be Indigenous Peoples or Purporting to Represent ICCs/IPs Without Validation and Certification from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples”; and 2. RPOC Resolution No. 10, Series of 2025 entitled “A Resolution Enjoining Registering Agencies for Registration of Any Person or Group of Persons Claiming to be Indigenous Peoples or Purporting to Represent ICCs/IPs Without Validation and Certification from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples”, for the Body’s information.

### **B.3. Second Reading**

The Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan read each item in the Second Reading and it was moved individually by the Chairman of the Respective Committees and it was duly seconded. Hence, the Resolutions below were approved under Second Reading, viz:

1. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Raul K. Salazar, Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr. and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01 Dated February 2, 2025 of the Municipality of Lanuza, this Province Entitled ‘An Ordinance Authorizing the Annual Budget of the Municipality of Lanuza for Fiscal Year 2025 in the Total Amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Million Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Pesos (Php192,063,894.00) Covering the Various Expenditures for the Operation of the General Fund and Local Economic Enterprise of the Municipal Government for Fiscal Year 2025, and Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Purpose’, Invalid Due to Substantial Changes in the Amount of their Annual Budget from Php191,413,894.00, as Specified in the Original Budget to Php192,063,894.00, the New Amount”.
2. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Raul K. Salazar and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and jointly seconded by Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon entitled “Affirming Resolution No. 2025-175 Dated February 25, 2025 of the City of Bislig, this Province, Entitled ‘Resolution Adopting CDC EXECOM Resolution No. 6, Series of 2025 Entitled ‘A Resolution Endorsing the Supplemental Annual Investment Program (AIP) No. 3 for Calendar Year 2025 of the City of Bislig to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for Approval’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Concerned Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991, Subject to Verification During the Submission of the Appropriation Ordinance to Ensure Plan-Budget Linkage Wherein the Local Budgets Truly Operationalize Approved Local Development Plans (Section 305 (i) R.A. 7160) and are Consistent with the Budget Operations Manual (BOM) for LGUs 2023 Edition”.
3. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Raul K. Salazar and Hon. Jimmy I.



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Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Affirming Resolution No. 44 Dated February 25, 2025 of the Municipality of Lanuza, this Province Entitled ‘Resolution Approving and Adopting the Supplemental Annual Investment Plan No. 1 of the Municipality of Lanuza’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Bayan Concerned Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991, Subject to Verification During the Submission of the Appropriation Ordinance to Ensure Plan-Budget Linkage Wherein the Local Budgets Truly Operationalize Approved Local Development Plans (Section 305 (i) R.A. 7160) and are Consistent with the Budget Operations Manual (BOM) for LGUs 2023 Edition”.

Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr. requested for a recess at 10:08 in the morning.

Session resumed at 10:11 in the morning.

4. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Raul K. Salazar and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Affirming Ordinance No. 43 Dated August 22, 2023 of the Municipality of San Miguel, this Province Entitled ‘An Ordinance Creating the Position Title of Social Welfare Officer II, SG-15, Under the Office of the MSWD and Appropriating Funds Thereof’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Bayan Concerned to Enact Such Ordinance Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991”.
5. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Raul K. Salazar, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Affirming Ordinance No. 2025-04 Dated March 4, 2025 of the City of Bislig, this Province Entitled ‘An Ordinance Establishing the Local Coconut Industry Development Council (LCIDC) in Bislig City and Providing Guidelines for its Implementation’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Concerned to Enact Such Ordinance Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991”.
6. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Raul K. Salazar and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Urging the Province of Agusan del Sur to Come Up with a Counterpart of the Committee on Boundary Dispute/Settlement in their Sangguniang Panlalawigan to be Able for the Two Legislative Bodies to Have a Parallel Authority to Possibly Discuss and Settle the Boundary Dispute Between the Provinces of Surigao del Sur and Agusan del Sur”.
7. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Raul K. Salazar and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Inquiring Whether the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Surigao del Sur has the Authority to Enter



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Into and be Bound by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Surigao del Sur for the Resolution of the Existing Boundary Dispute Ensuring its Effective Implementation on the Provisions Contained in the Said MOU”.

Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon manifested before the approval of the Order of Business that Item No. 7 calendared for Second Reading will be deleted in the day’s session, hence, this will be stricken from the Order of Business.

8. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Raul K. Salazar, Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod entitled “Affirming Ordinance No. 04 Dated February 17, 2025 of the Municipality of Carrascal, this Province Entitled ‘An Ordinance Institutionalizing a Drug-Free Workplace in the Local Government of Carrascal, Surigao del Sur and Appropriating Funds for the Implementation Thereof’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Bayan Concerned to Enact Such Ordinance Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991”.

After the approval of the Resolutions in Second Reading, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Floor Leader of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan moved for the suspension of the House Rules at 10:16 in the morning. He then moved that the Seven (7) Resolutions be calendared in Third and Final Reading and it was duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr..

Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon moved for the restoration of the House Rules at 10:18 in the morning.

#### **B.4 Third Reading**

At this juncture, Hon Jose Dumagan, Jr. moved for the Omnibus approval of the Seven (7) Resolutions in Third and Final Reading and it was duly seconded by Hon. Margarita G. Garay.

1. Resolution No. **2995-25** sponsored by Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Raul K. Salazar, Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr. and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01 Dated February 2, 2025 of the Municipality of Lanuza, this Province Entitled ‘An Ordinance Authorizing the Annual Budget of the Municipality of Lanuza for Fiscal Year 2025 in the Total Amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Million Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Pesos (Php192,063,894.00) Covering the Various Expenditures for the Operation of the General Fund and Local Economic Enterprise of the Municipal Government for Fiscal Year 2025, and Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Purpose’, Invalid Due to Substantial Changes in the Amount of their Annual Budget from Php191,413,894.00, as Specified in the Original Budget to Php192,063,894.00, the New Amount”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel



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2. Resolution No. **2996-25** sponsored by Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Raul K. Salazar and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and jointly seconded by Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon entitled “Affirming Resolution No. 2025-175 Dated February 25, 2025 of the City of Bislig, this Province, Entitled ‘Resolution Adopting CDC EXECOM Resolution No. 6, Series of 2025 Entitled ‘A Resolution Endorsing the Supplemental Annual Investment Program (AIP) No. 3 for Calendar Year 2025 of the City of Bislig to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for Approval’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Concerned Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991, Subject to Verification During the Submission of the Appropriation Ordinance to Ensure Plan-Budget Linkage Wherein the Local Budgets Truly Operationalize Approved Local Development Plans (Section 305 (i) R.A. 7160) and are Consistent with the Budget Operations Manual (BOM) for LGUs 2023 Edition”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

3. Resolution No. **2997-25** sponsored by Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Raul K. Salazar and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Affirming Resolution No. 44 Dated February 25, 2025 of the Municipality of Lanuza, this Province Entitled ‘Resolution Approving and Adopting the Supplemental Annual Investment Plan No. 1 of the Municipality of Lanuza’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Bayan Concerned Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991, Subject to Verification During the Submission of the Appropriation Ordinance to Ensure Plan-Budget Linkage Wherein the Local Budgets Truly Operationalize Approved Local Development Plans (Section 305 (i) R.A. 7160) and are Consistent with the Budget Operations Manual (BOM) for LGUs 2023 Edition”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

4. Resolution No. **2998-25** sponsored by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Raul K. Salazar and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Affirming Ordinance No. 43 Dated August 22, 2023 of the Municipality of San Miguel, this Province Entitled ‘An Ordinance Creating the Position Title of Social Welfare Officer II, SG-15, Under the Office of the MSWD and Appropriating Funds Thereof’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Bayan Concerned to Enact Such Ordinance Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

5. Resolution No. **2999-25** sponsored by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T.



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Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Raul K. Salazar, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Affirming Ordinance No. 2025-04 Dated March 4, 2025 of the City of Bislig, this Province Entitled ‘An Ordinance Establishing the Local Coconut Industry Development Council (LCIDC) in Bislig City and Providing Guidelines for its Implementation’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Concerned to Enact Such Ordinance Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

6. Resolution No. **3000-25** sponsored by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Raul K. Salazar and duly seconded by Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. entitled “Urging the Province of Agusan del Sur to Come Up with a Counterpart of the Committee on Boundary Dispute/Settlement in their Sangguniang Panlalawigan to be Able for the Two Legislative Bodies to Settle the Boundary Dispute Between the Provinces of Surigao del Sur and Agusan del Sur”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

7. Resolution No. **3001-25** sponsored by Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Hon. Raul K. Salazar, Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr., Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr., Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr., Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod and duly seconded by Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod entitled “Affirming Ordinance No. 04 Dated February 17, 2025 of the Municipality of Carrascal, this Province Entitled ‘An Ordinance Institutionalizing a Drug-Free Workplace in the Local Government of Carrascal, Surigao del Sur and Appropriating Funds for the Implementation Thereof’, it Being Within the Scope of the Prescribed Powers of the Sangguniang Bayan Concerned to Enact Such Ordinance Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

## **XI - Unassigned Business/Privilege Business**

At this juncture, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. moved for the approval of the Two (2) Resolutions in Unassigned Business/Privilege Business. It was jointly seconded by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and Hon. Margarita G. Garay.

There having no comments and objections raised by the Body, the Honorable Temporary Presiding Officer ruled that the two (2) Resolutions under Unassigned Business/Privilege Business be approved having been jointly seconded and voted upon:

1. Resolution No. **3002-25** authored by Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr. and jointly seconded by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and Hon. Margarita G. Garay entitled “Encouraging All Local Government Units (LGUs), this Province to Create a Separate and Distinct Budget for the Creation of the Office of the Vice Mayor, the Office of the



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Members of the Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod and the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

- Resolution No. **3003-25** authored by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and jointly seconded by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and Hon. Margarita G. Garay entitled “Authorizing Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province to Enter Into and Sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in Behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Carmen, Represented by Hon. Jane V. Plaza, Municipal Mayor, for the Implementation of the Carmen Sustainable Agro-Fishery and Agro-Industrial Development (CASAAD) Program”.

In Favor: 11 Against: 0 Abstained: 0  
Out with Permission: Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

## XII - Other Matters

For the Other Matters, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. invited everyone for their 1<sup>st</sup> Proclamation Rally at Lianga, Surigao del Sur, this Province.

## XIII - Announcement

The Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan announced that the 135<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan, this Province will be held on April 8, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Legislative Building, Capitol of the South, Kahayag, Bislig City, this Province.

## XIV - Adjournment

There having no more business to be taken up by the Body, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. moved to adjourn the session and same was jointly seconded by Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon. The Honorable Temporary Presiding Officer then declared the session adjourned.

Session adjourned at 10:23 in the morning.

### SUBMITTED BY:

  
**MARITES COMA-ARREZA**  
Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

### NOTED BY:

**VALERIO T. MONTESCLAROS, JR.**  
Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
(Temporary Presiding Officer)



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