

Minutes of Program Review Board Meeting 6/21/03

Chaired by Ted Morse, as Vice-Chair

A quorum was present

The Chair made some opening comments welcoming new members of the Board: Recognized that the Board process may seem overly bureaucratic for the new members but that at this stage, with the limited resources available, it is appropriate that we strengthen and formalize our process to ensure the best use of the resources.

Regulation and Process: The General Counsel, Scott Castle, gave an overview of the PRB Regulation, which establishes the Board, its mandate and responsibilities with respect to vested and seized assets, appropriated funds and the Development Fund (DF). He gave an overview of the IAMB, the voting requirements and Amb. Bremer's goal of maximizing Iraqi involvement in Board decisions. The Program Coordinator, Sherri Kraham, gave an overview of the Allocation Process. Runnels gave an overview of the sub-committees formed to address some cross-cutting issues such as infrastructure and security. There were several questions about what kinds of requirements go before the board, including items already approved by Amb. Bremer. The Chair took note of a comment that there is a time lag for funding process but that all funding requests including salaries, pensions, should come before the Board. However, we asked that even those requirements which are approved by Amb. Bremer, come through the Board for record-keeping purposes.

Coordination with Regions/Military Commands: Kraham gave an overview of efforts to inform and better integrate the regions and military commands into the funding process. Kraham noted more information will be sent to the regions including the Construction initiative. We will plan a training/informational session next week. The Director of Operations, Andrew Bearpark, made a few comments on his plan to better integrate the Regions into our operations.

The Board voted on the attached list of projects and the votes are reflected.

The Board spent a majority of the voting time talking about the \$100M Construction Initiative. The Senior Advisor to Housing & Construction presented the plan for the Ongoing Projects Element (\$23M) and the Ministry Reconstruction element (\$20M). The overall plan to rebuild roads and bridges, get people back to work, perform necessary maintenance to save on future requirements. The program package was approved by the Board.