



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Business Stakeholders Meeting Minutes

Zambia Devolution Support Program



Stakeholder Meeting Minutes



Siavonga Town Council

Meeting Title:

Date: 18th June, 2024

Time: 09:00hrs to 13:30hrs

Location: Lakeview Lodge

Facilitator: Withus Moyo

Attendees:

1. Given Kwapu, Council Chairperson, Siavonga Town Council
2. Geoffrey Jakopo, District Commissioner, District Administration
3. Remmy Mukanta, Council, Foreman
4. Lesa Ndakala, Zambia Police, Officer In-charge
5. Noah Musutu, Yalelo, E& S Superintendent
6. Humphrey Siwakwi, ZAMFRESH
7. Ostern Hamyongwa, Councilor, Sinadambwe Ward
8. Special Mulaziki, Councilor, Munyama Ward
9. Felix Hang'andu, Councilor, Mutuba Ward
10. Withus Moyo, Town Planner, Siavonga Town Council
11. Robert Kamanisha, Chief Accountant, Siavonga Town Council
12. Chiluba Puta, District Accountant, Siavonga Town Council
13. Agness Mukopamali C, Socio Economic Planner, Siavonga Town Council
14. Oswald Mutale, Socio Economic Planner, Siavonga Town Council
15. Clifford Shanyinde, Senior Accountant Assistant, Siavonga Town Council
16. Phannuel Simamba, Chief Representative, Simamba Chiefdom
17. Brandina Lambwe, Journalist, ZANIS
18. Ester Mwaanshiku, Journalist, Kariba FM
19. Agent Hachemba, Community Member, Siavonga
20. Glorious Sibalwa, Community Member, Siavonga
21. Lubombo Harold, Secretary, Siavonga Main Market Committee
22. Snike Mzulah, Journalist, Times of Zambia
23. Mukwengu Shepande, Officer in Charge- ZANIS
24. Kapasa Chisha, Officer, Office of The President
25. ENG. Peter Machona, Director Engineering Services, Siavonga Town Council
26. Patrick Tembo, Director Human Resources, Siavonga Town Council
27. Theresa Lukwanda, Senior Legal Assistant, Siavonga Town Council
28. Royen Mwiinga, Ward Councilor, Siavonga Constituency
29. Phannel L Simamba, chief representative, Simamba Chiefdom
30. Sishekanu Muyunda L, Social Welfare
31. Emmanuel Sianjnge, Namuzuga WDC Chairperson, siavonga constituency
32. Phinias Nyambe, CDFC Member, Siavonga Constituency



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33. Clement Ngandu Choonya, CDFC Member, Siavonga Constituency
34. Hadley Chipepo, chief representative, Chief Chipepo
35. Musuka Mutondo, CDFC Member, Civil Society representative

Agenda: To enable capture of relevant content for, Citizen/stakeholder Engagement Monitoring and Evaluation, it is recommended that the following agenda items be considered:

1. Opening Remarks
2. Finalization of the by law for restricting fishing activities
3. Plenary
4. Closing Remarks

Narration layout-

Introduction: The Council Secretary welcomed all members and reminded them to take advantage of the meeting in coming up with a resolution that will favour Fishing industry and Hotel industries in Siavonga District. He urged members to respect one another's opinion and deliberate freely.

- 1) **Discussion Points:** Finalize the by-law for restricting fishing activities on the lake Kariba frontage

- 2) **Decisions Made:**
 1. **Action Items:** Members were informed that the Local Authority had received a complaint from Hotelians in Siavonga that the industry has lost business because clients no longer book rooms in lodges which located on lake front because of the noise from rigs. They said many resolutions to resolve the issue of noise pollution have proved futile as no compliance is seen. They further said the rigs have no toilets increasing the risk of water pollution because operators work from 18:00 hours till the following morning. This raised a concern among members because they wanted to know how safe the water was on the lake. They said the meeting should help in coming up with the by-law that would safe guard both hotel and fish industries.
 2. Members wanted to know the number of rigs allowed to carry out fishing activities on the lake and what measures have been put in place to curb the noise by Fisheries department.



3. In response, Fisheries department highlighted that the department manages areas from dam hall to Kotakota and that people are allowed to do fishing from these areas except for breeding areas which are Lufuwa river and Nahunwe.
4. During deliberations members wanted to know how many rigs are allowed on the lake. In response it was said that the 2014 Act stated that Zambia will have 225 rigs while Zimbabwe will have 275 rigs making total of 500 rigs.
5. The Health Inspector, Ms. Chipo Mukwanka highlighted that according tests done, water on the lake was not safe because it tested positive to coliforms a bacteria caused by fecal matter, and that water distributed by SWASC was safe because it is treated before distributed to households. She said the noise from rigs was measured and tested and was found to be a hazardous to human life. Members said in order to stop the noise and improve sanitation on the lake, rig owners should consider: Using solar energy rigs instead of diesel to put up mobile toilets on the rigs. After a lengthy deliberation, it was resolved
6. The by-law be put in place rig operators should operate at a distance 500 meters away from the lake front.
7. It was further agreed that Penalties for not observing the by-law will be
8. Any person operating within the 500 meters of the lake front shall be fined K5,000.00
9. Anyone found fishing in the breeding areas shall be fined K5,000.00
10. The Officer in charge – Zambia Police said members are required to observe the law has been put in place, failure to do so will result in people being arrested. He said strong sounds have negative repercussions in the lives of people therefore strict checkups will be conducted,
11. His Royal Highness Chief Simamba said that all people in the district are one despite of their colour or tribe. He said all should work together for the Development of the District. He further said that Department of Fisheries should ensure that laws regulating activities of the lake should

Next Steps:

Submission of the recommendation to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development

• **Next Meeting:**



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- **Prepared by:** Agness Mukopamali, Socio-Economic Planner, Planning

- **Official Signatures of Approval**

- **Appendices:**





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