



**TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
 BOARD OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION**

NIA MANAGEMENT ACTIONS ON BOARD INSTRUCTIONS
as of December 13, 2023

Board Instruction and Query	Concerned Office	Management Action	Expected Time of Completion
<p>995th Regular Board Meeting September 27, 2023</p> <p><u>For Financial Management Department</u></p> <p>Request for Approval of the Draft Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between the National Irrigation Administration (“NIA”) and the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to Enter into Direct Agreement with the Landbank’s Payment Services Provider (PSP) to Avail of the ePayment Models Offered by the Landbank, as Applicable</p> <p>The NIA Board provisionally approved the request, subject to specific conditions that will be integrated into the Board Resolution. These conditions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The subject MOA does not impose a direct cost on the NIA. 2. The Management is encouraged to engage in a consultation process with the agency’s valued clients to gather their feedback and insights regarding the convenience fee associated with the ePayment system. 3. Clients are ensured that the NIA will maintain the option to make in-person payments if they choose to do so. 	<p>Financial Management Department and Cash Division</p>	<p>In the first week of October, the Financial Management Department conducted a survey as part of their consultation with valued clients before proceeding with the Direct Agreement with the LBP.</p> <p>The result of the said survey was presented to the NIA Executive Committee on October 24, 2023.</p>	<p>Agenda Item under Other Matters.</p>



<p>995th Regular Board Meeting September 27, 2023</p> <p><u>For the Operation Department</u></p> <p>Presentation on the Board Instruction/Requirement on the Provisionally Approved Request for the Increase in Subsidy Rate to the Irrigator’s Association (“IA”) in the Operations and Maintenance of Irrigation Systems</p> <p>During the 995th Regular Board Meeting, the Management presented a draft Memorandum Circular, and the computed canal remuneration based on the rates set by the Regional Wage Board. This presentation followed the NIA Board’s prior requirement for provisional approval of the request.</p> <p>In response, the NIA Board once again granted provisional approval but with specific conditions. They requested an enhancement of the total cost calculation, emphasizing the determination of the actual ideal requirement, considering all budget sources, including allocations from the General Appropriations Act (GAA), corporate revenue, and funding from other supporting agencies for operations and maintenance.</p> <p>Furthermore, the NIA Board approved an increase in the subsidy rate for operations, elevating it from PHP150.00 to PHP500.00 per hectare or irrigated and planted area per cropping season.</p> <p>In a notable emphasis, the NIA Board stressed the importance of establishing a standardized unit of measurement for all facilities. This standardization is crucial to maintain consistency in measuring and defining the ideal requirement for all canal measurements.</p>	<p>Institutional Development Department (“IDD”)</p>	<p>The Management has completed the computation process, applying the established standardized measurement as required by the NIA Board.</p>	<p>For presentation during the 999th Regular Board meeting in January 2024.</p>
<p>994th Regular Board Meeting August 29, 2023</p> <p><u>For the Office of the Acting Department</u></p>	<p>Administrative Department and Human Resources</p>	<p>The relevant office is currently dedicated to fulfilling all the specified requirements</p>	<p>Upon recommendation by the NIA Executive</p>