



IERM FREE STATE BRANCH

Linking Municipalities, Government and Communities for Improved Livelihoods and Sustainable Environment



IERM FREE STATE BRANCH MEETING 1 OF 2014 AT WELKOM CLUB (Matjhabeng)

DATE: 21 FEBRUARY 2014

TIME: 10H00

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION NOTES	RESOLUTION/ ACTION
1. Opening And Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Deputy Chairperson, Mr. Pule Matsela officially opened the meeting at 10H20 and welcomed everyone present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
2. Introduction, Attendance and Apologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All attendees were requested to introduce themselves and attendance register was circulated for everyone to sign. (see attachment).Two apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All members to note.
2. Welcoming Note from Matjhabeng	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Me Matiro Mogopodi (Director from Matjhabeng L Municipality) gave us a warm welcoming note. She also raised a concern that within the Free State are we doing enough to recruit Horticulturist especially the disadvantaged group? Me Matiro encouraged this Branch to mobilize more Horticulturist as well as sharing more information within the Municipalities and sharing skills and expertise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">List of Qualified Horticulturist should circulate for all Municipalities to be able to contact them for future positions. See attached list.

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3. Speaker	<p>Me Thandeka Mantsengu from COGTA. She gave a highlight on the Regulations and bylaws that regulates Crematoria. She also highlighted changes on the present By-Laws and Application on Burials and Exhumations. Copies of the presentations will be sent to all members' emails. Challenges that affect Municipalities where approval of Exhumations is concerned were also raised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Me Thandeka will speak with her office to look at the communication challenges and that Municipalities must receive the Approval Letters for Exhumations before being sent to the applicants.
4. Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INCA All members of INCA joined SACA so there was no need to elect INCA member as it does not exist in the Free State Branch anymore. All Cemeteries members were affiliated under SACA, but they will still remain members of IERM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rendani Nedohe was elected to represent Free State Branch on the coming INCA meeting to explain there is no INCA in the Free State.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name change IPREC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No second name

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<p>5. Election of New Chairperson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members agreed that on counting the nomination forms, the higher number of nominations will be elected to be the Chairperson. • Nominations forms were distributed and names were chosen by people, on counting Mr. Pule Matsela had more numbers: 14 voters and 1 up stained, Mr. Rendani Nedohe had 10 voters and 5 for Me Soso Sepheka (withdrew due to operational reasons). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pule Matsela was then elected as Chairperson. • Mr. Rendani Nedohe was elected as Deputy Chairperson.
<p>6. Way-Forward and Future Topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are 24 Municipalities within Free State (21 without District Municipalities). There was a call to invite more Municipalities and involve Director of these Municipalities for better understanding of IERM and Projects. • Calendar of events must be compiled and distributed to all members. Greening Plan • We need to know the role of Sport, Art and Culture, Recreation in the establishment of Parks (need a representative to join us on the next meeting) • Rural Development Department are also developing Parks, what can we get more from their plan of Projects. • Need an exposure on different types of Horticultural Equipment. • Me Tladi will be invited to brief us on SETA Learnership • Relevance of Environmental Affairs from National Offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a request that the Branch should issue their invitations and that should include other Municipalities. • Me Matiro and Me Soso to assist with the invitations of Directors. • Mr. Ngxoweni from DAFF will assist us in this regard.

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7. Date Of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next branch meeting will be held on the 23 May 2014 at 10am in Welkom Matjhabeng Municipal offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Me Matiro will let us know if the venue will be changed
8. Closure	The Chairperson thanked everyone who was present and the meeting was adjourned at 13h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairperson