



## MAZABUKA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT MEETING TO UPDATE ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMMES HELD AT TENNIS CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2024, AT 10:00HOURS

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#### AGENDA

1. National Anthem / Prayer
2. Introductions
3. Welcoming remarks
1. Presentations from;
  - i. Director of Development Planning
  - ii. Director of Engineering Services
  - iii. Director of Finance
4. Pledges
5. National Anthem / closing prayer

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Nkombo Garry	Member of Parliament for Mazabuka Central Constituency
Mr Kalyanga Mathias	Area Manager-SWASCO
Ms Chuungu Ireen	Branch Manager-ZANACO
Ms Limwanya Constance	Stanbic Bank Manager-Mazabuka Branch
Mr Pupe Juda	Area Center Manager
Mr Ngazimbi David	Sugar Cane Manger-Nanga Farms
Mr Banda Lameck	Manager-Ilobezi
Mr Chileshe Eric	Acting Station Master
Mr Bbagoos	Bbagoos Group of Companies
Mr Liwoyo Christopher	Mazabuka Central Constituency Development Fund Committee Member
Mr Chilinga Burton	Director Burton farms
Ms Siisii Mcoshaph	Director MENJA farms
Mr Akombaetwa Joe	Director Sikalozya Farm
Bishop Ndhlovu	Pastors Fellowship
Bishop Mudaala Clement	Vice Chairperson Pastors Fellowship
Mr Ncheema Cornver	Director Creative
Mr Zulu Katongo	Area Manager-Zambeef
Ms Ngandu Beauty	Area Manager
Mr Habeenzu Lawrence	Manager-Stanbic Bank
Ms Samboko Eusteria	Branch Manager EUT Farms
Mr Mweemba Malungo	Station Manager South Power
Ms Nyoni Zulu Janet	Programme Manager

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Mr Miyanda Kingsley  
Mr Choongo Active  
Mr Mwiinga Namakando  
Ms Nachibbantu Chipo  
Ms Chibwe Helga

Marketing Manager  
Marketing Manager-Wave FM  
Reporter Byta FM Radio  
Reporter Mazabuka Radio  
Reporter South Power Radio

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Lilanda Vincent  
Mrs Mukwita Maambo Judith  
Mr Mwiinga Saul  
Mr Habeenzu Severino  
Mr Chaatila Onard  
Mr Mabinda Japhen  
Mr Hatimbula Ian  
Mr Munyaka Chemist  
Mr Tawanda Malambo Mike  
Mr Mweemba Emmerson  
Mr Mulomba Chinyama Oliver  
Mr Laki Gloryson  
Mr Muleya Kelvin  
Mr Muluma Edson  
Mr Mwiinde Allan  
Ms Yeta Wakunyambo

Mr Manda Benjamin  
Mr Chilala Bbalo  
Mr Sakala Wilson  
Ms Chizawu Chilombo  
Mrs Mubalu Kasweka  
Ms Mwale Chipego  
Mr Likolo Nasilele  
Mr Habwacha Shadreck  
Ms Banda Ethel

Ms Mubi Ceaser  
Ms Nzazi Ruth  
Mr Phiri Azwell  
Ms Kapembwa Kapambwe

## **DESIGNATION**

Mayor  
Town Clerk  
Deputy Mayor  
Councillor for Chizobo Ward  
Councillor for Mbaya Ward  
Councillor for Chivuna Ward  
Councillor for Munjile Ward  
Councillor for Mwanachingwala Ward  
Councillor for Nachipooma Ward  
Councillor for Munenga Ward  
District Commissioner  
Councillor for Bennie Mwiinga Ward  
Councillor for Nakambala Ward  
Councillor for Kalama Ward  
Director of Public Health – Mazabuka Council  
Director of Human Resource and  
Administration  
Director Engineering Services  
Director of Development Planning  
Director of Finance-Mazabuka Council  
Legal Advocate -Mazabuka Council  
District Community Development Officer  
District Disaster Management Officer  
D.P.I.O  
Committee Clerk  
Professional Assistant-Mazabuka Central  
Constituency Office  
Secretary-Mazabuka Council  
Public Relations Officer-Mazabuka Council  
Human Resource  
Assistant Committee Clerk

## **PRAYER**

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, Bishop Mudaala Clement, the Vice Chairperson for Pastors Fellowship, gave the opening prayer.

## **MCB/01/10/24 WELCOMING REMARKS**

Before the speeches, the programme Managers presented a highlight of the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting held the previous year of 2023.

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## **TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk welcomed everyone present. She expressed her gratitude for everyone who accepted the invitation. The Town Clerk informed everyone that, it was the second time Mazabuka Municipal Council was having the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting with the stakeholders. She indicated that, during the previous Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting, stakeholders such as Banks and Contractors were engaged. She informed stakeholders that, the previous donations were fulfilled and mostly were channeled to the Public Health Department that cleaned streets of Mazabuka District.

The Town Clerk acknowledged that, the cooperation was crucial because the Local Authority could not exist without stakeholders. The call value of the Local Authority was service delivery. She thanked the Councillors and Ward Development Committee members present who happened to be the pillars of development in the district.

The Town Clerk also informed everyone that, she was happy with the Government support received through the Constituency Development Fund disbursed for 2022 and 2023 because a lot of projects had been completed and handed over to the end users.

The Town Clerk further thanked the Government support, on the introduction of Cash 4 Work that, during the 2024/2025 rain season, the worst ever drought the country had experienced no one died of hunger.

**MCB/02/10/24**

## **SPEECHES**

### **i. AREA MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

The area Member of Parliament, Honorable Nkombo Garry welcomed everyone. He indicated that, the initiative started by Mazabuka Municipal Council Management of Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting, his wish was to replicate it even to other districts. However, he expressed his displeasure on the poor attendance for the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting for 2024, because the 2023 Meeting was well attended. Regardless of the poor attendance, the area Member of Parliament encouraged Mazabuka Municipal Council Management to continue inviting stakeholders for the betterment of the district.

Honorable Nkombo, also thanked the Councillors present for coming to hear for themselves. He informed the stakeholders that, from 1970's it was for the first time Mazabuka district to have 10km bituminous roads.

He also informed stakeholders that, Mazabuka Municipal Council had a full set of machinery to work on roads which was achieved because of the hard working and visionary leader, the President of the Republic of Zambia.

## **ii. HIS WORSHIP MAYOR**

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the second annual Cooperate Branch Interactive gathering that aimed at strengthening partnerships between the Local Authority and valued Local stakeholders.

He indicated that, the event was not just a social occasion but it was a platform for dialogue, collaboration and shared vision. He believed that, Mazabuka district to grow, the Business Community, the Civil Society and residents must work together. The Local Authority committed to transparency, accountability and inclusive development. Criticism and constructive feedback were welcome as it helped grow.

His Worship the Mayor also believed that, development was most successful when it was inclusive and consultative, hence valued moments of interaction to listen, share and plan together. When the Local Authority engaged, it aligned goals and used the resources to deliver better services, improve infrastructure and grow the local economy.

His Worship the Mayor recognized the key roles that the Constituency Development Fund played in driving local progress be it building schools, Markets, Clinics or empowering Women and Youth. However, the Mayor indicated that, the Constituency Development Fund alone was not enough and needed the continued support ideas and innovations from stakeholders.

His Worship the Mayor, encouraged everyone to use their opportunity of interaction to build lasting relationship and open channels of communication that would benefit the community even in future.

## **III. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER**

The District Commissioner thanked the Permanent Secretary of Local Government for having frequently visited Mazabuka district from the time was appointed.

The District Commissioner also thanked the Local Authority for the initiative because it was the major implementor of development for Mazabuka district. He wished the Local Authority to continue with the initiative and improve on service delivery. He re-echoed the

Presidents pronouncements that development laid on three components which were; Quality, Pricing and Timely of delivery.

## **PRESENTATION FROM DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

**MCB/03/10/24**

### **DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

The Director of Development Planning informed stakeholders that, Mazabuka District was predominantly driven by Agriculture activities. The Integrated Development Plan, a number of projects had been implemented. However, more needed to be done hence the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting was held to help meet the Local Government efforts.

The Director of Development Planning also indicated that, a number of projects such as Classroom Blook in schools, staff houses, Health facilities, Maternity Annex, Dams, Water Schemes, 5.8km Installation of Street Lights and modern Spray less had been done and handed over.

The Director of Development Planning indicated that;

- a) The Local Authority at Mazabuka Estate would build a smart city to promote local economy.
- b) The Community lacked clean water, poor road network and that gave an opportunity for the Cooperate world to supplement Government efforts.
- c) The benefits of Cooperate world would be;
  - ❖ Improvement on infrastructure
  - ❖ Job creation
  - ❖ Networking opportunity
- d) Under the 2024 Constituency Development Fund;
  - ❖ Had awarded Skills bursaries for both Mazabuka Central and Magoye Constituencies.
  - ❖ Disbursed Empowerment Loans
  - ❖ Cash 4Work meant to respond to the adverse impact of 2024/2025 farming season.
- e) The Director of Development Planning informed the stakeholders that, revision of the Integrated Development Plan was under way and invited for the implementation.

Thereafter,

The report of the Director of Development Planning was **NOTED**.

**PRESENTATION FROM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**MCB/04/10/24**

**2024 BUDGET PERFORMANCE AS OF 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.**

The Director of Finance presented the budget performance in terms of revenue collection which stood at 85.68 percent as of September 2024, from a flexed budget of K15,055,702.5 and collections of K12,899,877.20

The total budget performance was at 57.52 percent.

**2025 BUDGET PROJECTIONS**

The proposed 2025 budget for Mazabuka has been adjusted upwards by **30.92%** from K133,840,908 to K175,299,780. The upwards adjustment has been necessitated by the increased CDF, own source revenue is projected to increase by 112% from K20,074,270 to K42,710,187 and the Zambia devolution support program grant.

S/NO	REVENUE	APPROVED 2024 AMOUNT (k)	APPROVED BUDGET UPTO	BUDGET PERFORMANCE	PERFORMANCE	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	PERCENT AGE
1	Local Taxes	5,750,589	4,312,942	4,633,333	107	10,588,652	84.1%
2	Fees & Charges	3,213,550	2,410,163	2,967,729	123	3,275,393	1.9%
3	Licences	344,222	258,167	246,965	96	4,089,618	1088.1%
4	Levies	1,015,143	761,357	785,934	103	2,230,079	119.7%
5	Permits	1,064,766	798,575	835,748	105	1,360,395	27.8%
6	Charges	8,435,500	6,326,625	3,271,448	52	20,933,900	148.2%
7	Other Income	250,500	187,875	158,720	84	232,150	-7.3%
	<b>Total Own Source Revenue</b>	<b>20,074,270.00</b>	<b>15,055,702.50</b>	<b>12,899,877.20</b>	<b>85.68</b>	<b>42,710,187</b>	<b>112.8%</b>
8	Constituency Development	61,271,284	45,953,463	28,685,688	62	72,116,301.00	17.7%
9	National Support	52,495,354	39,371,516	16,156,708	41	60,403,292.00	15.1%
	<b>Total National Support</b>	<b>113,766,638.00</b>	<b>85,324,979</b>	<b>44,842,396.38</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>132,519,593.00</b>	<b>16.5%</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133,840,908.00</b>	<b>100,380,681.00</b>	<b>57,742,273.58</b>	<b>57.52</b>	<b>175,229,780.00</b>	<b>30.92%</b>

Thereafter,

The report of the Director of Finance was **NOTED**.

**MCB/05/10/24**

**OPEN FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- i. Stakeholders wanted to know if the Local Authority had a plan on online convenient way of paying bills.

**In response,** the Town Clerk explained that, it was not easy to graduate because of resistance in certain areas like Revenue collectors who somehow had personal benefits. However, Management for Mazabuka Municipal Council was working tirelessly and would soon go paper less.

- ii. Stakeholders requested for improved accessibility on the Constituency Development Fund forms such to intensify on sensitization.

**In response**, the Town Clerk explained that, the Constituency Development Fund projects were started at grassroots. Sensitization Meetings had been called and unfortunately the community had shined away. She encouraged everyone to take keen interest in publication of the Constituency Development Fund projects. The Town Clerk added that, the Local Authority publicized the Constituency Development Fund programs on radio programs and community engagements.

Further, the Civil Society being the institution in touch with vulnerable people, appreciated works done by the Mazabuka Local Authority because some people had benefited through the Constituency Development Fund, Cash 4 Work program and that had transformed lives of people.

The Churches were happy with services provided by the Mazabuka Local Authority. The Church advised the Local Authority to reduce on beurocracy as well to speed up on completion and commissioning of the Constituency Development Fund projects.

- iii. Stakeholders wanted to know if there were specific time frames for contractors to finish working on projects.

**In response**, the Director of Engineering Services explained that, time lines were there and his offices followed contract guidelines. The Director added that, the contractor to work on Township roads.

**MCB/06/10/24**

## **PLEDGES**

**1) Stanbic Bank**, pledged to build Mothers Shelter at Mazabuka General Hospital. The Bank Manager informed everyone that, in 2023, the Bank also participated in the Cooperate Branch Interactive meeting in making Zambia, Clean, Green and Health campaign and had donated Wheel bins. The Bank also mobilized resources to build a staff house at Hamayuwa.

## **2) Civil society-Peoples Action forum;**

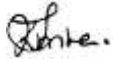
- ❖ Pledged water project in Siyowi that would cost One Million (K1.000.000.00).
- ❖ On sanitation, the Tractor to be used for Worst collection for 2 months.

❖ Construction of Bus shelter near the station

Thereafter,

The pledges from Stanbic bank and the Civil Society people's  
Action was **NOTED**

Having no other business to transact, the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting was  
closed at 14:27 Hours.



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**JUDITH MUKWITA MAAMBO (MRS)**  
**TOWN CLERK**

21/10/2024

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**DATE**