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MINUTES OF THE 161st REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, 10:00 AM AT THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO, KABACAN, COTABATO AND VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

PRESENT:

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| HON. DESIDERIO R. APAG III Commissioner, CHED | - Chairperson |
| Hon. JONALD L. PIMENTEL, PhD President, USM | - Vice-Chairperson |
| Hon. PHLORITA A. RIDAO Regional Director, DEPDev XII | - Member |
| Hon. WILLIE JONES B. SALILING President, USM Faculty Association | - Member |
| Hon. MARY ADELINE T. SAGAYNO President – University Student Government | -Member |
| Hon. PAUL JOHN B. ONGCOY President, USM Alumni Association | -Member |
| Hon. RENE P. VILLARICO Private Sector | - Member |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. LORNA REGINA B. LEGARDA Chairperson, Senate Committee on Education, | - Member |
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E. RESOURCE GENERATION MATTERS

1. Request for Authority to Utilize Accumulated Fund 06 from Year 2021 to 2024 for infrastructure and agricultural projects

Resolution No. 130, Series of 2025

APPROVING THE UTILIZATION OF ACCUMULATED FUND 06 FOR STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) has accumulated resources under **Fund 06** from income-generating projects and other entrepreneurial undertakings during the years 2021 to 2024;

WHEREAS, in line with the University's thrust for institutional sustainability, enterprise growth, and agricultural productivity, it is proposed to utilize a portion of the accumulated Fund 06 to finance priority projects, namely:

1. Establishment of the Resource Generation and Entrepreneurial Services (RGES) Office and Display Center;
2. Establishment of the USM Centralized Nursery, and;
3. Purchase of Motor Vehicles

WHEREAS, these projects aim to:

1. Strengthen institutional enterprise management and product promotion;
2. Improve logistics and market access;
3. Enhance agricultural productivity and operational efficiency; and
4. Ensure sustainable production of high-quality seedlings for academic, extension, and enterprise purposes;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for these projects totals **₱18,473,442.13**, of which **₱17,500,000.00** shall be utilized for project implementation, while the remaining **₱973,442.13** shall be retained in Fund 06 for contingencies and other future priority income-generating projects;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing and on motion duly seconded, be it:

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RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents of the University of Southern Mindanao hereby approves the utilization of Fund 06 in accordance with the proposed projects, budget, and objectives;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the University Administration is authorized to implement the projects, procure the necessary resources, and undertake all activities necessary to operationalize the RGES Office and Display Center, acquire the truck and tractor, and re-establish the central nursery, with oversight, monitoring, and evaluation as provided by the RGES Office and relevant coordinating units.

a. Construction of Resource Generation and Entrepreneurial Services (RGES) Office and Display Center

Resolution No. 130-B, Series of 2025

APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESOURCE GENERATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SERVICES (RGES) OFFICE AND DISPLAY CENTER

WHEREAS, the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) continuously pursues initiatives to strengthen its income-generating projects (IGPs) and entrepreneurial ventures to support instruction, research, extension, and production functions;

WHEREAS, the absence of a centralized office and display facility has limited the effective monitoring, branding, and marketing of university enterprises;

WHEREAS, the proposed *Resource Generation and Entrepreneurial Services (RGES) Office and Display Center* aims to establish a physical hub that will serve as the center for enterprise development, product promotion, and coordination of all resource generation activities of the university;

WHEREAS, the project will provide office spaces, display halls, storage areas, and meeting rooms to facilitate planning, monitoring, and showcasing of university-produced products and services;

WHEREAS, the initiative is expected to improve visibility and branding of USM products, centralize enterprise monitoring, increase revenue through enhanced marketing channels, and strengthen linkages with partners, clients, and industries;

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WHEREAS, the total project cost amounts to **Seven Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱7,200,000.00)**, to be funded under **Fund 06 (New Projects Allocation)**;

WHEREAS, the project has been duly endorsed by the University Resource Generation and Management Committee (URGMC) and the Administrative Council (AdCo) for approval by the Board of Regents;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing and on motion duly seconded, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents of the University of Southern Mindanao **approves** the Construction of the Resource Generation and Entrepreneurial Services (RGES) Office and Display Center with a total project cost of ₱7,200,000.00 under Fund 06;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the University President be authorized to sign all necessary documents, contracts, and communications pertinent to the implementation of the project, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

b. Proposal for the Establishment of University of Southern Mindanao – Centralized Nursery (USM- Central Nursery)

Resolution No. 130-C, Series of 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO – CENTRALIZED NURSERY (USM-CENTRAL NURSERY)

WHEREAS, the University of Southern Mindanao (USM), as a leading institution in agricultural research, development, and extension, has long contributed to the region’s agricultural advancement through the production of high-quality, certified planting materials;

WHEREAS, due to the suspension of nursery operations in recent years, there remains a strong and continuing demand from stakeholders, including the Provincial Government, Local Government Units (LGUs), and farmers, for USM-produced planting materials known for quality and certification compliance;

WHEREAS, the re-establishment of the **USM-Central Nursery** aims to revive the University’s nursery operations to meet the demand for certified and registered planting materials, strengthen

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agricultural productivity, support poverty reduction efforts, and promote environmental sustainability in line with the Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) programs;

WHEREAS, the proposal seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Revive the USM nursery and establish a centralized system for the production and distribution of USM-certified planting materials;
2. Promote the utilization of registered and certified crops to enhance productivity and sustainability;
3. Support research and development initiatives on high-value crops; and
4. Provide livelihood opportunities to nursery stakeholders while generating sustainable income for the University;

WHEREAS, the **USM-Central Nursery** shall limit its production to seedlings and planting materials registered and certified by the BPI and DA, including rubber, cacao, coffee, rambutan, durian, lanzones, mangosteen, pomelo, dragon fruit, and other high-value crops, thereby ensuring adherence to quality standards;

WHEREAS, based on the submitted proposal, the estimated total project cost amounts to **₱461,543.00**, covering personnel services, supplies and materials, and utilities, while the projected annual income amounts to **₱1,524,250.00**, yielding a net income of **₱1,005,327.00** and a return on investment (ROI) of 193.7% within the first year of operation;

WHEREAS, the re-establishment of the USM-Central Nursery will contribute to the University's mission of promoting agricultural innovation, environmental sustainability, and community development, while serving as a reliable source of quality planting materials for local and regional stakeholders;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing and on motion duly seconded, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents of the University of Southern Mindanao hereby **APPROVES** the proposal for the establishment of the USM-Centralized Nursery (USM-Central Nursery) as presented;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the concerned offices shall ensure compliance with applicable government rules and regulations in the implementation of this project, including those of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Commission on Audit, and other regulatory bodies.

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c. Purchase of Motor Vehicles

Resolution No. 130-D, Series of 2025

APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE MOTOR VEHICLE: CARGO HAULER TRUCK AND FARM TRACTOR WITH IMPLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the University of Southern Mindanao (USM), through its Business Development Center (BDC), manages various income-generating projects (IGPs) that support the university's academic, research, and extension mandates;

WHEREAS, the efficient operation of these IGPs has been constrained by limited logistical capacity and insufficient farm mechanization, resulting in delays, higher operational costs, and reduced productivity;

WHEREAS, to address these challenges, the BDC has proposed the acquisition of one (1) cargo hauler truck and one (1) farm tractor with implements to improve operational efficiency, enhance productivity, and strengthen the university's income-generating capacity;

WHEREAS, the acquisition of said vehicles will significantly contribute to:

- a) Timely and cost-effective transport of agricultural products;
- b) Mechanized land preparation and farm management;
- c) Increased revenue generation and reduced operational costs;
- d) Enhanced instruction, research, and extension support; and
- e) Expanded service delivery to partner farmers and communities;

WHEREAS, the total required budget for the purchase amounts to **₱9,800,000.00**, broken down as follows: **₱5,300,000.00** for one (1) forward cargo hauler truck and **₱4,500,000.00** for one (1) farm tractor with implements;

WHEREAS, the proposal has been evaluated and favorably endorsed by the University Resource Generation and Management Committee (URGMC) and the Administrative Council for approval by the Board of Regents (BOR);

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RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents of the University of Southern Mindanao **approves the** proposal for the Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicle: Cargo Hauler Truck and Farm Tractor with Implements, and authorizes the University to submit a formal request for issuance of the Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicle (ATPMV) to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), consistent with Administrative Order No. 14, s. 2018, and other applicable government regulations;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the management and utilization of said vehicles shall be assigned to the Business Development Center (BDC) under a centralized system of monitoring, scheduling, and maintenance to ensure proper use and accountability.

F. PROJECTS

1. Confirmation of Awarding of Contract for Services Projects

Resolution No. 131-A, Series of 2025

CONFIRMATION OF AWARDING OF CONTRACT FOR A SERVICES PROJECT

Confirming the awarding of the contract to **Infinivan Inc.**, and the granting of authority to the University President to sign subsequent documents appertaining to the goods project, **Procurement of 1-Year Leased Line Direct Internet Access Subscription**, amounting to **one million three hundred twenty five thousand one hundred eighty four pesos (Php1,325,184.00)** for the Main Campus, Kabacan, Cotabato, sourced from **Fund 05**, subject to the availability of funds; compliance with Republic Act No. 9184 and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), Republic Act No. 8292 and its IRR, and other pertinent rules and regulations; and inclusion in the University's Program of Receipts and Expenditures as approved by the Board.

Resolution No. 131-B, Series of 2025

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