



MINUTES OF JOINT-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND WAYS & MEANS and COMMITTEE ON TRADE & INDUSTRY, LIVELIHOOD AND LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

MARCH 18, 2026

Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources:

Chairperson: Hon. Glennon I. Pegollo

Committee on Appropriations and Ways & Means

Chairperson: Hon. Cesar Ryan G. Nazareno

Committee on Trade & Industry, Livelihood and Labor & Employment

Chairperson: Hon. Ryan O. Flores

GUEST:

Engr. Rona M. Dela Cruz
Municipal Engineer

Mr. Michael Caesar A. Alcantara
OIC-MENRO

Ms. Ailysse Camille Penu
Municipal Treasurer

Mr. Noel A. Dorego
Corp. Affairs Head - Jin Navitas Solaris Inc.

Ms. Jem Boreng
Corp. Communication Supervisor -Jin Navitas Solaris Inc.

SUBMITTED BY:

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SUBJECT:

THE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH JIN NAVITAS SOLARIS INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT LIVELIHOOD FUND (DLF) AND THE RESTORATION, WATERSHED MANAGEMENT, HEALTH AND/OR ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT FUND (RWMHEEF)

The meeting was called to order at 9:26 AM by the Committee Chairperson Glennon I. Pegollo, with the presence of Committee on Appropriations and Ways & Means Chairperson Hon. Cesar Ryan G. Nazareno, Engr. Rona M. Dela Cruz (Municipal Engineer), Mr. Michael Caesar A. Alcantara (OIC-MENRO), Ms. Ailysse Camille Penu (Municipal Treasurer), Mr. Noel A. Dorego and Ms. Jem Boreng representative from - Jin Navitas Solaris Inc.

During the meeting, the Committee discussed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Naic and Jin Navitas Solaris Inc. (SOLARIS) concerning the Naic Solar Rooftop Power Facility project located at Pasinaya Homes, Barangay Sabang, Naic, Cavite. It was noted that the format of the MOA follows the guidelines issued by the Department of Energy (DOE), particularly Energy Regulation No. 1-94 (ER 1-94), which provides financial benefits from power generation projects to Host Local Government Units (LGUs), thereby requiring an agreement between the host LGUs and the power generation proponent.

The Committee was informed that the DOE issued a new circular in October 2025 providing additional provisions on the implementation of such projects. It was explained that some host beneficiaries previously encountered difficulties in opening trust accounts, prompting the DOE to simplify the process through coordination with the Land Bank of the Philippines, which will assist host beneficiaries in opening the required trust account. The requirement for an initial maintaining balance of ₱10,000.00 or ₱20,000.00 was also removed.



It was further discussed that the share of the Host LGUs was increased from ₱0.01 to ₱0.03 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity sold by the generation company within their jurisdiction.

The Committee clarified that the amount to be received by the LGU from Jin Navitas Solaris Inc. shall not be considered as municipal income but as a donation or grant, since the amount will be placed in the municipality's trust fund. As a trust fund, the amount shall be used only for its intended purpose. The Development and Livelihood Fund (DLF) shall be used for livelihood and community development programs, while the Reforestation, Watershed Management, Health and Environment Enhancement Fund (RWMHEEF) shall be used for environmental and health-related projects. It was also stated that the donation from Jin Navitas Solaris Inc. will be remitted quarterly.

The following allocation for DLF and RWMHEEF was noted:

Community and People Affected – 5% , Host Barangay – 20% , Host Municipality – 35% , Host Province – 30%, Host ICC – 5%, and Host Region – 5%

The Committee was also informed that Jin Navitas Solaris Inc. has additional projects planned in Barangay Labac and Barangay Muzon, which will commence upon completion of all required permits and clearances. It was noted that Pasinaya Homes has approximately 1,986 housing units with solar installation, while the planned projects in Barangay Muzon and Barangay Labac are expected to be about three times larger.

It was explained that the Host Barangay is required to open its own trust account since its share will be directly deposited to the barangay, which will also determine the projects to be funded. The share intended for the Community and People Affected will be coursed through the Homeowners Association (HOA), which must also open a trust account and propose projects in accordance with the allowable projects listed by the DOE.

During the discussion, it was proposed by Ms. Penuis (Municipal Treasurer) that in the MOA provision concerning the opening of the trust fund account with Land Bank, the term "Province of Cavite" be replaced with "Municipality of Naic" for specificity. It was also proposed by SB Member Nazareno that the Municipality of Naic open only one trust fund account instead of separate accounts. The representative of Jin Navitas Solaris Inc. agreed, provided that if an existing trust fund account is already available, the same may be used with a separate ledger for the project. The Committee also discussed the need for the Sangguniang Bayan to pass a Resolution authorizing the opening or use of a trust fund account of the Municipal Government of Naic as the host beneficiary of funds under ER 1-94. This is intended to ensure the proper, transparent, and accountable management of the funds and their use for projects that will benefit the affected communities and the people of Naic.

The representative of Jin Navitas Solaris Inc. further suggested that under the new DOE circular, compliance may be done either through a MOA or through a Resolution. The Committee clarified that when the LGU enters into an agreement with a private company, a Memorandum of Agreement is required, and the Sangguniang Bayan must pass a corresponding resolution approving the same. It was also suggested that the Resolution should specify the projects to be funded in accordance with Section 10 of Department Circular No. DC2025-10-0023 for DLF and RWMHEEF.

Finally, the Committee recommended that Jin Navitas Solaris Inc. submit a revised Memorandum of Agreement in order to correct, clarify, and properly align the aforementioned provisions, and to ensure that all terms, conditions, and responsibilities of the parties concerned are consistent with existing laws and with the best interests of the Municipal Government of Naic before the same is presented for the appropriate approval of the Sangguniang Bayan.

In addition, the Committee likewise recommended the approval of the draft resolution authorizing the opening of a trust account under the Municipal Government of Naic as the host beneficiary of the funds allocated pursuant to Energy Regulation No. 1-94, in order to ensure the proper, transparent, and accountable management of said funds for programs beneficial to the community.

There being no other matters discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM.