

LAWS OF SARAWAK

ONLINE VERSION OF UPDATED TEXT OF REPRINT

Chapter 64

REGIONAL CORRIDORS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ORDINANCE, 2006

Incorporating all amendments up to 5th February, 2021

REGIONAL CORRIDORS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ORDINANCE 2006

Date Passed by Dewan Undang Negeri	_	21st November, 2006
Negeri		21st November, 2000
Date of Assent		11th December, 2006
Date of Publication in <i>Gazette</i>		26th December, 2006

LAWS OF SARAWAK

Chapter 64

REGIONAL CORRIDORS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ORDINANCE 2006

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

PART I PRELIMINARY

Section

- 1. Short title and commencement
- 2. Interpretation

PART II

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORRIDORS AND AUTHORITIES

- 3. Declaration of regional development corridor
- 4. Regional Corridor Development Authority
- 5. Status of a Regional Corridor Development Authority
- 6. Composition and organization of a Regional Corridor Development Authority
- 7. Corporate seal, dealings and affairs
- 8. Regulations governing a Regional Corridor Development Authority

PART III

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

- 9. Functions and duties of a Regional Corridor Development Authority
- 10. Powers of a Regional Corridor Development Authority
- 11. Vesting of land
- 12. Compulsory acquisition
- 13. Ministerial directions
- 14. Native status

2 CAP. 64

PART IV

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

~	
10	ction

15.	Appointment	of Chief	Executive	Officer
10.	Appointment	or Cilici	LACCULIVE	OHICCI

- 15A. Appointment of other officers, employees and other persons
- 16. Delegation of powers
- 17. Standing orders
- 17A. Discipline and discriplinary procedure
- 18. Personal immunity
- 19. Public Authorities Protection Act 1948
- 20. Public servants
- 21. Obligation of secrecy

PART V

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

- 22. Financial and accounting procedure
- 23. Fund of the Authority
- 24. Expenditure from the Fund
- 25. Accounts and audit
- 26. Estimates

PART VI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 27. Legal representation
- 28. Prosecution
- 29. Rules

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 30. [Deleted by Cap. A154]
- 31. Dissolution

SCHEDULE

LAWS OF SARAWAK

Chapter 64

REGIONAL CORRIDORS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ORDINANCE, 2006

An Ordinance to provide for the creation of regional corridors for development and the establishment or appointment of Authorities for such corridors in Sarawak, the roles and functions of such Authorities, and for connected and incidental matters.

[1st August, 2008] *(Swk. L.N. 46/2009)

Enacted by the Legislature of Sarawak—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Regional Corridors Development Authorities Ordinance, 2006, and shall come into force on such date as the Chief Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Ordinance—

"Authority" means an Authority constituted and appointed under section 4 for the purpose of this Ordinance;

"body corporate" means any body, corporation or authority constituted or incorporated under any State law;

"Chairman" means a Chairman of an Authority appointed under section 6(1), and includes any person appointed by the Minister to temporarily discharge the duties of a Chairman;

[Sub. Cap. A154, Am. Cap. A176/2017]

"Chief Executive Officer" means the person appointed under section 15 and includes any officer for the time being acting in or covering the duties of the Chief Executive Officer;

[Sub. Cap. A154]

"Government" means the Government of the State of Sarawak;

"land" has the same meaning assigned to it in the Land Code [Cap. 81 (1958 Ed.)];

"local authority" and "local authority area" shall have the same meanings assigned to these expressions in the Local Authorities Ordinance, 1996 [Cap. 20];

"member" means a member of a Regional Corridor Development Authority appointed under section 6(1), and includes its Chairman;

[Sub. Cap. A154, Am. Cap. A176/2017]

"Minister" means the Chief Minister or any Member of the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri who has been assigned by the Chief Minister, to have the responsibilities for regional development;

"regional corridor" means any region or area within Sarawak declared under section 3 as a regional development corridor for the purpose of this Ordinance;

"Secretary" means the Secretary of a Regional Corridor Development Authority appointed under section 6(5);

"State Planning Authority" means the body established under section 228 of the Land Code [Cap. 81 (1958 Ed.)].

(2) In this Ordinance, a reference to the Yang di-Pertua Negeri shall be construed as a reference to the Yang di-Pertua Negeri acting in accordance with the advice of the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri or of a member of the Majlis acting under the general authority of the Majlis.

PART II

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORRIDORS AND AUTHORITIES

Declaration of regional development corridor

- **3.** Where, in the opinion of the Minister—
- (a) there is a need to accelerate the industrial and economic development of any region or area in the State;
- (b) the development of such region or area in the State shall be better co-ordinated;
- (c) there shall be more expeditious and efficient mobilization and optimizing the utilization of the water, hydropower and other natural resources of the State to facilitate the development of that region or area;
- (d) the plans and projects of such development are to be implemented in accordance with the specific direction and policies of the Government to realize the development potentials of any region or area; and
- (e) it is expedient and in the interests of the State that a regional development corridor be created,

he may, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare that region or area, to be specified and described in such notification, to be a regional development corridor, for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Regional Corridor Development Authority

- **4.** When an area has been declared a regional development corridor, the Yang di-Pertua Negeri shall, by notification in the *Gazette*, either—
 - (a) constitute a Regional Corridor Development Authority for the regional development corridor and provide a name for that Authority; or
 - (b) appoint a body corporate to be the Regional Corridor Development Authority for that regional development corridor.

Status of a Regional Corridor Development Authority

- **5.**—(1) Each Regional Corridor Development Authority shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a corporate seal, and shall have power to purchase, acquire, hold, manage, deal with and dispose of movable and immovable property, and to sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (2) Each Authority shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities conferred or imposed by this Ordinance, provided that—
 - (a) such powers, duties and responsibilities shall be exercised within the regional corridor under its jurisdiction and management;
 - (b) (i) if a body corporate is appointed a Regional Corridor Development Authority under section 4(b), that body corporate shall be subject to the provisions of this Part and shall have all the functions and powers conferred by Part III in addition to the functions and powers vested in that body corporate by the law under which it was incorporated;
 - (ii) in the event of any inconsistency between the law incorporating that body corporate and Parts II and III, the provisions hereof shall prevail.

Composition and organization of a Regional Corridor Development Authority

- **6.**—(1) A Regional Corridor Development Authority shall consist of—
 - (a) a Chairman; and
 - (b) not less than seven and not more than twelve other members;

[Sub. Cap. A154, Sub. Cap. A176/2017]

(c) [Deleted by Cap. A176/2017]

to be appointed by the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri.

- (2) The members of an Authority shall hold office for a term of not exceeding three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the appointment of a member of a Regional Corridor Development Authority shall cease—
 - (a) upon his death;
 - (b) if he has been adjudged a bankrupt by a court of competent jurisdiction;
 - (c) if his appointment is revoked by the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri;
 - (d) if because of ill health or unsoundness of mind he is unable to discharge the duties attached to his office as a member;
 - (e) if he absents himself for three consecutive meetings of the Authority without approval of the Minister;
 - (f) if he has been convicted of any offence under any law relating to fraud, dishonesty or corruption; and
 - (g) if he resigns by letter addressed to the Minister.

- (4) No person shall be appointed as a member of a Regional Corridor Development Authority unless he is a citizen of the Federation of Malaysia, is over the age of 21 years and on the date of his appointment he has not been convicted by a court in Malaysia for any offence under any law relating to fraud, dishonesty or corruption.
- (5) A Regional Corridor Development Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a Secretary who shall have such duties and functions as may be assigned to him by this Ordinance or by the Authority from time to time.

Corporate seal, dealings and affairs

- **7.**—(1) The corporate seal of a Regional Corridor Development Authority shall be in the custody of the Secretary.
- (2) The corporate seal of an Authority shall be authenticated by the signature of its Chairman or any other member specially authorized by that Authority and the Secretary, and when so authenticated, shall be judicially and officially noticed.
- (3) All documents and instruments which are not required by any written law to be executed under seal, may be executed on behalf of a Regional Corridor Development Authority by the Chairman or any other member of the Authority and the Secretary or the Chief Executive Officer.

[Sub. Cap. A154]

(4) All statutory records and minutes of all meetings and proceedings of a Regional Corridor Development Authority shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary.

Regulations governing a Regional Corridor Development Authority

8.—(1) A Regional Corridor Development Authority shall regulate its affairs and proceedings in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule.

(2) The Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, amend or vary any of the provisions in the Schedule.

PART III

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Functions and duties of a Regional Corridor Development Authority

- **9.**—(1) Subject to this Ordinance and to any direction issued by the Minister, it shall be the function and duty of a Regional Corridor Development Authority—
 - (a) to implement, coordinate or oversee the implementation or execution of development plans or schemes or projects approved by the State Planning Authority or any other government agency for any regional corridor;
 - (b) to adopt and carry out measures and schemes to ensure that development within a regional corridor is coordinated with schemes, projects, facilities and infrastructures, both existing or planned, in an adjoining district or area;
 - (c) to promote, stimulate, facilitate and coordinate industrial and economic development within a regional corridor;
 - (d) to promote, develop and manage industrial and commercial estates within a regional corridor and other amenities, facilities and infrastructures supporting the industries and business therein;
 - (e) to develop, plan, implement or provide strategies and systems for efficient and expeditious delivery or transportation of resources and materials needed by industries and businesses established or to be established in a regional corridor;

- (f) to collaborate or to act jointly or in joint venture with other government bodies or agencies or private sector in the development of the estates referred to in paragraph (d) and also in the promotion of industrial and commercial activities, undertakings, schemes or enterprises within a regional corridor and to participate in or assist in the development, production and supply of resources and materials, whether found or available within or outside the regional corridor, required by industries and commercial enterprises located within that corridor;
- (g) to provide, manage, and maintain facilities and amenities for persons residing or employed within a regional corridor and to maintain a healthy, clean and conducive living environment for such persons;
- (h) to make recommendations or proposals to the Government on development plans, schemes and projects to be implemented within a regional corridor in order to enhance or accelerate the growth and progress of that corridor and to realize the development potentials or opportunities thereof; and
- (i) to undertake such other functions as the Minister may from time to time direct.
- (2) An Authority may, by Order made by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri, have such or any of the powers, functions and duties conferred upon a local authority under the Local Authorities Ordinance, 1996
- [Cap. 20] or under any written law relating to road transport and public health.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsections (1) and (2), an Authority shall also have such powers and functions as may be conferred upon it by any other written law.

Powers of a Regional Corridor Development Authority

- **10.** For the purposes of the discharge of its functions and duties under section 9, a Regional Corridor Development Authority shall have power—
 - (a) to draw up, prepare and formulate plans, projects and schemes for the development of the area under its responsibility or jurisdiction;
 - (b) to examine, scrutinize and comment upon plans or proposals submitted for development by other persons or properties, to be undertaken within a regional corridor or to make appropriate recommendations in relation thereto, to the State Planning Authority or any other relevant agency of the Government;
 - (c) to construct and complete buildings, premises, structures, facilities, amenities and infrastructures within a regional corridor that are needed to carry out its duties or functions:
 - (d) to devise and plan schemes and systems and to enter into arrangement with any third party for the efficient and expeditious supply, delivery and shipment of resources and materials for industries and commercial enterprises in a regional corridor and for the transportation or shipment of goods or materials manufactured, assembled or produced in the regional corridor:
 - (e) to acquire, hold, deal with, lease or sublease any property belonging to or acquired by the Authority or vested in it;
 - (f) to undertake activities for promoting investment in any regional corridor;

- (g) with the approval of the Minister, to incorporate companies, or acquire interests in companies for the purposes of facilitating or accomplishing the performance of its functions and duties:
- (h) to invest its funds or other resources belonging to the Authority, in such manner as that Authority, with the approval of the Minister, deems fit and proper, provided that such investments shall always be in accordance with the provisions of the Statutory Bodies (Financial and Accounting Procedure) Ordinance, 1995 [Cap. 15];
- (i) subject to this Ordinance, to employ such persons on such terms and conditions of employment as may be necessary for the discharge or performance of its functions and duties and to pay such persons salaries, allowances and other benefits in accordance with section 24(c);
- (*j*) to appoint agents, consultants and advisors on such terms and conditions as the Authority may approve;
- (k) subject to the provisions of any other written law, to grant or issue any licence, permit or authorization for any activities, events, undertakings, enterprises or works carried out or held within a regional corridor;
- (*l*) to award any contract or to engage or appoint any contractor to undertake any works or projects upon such terms and conditions as the Authority may determine; and
- (*m*) generally, to do all such other acts as may be reasonably necessary for the exercise or performance of all or any of the functions, duties or powers of the Authority under this Ordinance or under any other written law and to perform any other functions which are incidental or conducive to the attainment or furtherance of the objectives of this Ordinance.

Vesting of land

11. The Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, vest in an Authority, for the purposes of carrying out its functions and duties under this Ordinance any land belonging to the Government. Any such land vested in the Authority which ceases to be used for the purposes stated in the vesting order shall revert to the Government without payment of compensation.

Compulsory acquisition

- 12.—(1) Land, not being State land, required for the purposes of carrying out any of the functions of a Regional Corridor Development Authority under this Ordinance may be acquired by the Government in accordance with the provisions of Part IV of the Land Code [Cap. 81 (1958 Ed.)].
- (2) Where land over which native customary rights have lawfully been exercised is required for the purposes of this Ordinance, such rights may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Land Code [Cap. 81 (1958 Ed.)] or surrendered to the Government under section 15 thereof, for the purposes of vesting or alienation to a Regional Corridor Development Authority or any person or corporation carrying out or implementing any project, industry or enterprise approved by the Authority.
- (3) The purpose for which land is acquired pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deemed to be a public purpose under the Land Code [Cap. 81 (1958 Ed.)].
- (4) The expenses and compensation in respect of any land acquired or customary rights terminated pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be paid by the Authority or by the person or corporation to whom the land may be alienated under subsection (2).

Ministerial directions

- 13.—(1) In the discharge of its functions and the exercise of its powers, a Regional Corridor Development Authority shall comply with any direction, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, given by the Minister and shall duly give effect to all such direction which shall be binding upon the Authority.
- (2) A Regional Corridor Development Authority shall furnish to the Minister such information, accounts and records of its activities, dealings and financial affairs, as he may require from time to time.

Native status

14. A Regional Corridor Development Authority shall, for the purposes of the Land Code *[Cap. 81 (1958 Ed.)]*, be deemed to be a native of Sarawak.

PART IV

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

- 15.—(1) A Regional Corridor Development Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a fit and proper person on such terms and conditions as it may determine, to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority.
- (2) The Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief administrative officer of the Authority, and shall have the general control and supervision of all other officers and employees of the Authority.

- (3) The Chief Executive Officer shall, subject to any direction of the Authority in relation to the execution of functions vested in the Authority by this Ordinance, be responsible for the administration and management of the affairs of the Authority and to carry out such other duties and responsibilities as the Authority or the Minister may from time to time assign to him.
- (4) If the Chief Executive Officer is temporarily absent from Sarawak or temporarily incapacitated by reason of illness or for other sufficient reasons temporarily unable to perform his duties, any other officer may be appointed by the Minister to act in the place of the Chief Executive Officer or to cover the duties of the post during any such period of absence from duty.

Appointment of other officers, employees and other persons

15A. The Regional Corridor Development Authority may—

- (a) appoint such number of other officers and employees on such terms as to remuneration or otherwise as the Authority may consider necessary for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Authority, and may terminate their service or exercise disciplinary control over them in accordance with their terms and conditions of service, and subject to the provisions of this Ordinance; and
- (b) engage and remunerate for their services such advisors or other persons as the Authority may consider necessary for carrying out its functions and duties under this Ordinance.

[Sub. Cap. A154]

Delegation of powers

16. A Regional Corridor Development Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, delegate any of its powers, functions or duties to the General Manager or to a committee comprising such number of members and officers of the Authority and any other person as the Minister may approve. For the purpose of this section, "officers" shall include the General Manager and the Deputy General Manager.

Standing orders

- 17.—(1) A Regional Corridor Development Authority may make standing orders for the following matters relating to its officers and employees:
 - (a) their terms and conditions of service;
 - (b) their pensions or other superannuation benefits of their employment;
 - (c) their conduct and discipline;
 - (d) other privileges and benefits which may be accorded to them;
 - (e) the organizational structure of an Authority and their job description and scope of duties and functions; and
 - (f) any other matters affecting their welfare and interests.
- (2) For the purpose of this section, "officer" shall include the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority.

[Sub. Cap. A154]

(3) Until and unless standing orders are made pursuant to subsection (1), the State Public Service General Orders, 1996 [Swk. L.N. 1/96], or any re-enactment thereof, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall apply, with such modifications as the Minister may direct, to all officers and employees of the Authority.

[Ins. Cap. A154]

Discipline and disciplinary procedure

17A. The provisions of the Statutory Bodies (Conduct and Discipline) Ordinance, 2004 [Cap. 57] shall apply to the Chief Executive Officer and other officers and employees of the Authority.

[Add. Cap. A154]

Personal immunity

18. No member, officer or employee of a Regional Corridor Development Authority thereof or any other person whomsoever acting under or carrying out the direction of the Authority shall be personally liable for any act or default of the Authority done or omitted to be done in good faith and without negligence in their employment with the Authority.

Public Authorities Protection Act 1948

19. The Public Authorities Protection Act 1948 [Act 198] shall apply to any action, suit, prosecution or proceedings against a Regional Corridor Development Authority or against any member, officer, employee or agent of the Authority in respect of any act, neglect or default done or committed by him in such capacity.

Public servants

20. All members, officers and employees of a Regional Corridor Development Authority while discharging their duties as such, shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code [Act 574].

Obligation of secrecy

- 21.—(1) Except for the purpose of this Ordinance or of any criminal proceedings under this Ordinance, no member, officer or employee of a Regional Corridor Development Authority shall disclose any information which has been obtained by him in the course of his duties and which has not been published in pursuance of this Ordinance.
- (2) Any person contravening the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence: Penalty, a fine not exceeding five thousand ringgit or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both.

PART V

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

Financial and accounting procedure

22. The Statutory Bodies (Financial and Accounting Procedure) Ordinance, 1995 *[Cap. 15]* shall apply to every Regional Corridor Development Authority in the management of its financial affairs and in the management and maintenance of their financial and accounting records and procedures.

Fund of the Authority

23.—(1) A Regional Corridor Development Authority shall maintain a Regional Corridor Development Fund (in this Part called "the Fund") which shall be under the control of the Authority and shall be managed and controlled in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

(2) There shall be paid into the Fund the following:

- (a) any revenues obtained or received by the Authority including, where applicable, revenues which the Authority has obtained or derived from the performance of any functions or duties as a local authority in accordance with the Local Authorities Ordinance, 1996 [Cap. 20];
- (b) any grant provided or loans and advances to the Authority by the Government of Malaysia or of Sarawak;
- (c) such funds as may be specifically allocated to the Authority in the implementation of any plan, scheme or project by the Authority;
- (d) such sums as may be appropriated from time to time for the purpose of the Authority by the Dewan Undangan Negeri;

- (e) such sums as may from time to time be borrowed by the Authority, with the approval of the State Financial Authority, for the purpose of meeting any of its obligations or discharging any of its functions or duties;
- (f) any income or revenue derived or obtained by the Authority from the sale or disposal of any assets of such Authority or in the discharge of its functions or exercise of its powers under this Ordinance;
- (g) any fees, rentals or other levies collected by the Authority in connection with the exercise of any of its powers under this Ordinance or under any written law;
- (h) any donations or contributions from whatever source provided to or given to the Authority; and
- (i) any other sums or funds which may in any manner become payable to or vested in the Authority in respect of any matter incidental to its powers or functions.
- (3) All moneys in the Fund shall be lodged with and maintained in appropriate types of accounts with licensed banks in Malaysia or invested in such manner as the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, determine.

Expenditure from the Fund

- **24.** The moneys from the Fund shall be used—
- (a) to implement or carry out and complete all plans, schemes and projects in respect of which the Regional Corridor Development Authority has, or is entrusted, to implement, carry out or complete either by itself or jointly with other parties;
- (b) to perform or discharge all functions and duties of the Authority;

- (c) to pay all remuneration, benefits and privileges of, or accorded to members, officers and employees of the Authority and for payment of fees and other sums due to or claimed by contractors, agents, advisors and consultants engaged or appointed by the Authority;
- (d) to repay any loan, liabilities or other borrowings of the Authority including interests and financial charges accrued thereon;
- (e) to undertake approved and lawful investments, and acquisition of shares or interests in companies or property both movable or immovable for the purpose of this Ordinance; and
- (f) to pay any other expenses lawfully incurred in the discharge or performance of its functions under this Ordinance.

Accounts and audit

- **25.**—(1) A Regional Corridor Development Authority shall keep or cause to be kept proper accounts and other records in respect of its activities and shall cause to be prepared a statement of accounts in respect of each financial year.
- (2) The accounts of the Authority shall be audited annually by the Auditor General or such auditor or auditors as may be appointed by the Authority with the approval of the Minister.
- (3) At the end of each financial year and so soon as the accounts of the Authority have been audited, the Authority shall cause a copy of any observations made by the Auditor General or other auditor appointed under subsection (2) on the statement or on the accounts of the Authority to be transmitted to the Minister who shall with the approval of the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri cause the same to be laid before the Dewan Undangan Negeri.

Estimates

- **26.**—(1) The financial year of a Regional Corridor Development Authority shall commence on the 1st January and end on the 31st December of each year.
- (2) The expenses of the Authority up to such amounts as may be authorized by the Minister for any one year shall be defrayed out of the Fund.
- (3) Before the beginning of September of each year, an Authority shall submit to the Minister an estimate of the expenses for the following year in such form and with such particulars as the Minister may require; and the Minister shall, during the month of November of that year, submit such estimate to the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri for approval.
- (4) An Authority may at any time submit to the Minister a supplementary estimate for any one year and the Minister may allow the whole or any part of the expenditure included therein and notify the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri accordingly.

PART VI GENERAL PROVISIONS

Legal representation

- **27.**—(1) In respect of any civil proceedings by or against a Regional Corridor Development Authority—
 - (a) the State Attorney-General or any State Legal Officer authorized by him; or
 - (b) an advocate appointed by the Authority; or
 - (c) an officer of the Authority duly authorized in writing by its chief executive officer,

may appear and represent the Regional Corridor Development Authority in such proceedings before any court.

(2) For the purpose of this section "civil proceedings" include an arbitration conducted under the Arbitration Act 2005 [Act 646] and any proceedings where the court exercises its additional powers under section 25(2) of the Courts of Judicature Act 1964 [Act 91].

Prosecution

28. Prosecution in respect of offences committed under this Ordinance or its subsidiary legislation or any written law applicable to and enforced by a Regional Corridor Development Authority, may be conducted by the Public Prosecutor or any person authorized by him under section 377(*b*) of the Criminal Procedure Code [*Act* 593].

Rules

- **29.**—(1) A Regional Corridor Development Authority may, with the approval of the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri, make such rules as it may deem expedient or necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance and for the discharge or performance of its functions and duties and the exercise of its powers.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), such rules may provide for—
 - (a) fees or other charges for any licence, permit, authorization which a Regional Corridor Development Authority is empowered under this Ordinance or any other written law to issue or grant;
 - (b) the forms and mode of application to be made in respect of these licences, permits and authorization;
 - (c) penalties for offences prescribed by this Ordinance or its rules, and the compounding of such offences;
 - (d) powers of investigation of such offences and incidental matters;
 - (e) investment of its surplus funds; and

(f) award of contracts or appointment of contractors, agents, consultants and advisors.

PART VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

30. [Deleted by Cap. A154]

Dissolution

- **31.**—(1) The Yang di-Pertua Negeri may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, dissolve a Regional Corridor Development Authority constituted under section 4(*a*) and he shall also in such Order appoint and name a person or corporation to manage, administer, distribute or otherwise deal with the assets and liabilities of that Authority for the purposes of its dissolution.
- (2) The person or corporation appointed under subsection (1) shall, in the performance of his duties, act in accordance with and give effect to the directions of the Minister and subject thereto, have all the powers conferred upon a liquidator appointed under the Companies Act 1965 [Act 125].

SCHEDULE

(Section 8)

Meetings

- 1.—(1) The quorum of any meeting of a Regional Corridor Development Authority ("the Authority") shall be five including the Chairman or Deputy Chairman.
- (2) If for any question to be determined by the Authority there is an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.
- (3) Subject to subparagraphs (1) and (2) and paragraph 2, the Authority shall regulate its own procedures.

Frequency of meeting

- 2.—(1) Except with the written approval of the Minister, the Authority shall hold at least two meetings in every calendar year.
- (2) Meetings of the Authority shall be called by the Chairman and notice of such meetings shall be issued and signed by the Secretary or any person specifically authorized by the Secretary.

Authority may invite others to meetings

3. The Authority may request any person (not being a member of the Authority) to attend any meeting or deliberation of the Authority for the purpose of advising it on any matter under discussion, but any person so attending shall have no right to vote at the said meeting or deliberation.

Minutes

- 4.—(1) The Authority shall cause minutes of all its meetings to be maintained and kept in a proper form.
- (2) Any minutes made of meetings of the Authority shall, if duly signed, be admissible in evidence in all legal proceedings without further proof and every meeting of the Authority in respect of the proceedings of which minutes have been so made shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held and all members thereat to have been duly qualified to act.
- (3) Members are entitled to copies of such minutes but shall not, without the permission of the Chairman, transmit, distribute or permit access thereto, to any person who is not a member of the Authority.

Principal office

- 5.—(1) The Authority shall have a principal office within the regional corridor over which it has responsibility or jurisdiction. No change in the principal office may be effected without the prior written approval of the Minister.
- (2) The minutes of the Authority, its common seal and all its statutory and accounting records shall be kept at the principal office.

Validity of acts and proceedings

- 6. No act done or proceeding taken under this Ordinance shall be questioned on the ground of—
 - (a) any vacancy in the membership of, or any defect in the establishment of, the Authority;
 - (b) the contravention by any member of the Authority of the provisions of paragraph 8; or
 - (c) any omission, defect or irregularity not affecting the merits of the case.

Fees and privileges of members of an Authority

7. There shall be paid to members of a Regional Corridor Development Authority such remuneration, allowances and benefits as the Minister may determine from time to time.

Disclosure of interests

8. A member of the Authority whether directly or indirectly, by himself or his spouse or children, having any interest in any company or undertaking with which the Authority proposes to make any contract or whether directly or indirectly having any interest in any such contract or in any matter under discussion by the Authority shall disclose to the Authority the fact of his interest and the nature thereof, and such disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Authority and, unless specifically authorized thereto by the Chairman, such member shall take no part in any deliberation or decision of the Authority relating to the contract or matter.

[List of Amendments]

LAWS OF SARAWAK

Chapter 64

REGIONAL CORRIDORS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ORDINANCE, 2006

LIST OF AMENDMENTS

Amending Law	Short Title	In force from
Swk. L.N. 46/2009	Date of Commencement of the Ordinance	1.8.2008
Cap. A154	Regional Corridors Development Authorities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2012	5.6.2012
Cap. A176/2017	Regional Corridors Development Authorities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017	1.1.2018