

The Board of Directors of the Zamboanga City Electric Cooperative (Zamcelco) is expected to appoint tomorrow during its regular board meeting a new general manager, a post left vacant almost four years ago.

After the ouster of erstwhile GM Reynerio Ramos, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) has designated only Project Supervisors (PS) with capacity as acting general manager to look into the operation of the cooperative.

NEA first designated Jesus Castro Jr. as PS, but after some controversies, he was replaced by Charito Mabitasan. Mabitasan did not stay long in the office and was replaced by Engineer Sherwin Maniada.

Maniada is up to the present serving Zamcelco as acting general manager.

Zamcelco President Omar Sahi said the board officially received a communication from NEA last Monday recommending five applicants for the position of general manager.

Among the five, Engineer George Ledesma, a Zamboangueno, got the highest rate of 80 percent and was the only one who passed the examination and interviews conducted by NEA early this year. He was also the only one who passed the psychological examination administered by the University of the Philippines.

Ledesma is the president of the Industrial Group of Zamboanga.

However, the final decision would still come from the Zamcelco board which will happen tomorrow afternoon, according to Sahi.

“There is really a need for us to decide now. The position has been left vacant for almost four

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years now. We need someone to run the cooperative by a permanent GM and not by acting or a project supervisor only," Sahi said.

Zamcelco board is composed of five directors representing different districts, to wit: Omar Sahi (president) representing district 6, Efren Perez (D-4), Agustin "Jun" Graciano (D-3), Victor Lioso (D-2) and Ernesto Perez of D-7. —Jimmy Villaflores