

Minutes of the 325th meeting of KWA held on 24/08/2009 at 11.30 a.m. in the Conference Hall, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.

Members Present:

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| 1. Sri. K. Jayakumar IAS | Chairman |
| 2. Sri. Illickal Augusty | Member |
| 3. Sri. C. Ravindran | Member |
| 4. Sri. M. S. Gopakumar | Member |
| 5. Sri. T. P. Mohanlal | Technical Member |

Leave of Absence:

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| 1. Sri. Velayudhan Vallikkunnu | Member |
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Special Invitee:

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| 1. Smt. Susan Jacob | Chief Engineer (HRD & GL) in full additional charge of Managing Director |
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Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 324th Meeting held on 30/06/2009

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 324th meeting held on 30/06/2009.

Item No. I (2) Review of Action Taken on the previous Board meeting decisions

The Authority reviewed the action taken report of its decisions taken in earlier Authority meetings. The Authority noted with displeasure on the attitude of the officers of Kerala Water Authority in reporting details requested by the Authority. In the case of details requested about the persons working as contract labourers in KWA, the details are yet to be received from some of the officers. So also details regarding transfer of single panchayat schemes to the local bodies. These details are pending from 12 against 27 Divisions. The Authority observed that this kind of attitude cannot be tolerated under any circumstances. Hence the Authority directed the Managing Director to obtain the explanation for their lapses in submitting the report requested by the Authority from the defaulting officers and place before the next meeting. Regarding the details of contract labourers the Managing Director assured that a note will be presented in the next Authority Meeting with the details available in Kerala Water Authority.

The Authority observed that even though the water supply scheme to Azhekode and adjoining panchayats has been commissioned months back, distribution of water supply in some area is practically nil. Frequent breakage in the distribution system is very high there by inviting criticism from the local people as well as from the people's representatives. If a technical solution is not evolved the entire expenditure incurred for the scheme will become infectious. Hence the Authority directed the Managing Director to study the entire matter including technical problem in detail and propose permanent remedial measures so that there will be sufficient water supplied through the scheme.

The Authority also noted that the details regarding the total number of flats in Trivandrum and Cochin area provided with water supply from the system of Kerala Water Authority along with its consumption pattern were requested to be presented before the Board. But no details were presented. The Authority hence directed the Managing Director to present the details in the next Authority meeting.

Item No. I (3)

KWA – JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project –Progress Reports

The Authority noted the progress of works on the JICA projects and after detailed discussions the Chairman directed that he will be reviewing the works under JICA projects as noted below

1. Review of Meenad and Cherthala projects.
Venue - at Kollam on 17/09/2009.
2. Review of Kozhikkode and Pattuvam projects,
Venue - at Kozhikkode on 24/09/2009.

It is also directed that a review of works related to Chavara - Panmana projects under EAP will also be taken on 17/9/2009 and directed the Managing Director to make arrangements for the meetings.

Item No. II (1)

Cash Flow Statement for the period 01/04/2009 to 30/06/2009

Res. No. 8206

The Authority discussed the overall financial position of KWA based on the notes presented before it. The Authority expressed its concern on the financial expenditure incurred till date especially for the JICA and NABARD projects against the budget provision. The Managing Director informed the Authority that sufficient funds are not being released by the Government requested from time to time for making payments

for already executed works. Once sufficient funds are received, payments can be released thereby incurring expenditure. The Authority was also informed that already request was submitted to Government for an additional non-plan grant for Rs. 145.25 crores to meet the revenue deficit owing to the hike in salaries and pensions, making power charges and pre-payment of loans from financial institutions. The Authority after discussions **resolved to request the Government to sanction an additional non-plan grant of Rs. 145.25 crores to meet the revenue deficit during the current year.**

Item No. III (1) Administrative Sanction for the procurement of Bleaching Powder required for treatment process of water for the period from January to December 2010 – prior approval

Res. No. 8207 The Authority **resolved to issue Administrative Sanction for the purchase of 2500 MT of bleaching powder for an approximate cost of Rs3.5crores for the year 2010.**

Item No. III (2) Administrative Sanction for the procurement of Alum required for treatment process of water for the period from January 2010 to December 2010 – prior approval

Res. No. 8208 The Authority **resolved to accord Administrative sanction for the procurement of 3000 MT Alum through open tender system for the year 2010.**

Item No. III (3) Supply of bleaching powder by M/s Kunnath Chemicals Aluva – loss sustained by KWA due to fire mishap occurred in the Division store at Pazhavangady, Alappuzha – sanction sought for to write off the loss

Res. No. 8209 The Authority noted the item in detail and observed that the samples of bleaching powder supplied by the firm M/s Kunnath Chemicals Aluva on testing revealed the presence of calcium chloride which when exposed to fire or heat will explode. Hence the Authority came to the conclusion that the explosion/fire occurred to the bleaching powder supplied by the firm is merely because of the presence of calcium chloride and hence the request for payment for the lot cannot be admitted. The Authority **resolved not to approve the proposal for making payment to the supplier for the damaged quantity and to write off the loss. The Authority further resolved to present the technical aspects in the court against the case filed by the supplier for getting released the payment.**

- Item No. IV (1)* *Promotion of Junior Superintendent as Divisional Accountant without producing the Certificate of Account test higher issued by Kerala Public Service Commission*
- Res. No. 8210** The Authority noted the item in detail. The Authority observed that the relaxation to the standing orders given to Smt. Sheelamma D'costa was due to the inability of the Kerala Public Service Commission to issue the certificate which they had intimated Kerala Water Authority in writing as a very special case. Moreover she had produced the certificates subsequently and the action regularized. But in the requests now received does not specify such conditions. Hence the Authority **resolved to decline the request of Sri E. T. Varghese and Smt. A. P. Rajalekshmi which is against the Government Order No. GO (MS) No. 356/78/GAD dated 29/7/1978 and to stick on to the rules laid down on the said Government Order.**
- Item No. IV (2)* *Payment of Bonus/Special Festival allowance 2008-09 to the Employees/Pensioners and Family Pensioners and Onam advance for the year 2009 to the Employees of KWA.*
- Res. No. 8211** The Authority **resolved to extend the benefit of G.O.(P)No. 345/2009/Fin. dated 14.8.2009, G.O.(P)No. 346/2009/Fin. dated 14.8.2009 and G.O.(P)No.347/2009/Fin dated, 14.08.2009 to the employees of Kerala Water Authority.**
- Item No. IV (3)* *Leave Without Allowance for better employment abroad – extension request-Sri.Jayakumar.A, Assistant Engineer (on LWA)*
- Res. No. 8212** The Authority noted the item in detail and **resolved not to extend LWA for 5 more years as requested by Sri. Jayakumar. A**
- Item No. IV (4)* *Leave Without Allowance for better employment abroad - Extension-request-Sri. Arifudeen.P.U., Meter Reader (on LWA)*
- Res. No. 8213** The Authority noted the item and **resolved to extend the LWA granted to Sri. Arifudeen P. U, Meter Reader till 31/12/2009 for rejoining duty considering that he is yet to receive his final settlement from the company where he was working due to the recession in the financial market.**
- Item No. IV (5)* *Waving of Liabilities (HBA) in respect of Sri.Gopakumaran Nair (late), Head Operator died - in -harness while working at Filter House under Water Works Central Sub Division, Thiruvananthapuram*

Res. No. 8214 The Authority resolved to write off Rs. 2376/- (Rupees Two thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Six only) towards house building advance interest of Sri. M. Gopakumaran nair, head Operator who expired on 31/05/2007 while working at Water Works Filter House under Central Sub Division as per GO (P) No. 591/97/Fin dated 17/06/1997 and GO (P) No. 5/99/Ird dated 03/02/1999.

Item No. IV (6) Excess amount incurred to the official residential Telephone No.2572533 of Smt.Kala.N.L, Law Officer

Res. No. 8215 The Authority noted the item in detail and resolved to admit reimbursement of telephone bills admissible as per order No. KWA/HO/E14/11294/07 dated 15/12/2007 only.

Item No. IV (7) Residential telephone to be converted as official residence phone for the FM&CAO

Res. No. 8216 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the conversion of is personnel residential phone bearing No. 2592886 as official residential phone of the FM & CAO, Kerala Water Authority with effect from 24/7/2009 as per the existing terms and conditions.

Item No. IV (8) Compassionate Employment Scheme conversion of category post – Sri. Joseph.V.Arogyaraj

Res. No. 8217 The Authority discussed the item in detail. The Managing Director informed that even though Sri. Joseph V. Arogyaraj was recommended by the District Collector on Compassionate Employment Scheme for posting as Ist Grade D'Man for which he is having the qualification he was given posting as 2nd Grade D'Man. However he is represented that since he has got the sufficient qualification to be posted as 1st Grade D'Man he may be given re-fixing his initial appointment in this cadre. The matter was reported to Government and the Government directed to take a decision on GO (P) No. 12/99/P&ARD dated 24/5/1999. In the meantime the petitioner has moved the Court for re-dressal of his complaint. The Authority noted that there were similar cases where subsequent accommodation were given over the initial appointment. Considering all these aspects the Authority resolved as follows.

Sri. Joseph V. Arogyaraj is appointed as D'Man Grade I on the date of his actual appointment under Compassionate Employment Scheme without benefit of arrears.

Res. No. 8218

The Authority noted the minutes of SLSC Meeting held on 22/6/09 and the notes presented before it. The Authority resolved to accord Administrative Sanction for 10 schemes amounting to Rs. 551.31 lakhs as noted below.

1. Improvements of RWSS to Cheriyanadu Panchayath in Alappuzha District - Rs.422 lakhs
2. For sustainability of Water sources - 8 schemes as noted below

Sl. No.	Name of scheme	Estimate Amount in Lakhs
SOUTHERN REGION		
1	Improvements of Vilavoorkkal Water Supply Scheme. Construction of weir and repacking of infiltration gallery	29.00
2	RWSS to Tholicode- Repacking of infiltration gallery and desilting of well	4.00
3	RWSS to Uzhamalackal - Repacking of infiltration gallery and desilting of well and maintenance of pump house	3.00
4	Renovation of Choked Infiltration Gallery and Slow Sand Filter at Kumily RWSS	10.00
5	Renovation of Choked Slow Sand Filter at Parasala WSS	16.10
6	Repacking of Infiltration Galleries at RWSS to Kulathummal, Kattakkada & Kallikkadu and desilting the collecting well	7.50
NORTHERN REGION		
7	DAWSS to Edappal and adjoining Grama panchayaths-Source improvement-Providing additional infiltration gallery	35.00
8	ARWSS to Ezhavathiruthy and adjoining panchayaths - construction of temporary bund at head works site at Nariparamaba.	18.50
	TOTAL	123.10

3. Setting up a sub-divisional laboratory at Alleppy considering the quality problems in that area - Rs.6.23 lakhs

- Item No. V (2)* *State Public Sector Undertakings-Rate of Sitting fee to the Official Directors/ Members of Public Sector Undertakings / Statutory Boards etc –Revision*
- Res. No. 8219** **The Authority resolved to adopt G.O (P) No. 325/09/Fin dated 6/8/09 of the Finance (PU-C) Department in Kerala Water Authority also.**
- Item No. V (3)* *IA No.5837/00 in O.S.85/71 filed by Mohammed Fathima before Principal Sub Judge, Thiruvananthapuram*
- Res. No. 8220** **The Authority resolved to approve an amount of Rs.15,000/- to Sri.C.K.Sivasankara Panicker, Senior Civil Lawyer through Adv.Ambikadevi as consultation fee.**
- Item No. V (4)* *വാട്ടർ വർക്ക്സ് സിമ്മിംഗ് പൂളിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനം കാര്യക്ഷമമാക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഉപദേശക സമിതി രൂപീകരണം സംബന്ധിച്ച്*
- Deferred.
- Item No. V (5)* *Printing and supply of book on Jalam – Payment for design of cover*
- Res. No. 8221** **The Authority noted the item and resolved to approve an amount of Rs. 6000/- for designing cover page for the book ‘Jalam’ by M/s Mediamate, Thiruvananthapuram. The above expenses shall also be met from the Sujala Programme of CCDU.**
- Item No. V (6)* *Release of Tender notice and other display Advertisements to Malayala Manorama daily letters from Chief General Manager (Marketing) M/s. Malayala Manorama Kottayam and Senior Manager, Marketing, Malayala Manorama TVPM.*
- Res. No. 8222** **The Authority resolved to release advertisements to Malayala Manorama (Kerala Edition) at DAVP rate fixed from time to time by Government of India.**
- Item No. V (7)* *മംഗളം എഡിഷൻ 5- ൧൦ പിറന്നാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ പരസ്യം നൽകുന്നത് സംബന്ധിച്ച്.*
- Res. No. 8223** **മംഗളം ദിനപത്രത്തിന്റെ തിരുവനന്തപുരം എഡിഷന്റെ 5- ൧൦ പിറന്നാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ 5000 രൂപയുടെ ഡിസ്പ്ലേ പരസ്യം മംഗളം പരസ്യ വിഭാഗം മാനേജർക്കു നൽകിയ നടപടി ശരിവെക്കുന്നതിനും പരസ്യം ചിലവായ 5000 രൂപ നൽകുന്നതിനും തീരുമാനമെടുക്കുന്നു.**

Item No. V (8) CWSS to Manimala and adjoining villages – Design, Construction and Commissioning of 9 mld treatment plant at Kulathinkal –non execution of work

Res. No. 8224 The Managing Director informed the Authority that the work of construction of 9mld water treatment plant – Design, Construction and Commissioning - was awarded to M/s. Blue Chip Constructions at an amount of Rs. 282 lakhs with a period of completion of 18 months from the date of agreement. Accordingly the contractors executed the agreement on 26/07/2008. However the site for the construction could not be handed over to the firm till date. The site identified for the treatment plant is covered with hard rock and the Panchayat Authorities who had given the land had agreed to execute site leveling work which could not be completed in time. The leveling work is still going on. Now the contractors had requested for an escalation of 30% over the agreed PAC, ie., Rs. 366.60 lakhs or relieve them from executing the work after giving a compensation of Rs. 50 lakhs towards the losses already suffered by them. The estimate for the work was re-casted based on SoR 2009 which works out to Rs. 324.74 lakhs. The additional amount now claimed by the contractor over the re-casted estimate comes to Rs. 41.86 lakhs. The Authority observed that it cannot take a decision on the matter as such and a Government consideration is necessary on the issue. Hence the Authority **resolved to refer the whole issue to Government for consideration and appropriate decision.**

Item No. V (9) World Bank Aided QWSS construction of 37.7 lakh litre capacity O.H.tank cum office building at Anandavalleswaram, Kollam – Payment of damage with interest to M/s. TRIO Builders – Settlement proposal.

Res. No. 8225 The Authority noted the item in detail. The Managing Director informed that the suit filed by M/s. TRIO Builders has been referred to the Legal Service Committee of the Kerala High Court. The Authority in principle agreed with the Managing Director to settle the issue on evolving a better consensus and as far as possible not exceed the amount payable as per the earlier MoU signed on 18/11/2004. The Authority after discussions **resolved to authorize Managing Director for an amicable settlement in the next Lok Adalath with the plaintiff on the issue at the minimum amount based on Memorandum of Understanding signed on 18/11/2004.**

Item No. V (10) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project - Second revision of the Consultancy Services Contract - Extension of time and additional cost

The Authority noted the item in detail and directed the Managing Director to give further notes on the expenditure already incurred to the consultancy item wise and the expected expenditure in the next meeting for its consideration.

Item No. VI (1) ARWSS to Augmentation of Kuttanad Water Supply Scheme – Design, Construction and Commissioning of 14 mld output capacity treatment plant at Neerattupuram – tender

Res. No. 8226 The Authority noted the item in detail. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the tender was invited based on a rough cost estimate prepared in 2007 and after that there were considerable change in rates both for labour as well as materials. The Authority noted that the rate offered by the lowest tenderer is Rs. 912 lakhs over the tendered PAC of Rs. 475 lakhs which works out to about 92% above. The Authority after discussions **resolved to recommend the tender submitted by the lowest bidder M/s. J & B Engineering & Construction Company, Thiruvalla for an amount of Rs. 831.25 lakhs which works to 75% over the tendered PAC to Government for approval provided the contractor is willing to take the work at this amount.**

Item No. VI (2) KWA – Estt – Advice for appointment of Lower Division Clerk – Smt. Vijaya.M.V. – Request for extension of joining time for a period for 90 days.

Res. No. 8227 The Authority noted the item and **resolved to extend the joining time for 90 days upto 29.08.2009 to Smt.Vijaya.M.V. who is under order of appointment as Lower Division Clerk in this organization.**

Item No. VI (3) KWA - Estt - Leave Without Allowance for better employment abroad – extension

Res. No. 8228 The Authority noted the item in detail and **resolved not to extend LWA for 5 more years as requested by Sri. Prasad Kurian, Assistant Engineer on leave.**


SECRETARY


CHAIRMAN