

**Minutes of the 333rd meeting of KWA held on 16/02/2010 at
02.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Kerala Water Authority,
Thiruvananthapuram.**

Members Present:

1. Dr. A. Jayathilak, IAS	Chairman
2. Sri. Illickal Augusty	Member
3. Sri. C. Ravindran	Member
4. Smt. Susan Jacob	Managing Director
5. Sri. T. P. Mohanlal	Technical Member
6. Sri. S. Sunil Raj, IA&AS	Accounts Member

The Authority noted the request for leave of absence received from Sri. Velayudhan Vallikkunnu, Member and granted the leave of absence

Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 332nd Meeting held on 05/02/2010

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 332nd meeting held on 05/02/2010.

The Managing Director tabled the details of pumps and motors requiring replacement as a part of energy conservation as agreed in the 332nd meeting. The Authority, after verifying the list noted that it does not cover the details as required from all the divisions and directed the Managing Director to place a comprehensive list showing pump sets older than 15 years requiring replacement and other pumps of lesser age requiring frequent repairs for its consideration.

Item No. I (2) Review of Action Taken in the previous meetings

The Authority reviewed the Action Taken Report presented before it in detail as noted below.

1. The Managing Director informed that there are only a few revised estimates that can be placed before the next meeting specially convened for considering pending revised estimates. Many REs are pending in the Head Office which require proper scrutiny before submission to the RE Committee. The Authority directed that a special team may be constituted if required in the Head Office for verifying the REs and placing before the RE Committee. The Authority directed the Managing Director to collect the list of REs pending in each

office of KWA and present it in the next meeting. If there are no pending REs in a particular office a NIL statement may be given.

2. The Authority observed that in many of the ATRs submitted it has been reported that the details requested from subordinate offices are either not received or that sufficient details are yet to be received. This is not a desirable situation and needs immediate remedial measures. The indifferent attitude shown by subordinate officers in submitting details asked for by the Authority will be viewed seriously and will attract appropriate disciplinary action. The Authority further directed the Managing Director to direct all such officers to submit the required details immediately for presenting in the next meeting itself. If any of the Chief Engineers fail to submit the details, their personal explanation shall also be obtained and presented in the next meeting.

3. The Managing Director informed the Authority that M/s. Federal Bank had come forward with a proposal for revenue collection from KWA consumers by debiting the dues from the accounts of their customers without any collection charges. The necessary MoU is being executed and software up gradation for transferring data is complete. It is expected to officially launch the same by 24th of this month. The Authority enquired whether it is possible to collect the water charges from consumers of KWA who are not account holders of Federal Bank. The Accounts Member informed that this can be done through an e-payment provider like Bill desk. Managing Director informed that Federal Bank is also expected to offer a payment gateway facility within a month's time. The Authority directed the Managing Director to request M/s. Bill Desk to give a presentation on their services in the next meeting. The Authority further directed that the e-payment facility has to be operationalised as quickly as possible so that the facility is available to all the consumers by 1st April 2010. It was also directed that e-payment shall be mandatory for all tenders invited by KWA from 1st April 2010 onwards.

at no extra cost to the Authority.

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4. The Authority observed that the action on Res. No. 8321 is not complete and hence it cannot be treated as closed. The Authority directed the Managing Director to submit the proposal as required by the resolution for technically pre-qualifying contractors for different types of works.

The Authority also informed me that

No tender is to be brought to the Authority for sanction until (after 1.4.10) if e-payment had not been part of the tender process.

5. The Authority directed the Managing Director to arrange for the presentation of (i) the software prepared for estimation of works related to KWA developed by the Engineers of KWA in the next meeting and (ii) the PMS software developed by TCS for project monitoring. The Authority also enquired whether the facility given by M/s. KEONICS, Bangalore can be extended for evaluation of tenders and can be integrated with the PMS software we are having.

6. The Authority directed that one of the Engineers of KWA shall be deputed to study the manner in which the building of TERI was constructed at New Delhi so that the technology can be adopted in the CCU Building to be constructed by KWA.

7. The Authority directed the Managing Director that the following details shall also be included in the cash-flow statement placed before it.

- (i) Division wise O&M expenditure for the particular month.
- (ii) Expenditure for repairs of pumps and motors.

8. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the KSEB is insisting on clearance of all current dues before any changes are effected in the existing assessed demand. Due to shortage of funds KWA is not in a position to clear all the dues. However all efforts are being taken to clear the dues at least in the major centres like Aluva and Aruvikkara so that the demand is adjusted as per usage

9. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to ~~explore the possibility of taking~~ reading of water meters remotely and directed to ask TEC to explore the availability and adaptability of such technology with in a reasonable cost.

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10. The Authority also expressed its concern and displeasure on the reports submitted to the Government in many cases relating to recommendations of COPU, VACB etc which are inordinately delayed. This leads to situations where the delinquent officers are allowed to retire on superannuation without any action being initiated on them while they were in service. The Managing Director was directed to avoid such delays in future and ensure that prompt action is taken on recommendations of COPU, VACB etc. PAC,

The Authority directed the MD to place a list of such officers in the next Board Meeting.

Item No. I (3)

*Disciplinary Actions during 2000-2009**serious alarm & extreme*

The Authority noted with displeasure the manner in which the note on disciplinary actions taken during the last 10 years was presented before it. The information which was asked for was the list of major and minor penalties imposed on employees during the last ten years. A perusal of the list of minor penalties revealed that warnings of various types have been listed as penalties. Similarly fine has been imposed as a penalty. For cases relating to swindling of government money the charged officer has been let off with the penalty of remitting back ^{a portion} some of the money so swindled. In some cases of misappropriation of revenue the officers have been penalised with censure, while in a case of misbehaviour the penalty imposed is transfer. A serious case of amassment of wealth has been let off with strict warning. Even exoneration has been listed as a penalty. The Authority summoned the Deputy Chief Engineer (Vigilance) in person and informed its displeasure.* The Authority enquired about the procedure followed in disposal of cases referred to it by the vigilance committee. It expressed its concern over the procedures being followed with regard to disciplinary enquiries. After discussions the Authority directed the Managing Director to place a revised note in the next meeting along with the following details.

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1. Communication received from VACB/PAC/PUC for initiating disciplinary proceedings against Employees of *date* KWA - date of receipt of communication, details of action *wise* taken ~~along with date~~ and date of final disposal. *+ manner*
2. Incumbency details of members of vigilance committee during the period 2000 - 2009 for each of the cases, their recommendation, the decision of the then Managing Director.
3. Whether a domestic enquiry was conducted for each of the cases listed in the note. *under KCS (CCA) Rules*
4. Details of Inquiry officer and Presenting officer/Defending officer if any, in each of the cases.

Item No. II (1)

Review of billing and Collection for the month of November 2009

The Authority noted that the DCB statement placed before it pertains to the month of November 2009 even though it is February 2010. From the statements it is difficult to find out

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The DyCE ^{correctly} list out
 couldn't ~~specify~~ the various major & ~~minor~~ ^{minor} penalties under the KCS (CCAT) Rules &
 stated that she needed to refer to the 'book'.
 She was warned by the Authority not to
 treat Board notes in a cavalier fashion & to
 learn the various provisions of the Rules she is
 supposed to implement.

divisions where revenue collection is ~~less than~~ target/demand. The Authority after discussions directed the Managing Director that the DCB statement hereafter placed shall be of the previous month and to present an executive summary indicating percentage achievement for the month and cumulative total for the year, details of offices where the revenue collection is consistently low during a specific period etc.

The Authority further directed to ~~explore whether it is feasible to~~ obtain DCB statements through e-mail from division offices so that the delay in getting data can be avoided.

Item No. II (2) *Agreement between M/s. Kudumbasree Director & KWA Managing Director for engaging Meter readers - Enhancement of rate.*

Res. No. 8420 The Authority noted the item in detail and resolved to **approve the proposal for enhancing of rate/meter payable to meter readers employed on daily wages through Kudumbasree as noted below which is in line with the Government order GO (P) No.307/2009/Fin dated 27/07/2010, enhancing the wages of employees appointed on daily basis.**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Existing rate /meter</u>	<u>Revised rate /meter</u>
Corporation	170/40 Rs. 4.25	200/40 Rs.5/-
Municipality	170/35Rs. 4.85	200/35 Rs.5.71
Panchayat	170/30 Rs.5.67	200/30 Rs.6.67

Item No. III (1) *Third Party inspection/pre - delivery inspection of AC/PVC/CI/DI/SW/GI/MS/RCC & HDPE pipes and other materials to be procured by the Kerala Water Authority - Administrative Sanction*

Res. No. 8421 The Authority noted the item in detail and resolved to **accord administrative sanction for inviting tenders for concluding contract for Third party inspection / pre - delivery inspection of AC/PVC/CI/DI/SW/GI/MS & HDPE pipes and other materials, purchased by the Kerala Water Authority directly or through contractors, in the case of supplying and laying works, during the year**

2010-2011. The Authority further directed the Managing Director to see that suitable conditions are incorporated in the NIT for the work to make the inspection agency also accountable for any defect noticed, at a later stage, in the materials supplied by any supplier duly inspected and accepted by them and to recover such loss sustained thereon by KWA from them.

Item No. III (2) ARWSS to Kaniyambetta village – Supplying and Laying 250mm DI K9 pipe of Raw Water Pumping main for a length of 8850m- Tender

Res. No. 8422 The Authority discussed the item in detail. The Authority expressed its displeasure on the delay in submitting the tender for the consideration of the Authority even though the price bid for the work was opened on 14/9/2009. The Authority informed the Managing Director that such delay should not be repeated and any lapses will be viewed seriously in future. The Authority further directed the Managing Director to include the following details also in the check list presented for consideration hereafter. *in every Board note concerning*

tenders

1. Name and office of the Engineer who invited the tender. *List of processing*
2. Names and offices of the next reported Engineers with details of receipt of tender by them. *date wise*

Last.

With the above directions the Authority resolved to award the work of "Supplying and Laying of 250mm DI K9 Pipe Raw Water Pumping Main for a length of 8850m for the scheme ARWSS to Kaniyambetta village" to Sri.K.M.Mohammed Rasheed, Karukamannil House, P.O.Edayar North, Valanchery via, Malappuram at a cost of Rs.3,02,81,100/- which is at an overall excess of 22.76% above the estimated PAC of Rs.2,46,66,015/-.

Item No. III (3) Deposit work – WSS to Panayampadam 4 cents Colony in Division No. 29 of Thrissur Corporation – Laying 90mm PVC pumping main and construction of 2 nos. 25000L capacity OH tank - Tender - Ratification

Res. No. 8423 The Authority after discussions resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in awarding the work of "Laying 90mm PVC pumping main and construction of 2 nos. 25000 L capacity OH tank – Deposit work of WSS to

Panayampadam 4 cents colony in Division No.29 of Thrissur Corporation” to the single tenderer Sri.P.C.Varghese at his negotiated reduced quoted rate of 30% above tendered PAC excluding departmental materials.

Item No. III (4) NABARD - RIDF XIV – Deletion of price variation clause from the NIT of SPAN tenders

Res. No. 8424 The Authority noted the item in detail. The Managing Director informed that the approval sought for from Government is yet to be received for price variation clause included in the tenders invited for SPAN works. The Authority after discussion **resolved not to include the price variation clause in the tenders invited for the “supplying and laying” tenders being invited and to withdraw the clause included in tenders for SPAN works with immediate effect till Government approval is received.**

Item No. III (5) Energy management – Action taken

The Authority noted the item.

Item No. IV (1) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Cherthala – Package I – Intake works WTP and Raw Water Main – Variation Proposal

Res. No. 8425 The Authority discussed the item in detail and as recommended by the Technical Committee **resolved to recommend the variation proposal to the Empowered Committee in Government for JICA assisted projects to approve the variations in non BOQ items and Provisional Sum in respect of Package I contract of Cherthala Scheme as detailed below:**

	(Amount Rs.)
Variations now proposed non-BoQ items under:	
Schedule P8 & P8A	2,59,41,440
Enhancement in Provisional Sum	2,20,50,000

The Authority further noted that including the variations already approved, the overall excess for the Contract Package I, Cherthala will be as follows:

	Amount (Rs.)
BOQ + Non BOQ in Schedule P8 & P8A	5,08,16,894
Provisional Sum	6,29,50,000
Overall Excess	11,37,66,894
Overall % of variation	6.10%
Overall % of variation excluding provisional sum	2.72%

Overall Contract Sum for Package 1 on approval of the above will be Rs.197,75,43,003/-

Item No. IV (2) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Kozhikode - Package 2A & 2B – Alternative alignments proposed for laying MS pipe in KSTP road from Chelannur to Kakkodi

Res. No. 8426 The Authority discussed the agenda item in detail and the recommendations of the Technical Committee. It is observed that the revised alignments will help to avoid lots of public inconvenience due to cutting of KSTP road / traffic diversion/ etc and will also result in overall cost savings to the Authority by avoiding the KSTP road stretches, in spite of the increase in length of pipe line as explained in the agenda note. The Authority therefore, **resolved to approve the proposal for alternative alignment for the MS Pipe line for the Transmission Main between Chelannur and Kakkodi of Kozhikode Water Supply Project – Package 2A & 2B.**

Item No. IV (3) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Kozhikode & Adjoining villages – Package III – Distribution System – Variation for providing Quarry Muck

Res. No. 8427 The Authority perused the agenda item in detail and the recommendations of the Technical Committee. On the basis of the recommendation, the Authority **resolved to recommend the variation proposal to the Empowered Committee in Government for JICA assisted projects to approve an excess of Rs. 9,51,640/- for the Kozhikode Contract Package-III as the total excess amount excluding provisional sum is over Rs. 5 crores.**

The Authority also noted the up-to-date excess approved for the package as follows.

1.	Contract sum		148,33,88,414.00
2.	Enhancement in Provisional Sum already approved		15,80,00,000.00
3.	Total excess amount earlier approved	Including provisional sum	26,49,63,106.00 (18%)
		Excluding provisional sum	10,69,63,106.00 (7%)
4.	Excess approved as per present proposals		9,51,640.00 (0.06%)

Item No. IV (4)

JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Appointment of Special Officer on Contract basis – Renewal of contract period of Sri.K.Lokesan Nair

Res. No. 8428

The Authority noted the item in detail and expressed its dissatisfaction over the manner in which the note on the subject was drafted. However, taking into consideration the fact that he is associated with the project from the date of inception, **resolved to renew the contract with Sri. K. Lokesan Nair, Special Officer, JICA Project for a further period of one year from 14.02.2010 at the existing terms and conditions.**

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Item No. V (1)

Estt - Medical Reimbursement - Decision taken at the meeting held in the chamber of the Hon'ble Chariman, KWA with representatives of service unions

Res. No. 8429

The Authority discussed the item in detail and **resolved to implement the decision taken in the meeting held in the chamber of the Chairman, KWA with the unions of the employees on 15/01/2010 and 16/01/2010 in the Authority with immediate effect. The Authority further resolved to take urgent steps to frame a Medical Attendance Rules for employees of KWA and submit to Government for formal prior approval.**

Item No. V (2)

Estt – Waiving of liabilities – HBA & Medical advances in respect of Sri.V.N.Jayarajan, Draftsman Grade-I expired while working at P.H.Circle, Kannur

Res. No. 8430

The Authority noted the item in detail and after discussion **resolved to write off Rs.91,628/- (Rupees Ninety one**

thousand six hundred and twenty eight only) towards the outstanding liabilities of Sri.V.N.Jayaraj, 1st Grade Draftsman who expired on 26.12.2008 while working at P.H.Circle, Kannur following G.O.(P) No.591/97/Fin dated, 17.06.1997 and G.O.(P)No.5/99/Ird dated, 03.12.1999.

Item No. V (3) *Estt – Regularisation of Casual Sweeper as Part Time Sweeper in the existing vacancy*

Res. No. 8431 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for absorbing Smt.Vijayamma as Part Time Sweeper in KWA as per the provisions of G.O.(P)No.501/2005 Fin. dated, 25.11.2005 and appoint her in the existing vacancy of Part Time Sweeper at P.H. Division, Thiruvananthapuram with effect from the date of order.

Item No. V (4) *Estt - New Telephone Connection to the Deputy Chief Engineer Works II*

Res. No. 8432 The Authority noted the item in detail and resolved to approve the proposal for providing a new telephone connection to the Deputy Chief Engineer (Works - II) in her office.

Item No. VI (1) *കടമ്പനാട് ശുദ്ധജല വിതരണ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് അതോറിറ്റി പാനലിലെ മലയാള മനോരമ (പത്തനംതിട്ട എഡിഷൻ), മാതൃഭൂമി, ദേശാഭിമാനി, ദീപിക (കോട്ടയം എഡിഷൻ) എന്നീ മലയാളം പത്രങ്ങൾക്ക് 15 x 3 വലിപ്പത്തിൽ PRD നിരക്കിൽ പരസ്യം നൽകിയത് സംബന്ധിച്ച്*

Res. No. 8433 കേരള ജല അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ കടമ്പനാട് ശുദ്ധജല വിതരണ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് അതോറിറ്റി പാനലിലുള്ള മലയാള മനോരമയുടെ പത്തനംതിട്ട എഡിഷൻ കാർഡ് നിരക്കിലും മാതൃഭൂമി, ദേശാഭിമാനി, ദീപിക എന്നീ പത്രങ്ങളുടെ കോട്ടയം എഡിഷൻ പി. ആർ.ഡി നിരക്കിലും 15 x 3 വിൻഡോ വലുപ്പത്തിൽ 24/01/2010 ൽ പരസ്യം നൽകിയ നടപടി ശരിവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

Item No. VI (2) *Request for empanelling 'Reflections' A&M (P) Ltd in list of advertisement agencies*

The Authority noted the item and decided ~~not to consider the request for the time being~~ *to turn down the request as the existing panel is found to be sufficient.*

Item No. VII(1) CWSS to Manimala and adjoining villages – Design, Construction and Commissioning of 9 mld treatment plant at Kulathinkal –non execution of work

Res. No. 8434 The Managing Director informed the Authority that the subject work was awarded to M/s Blue Chip Construction at their quoted rate of Rs. 282 lakhs as resolved vide Res. No. 7735 of its 309th meeting held on 16/08/2008. The contractor has executed the agreement on 26/07/2008, the period of completion of 18 months. Accordingly the work ought to have been completed by 25/01/2010. However the site for the construction of treatment plant could not be handed over to the contractor till this time as the rocky portion of the site agreed to be cleared by the Panchayat authorities was not completed. The matter was placed before the Authority in its 325th meeting held on 24/08/2009 and the Authority vide Res. No. 8224 had resolved to refer the whole issue to Government for an appropriate decision. However the Government vide letter dated 03/12/2009 had directed the Authority to take a decision on the matter avoiding delay and extravagance and whole delay in completing the work aiming the benefit of the scheme. Accordingly the Managing Director had convened a meeting with the contracting firm. In the meeting the following were agreed subject to approval of the Authority.

1. During the time of trial running KWA shall employ its own operators and other staff, make available the required chemicals like alum, hydrated lime, liquid chlorine enabling the contractor to complete the trial running. However the full responsibility for the successful trial running and all maintenance during the guarantee period will vest with the contractor.
2. The bank guarantee valid for 24 months submitted as security deposit will be returned to the contractor in one months time after successful trial running of the plant.
3. As there is no provision for leveling course due to undulations during rock blasting in the original estimate it was recommended that all additional works executed by the contractor beyond 10 cm PCC leveling where the treatment plant units are located shall be paid as per actual measurement.

The other points raised by the contractor were not agreed in the meeting. The Managing Director further informed the

Authority that the above decisions were taken so that the work can be executed without delay and if re-rendered the chances of getting a better offer is very remote. Moreover the contractor had demanded Rs. 50.00 lakhs as compensation in case the work is terminated. The Authority discussed issue in detail and considering the directions issued by the Government resolved to accept the above 3 proposals so as to complete the work without delay aiming at the benefit that can be passed on to the public.

Item No. VII(2) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Road Restoration Works in Thiruvananthapuram City Region – Group III, IV & V – Tender Acceptance

Res. No. 8435 The Authority noted the tender in detail and observed that the work is being arranged for restoring the roads cut open for laying pipes and based on Government direction in G.O. (Rt) No. 684/09/PWD dated 27/05/2009. After discussions the Authority resolved to accord sanction for awarding the works to the lowest bidders as noted below and as recommended by the Technical Committee

(1) Group III Roads (Tender No 6/2009-2010 CE- JICA):

Shri . Nizamudeen @ 25% above estimate

Estimate PAC Rs. 1,57,52,198/-

Quoted PAC Rs. 1,96,90,248/-

(2) Group IV Roads (Tender No 7/2009-2010 CE- JICA):

Shri .Muraleedharan Nair @ 25% above estimate

Estimate PAC Rs. 1,40,36,266/-

Quoted PAC Rs. 1,75,45,333/-

(3) Group V Roads (Tender No 8/2009-2010 CE- JICA):

Shri. Madhusoodhanan Nair @ 25% above estimate

Estimate PAC Rs. 1,35,45,498/-

Quoted PAC Rs. 1,69,31,873/-

SECRETARY

MANAGING DIRECTOR

CHAIRMAN