

**Minutes of the 341<sup>st</sup> meeting of KWA held on 26/02/2011 at 3.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.**

**Present:**

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| 1. Sri. Pradeep Kumar, IAS, Secretary (WR) | Chairman          |
| 2. Sri. Illickal Augusty                   | Member            |
| 3. Sri. G. Venugopal                       | Member            |
| 4. Smt. Susan Jacob                        | Technical Member  |
| 5. Sri. N. Sivasankara Pillai, IA & AS     | Accounts Member   |
| 6. Sri. Ashok Kumar Singh, IAS             | Managing Director |
| 7. Sri. R. Satheesh                        | Secretary         |

Leave of absence was granted to Sri. S.M Vijayanand IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (LSG) Sri. A K Dubey, IAS, Principal Secretary (Finance), Sri. RajeshKumar Singh, IAS, Secretary (LSG), Sri. P Sasi and Velayudhan Vallikkunnu who could not attend the meeting due to other preoccupation

*Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 340<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 15/01/2011*

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 340th meeting held on 15/01/2011 with modification in Resolution No. 8705 as noted below.

**Resolution No 8705**

The Authority noted the billing and collection statement for the month of October and November. The Authority deliberated in detail about the accuracy of the water meter being issued in the water supply connections provided by KWA. It is noted that there are a lot of complaints in the performance of the water meters presently used. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the water meter now used in the connection is 'B' class with ISI marking. The performance of the 'B' class meter is very poor and gets damaged or become defective with in a short period. This is creating much hardship to the general public and drain in the revenue of KWA. It was informed that there is 'C' class water meter available which can register the flow of even a single drop of water. This is costlier and not easily available at present. The Authority suggested that KWA has to shift from 'B' class to 'C' class water meter. The Managing Director informed the Authority that KWA had already started replacing of defective meters with new 'B' class water meters



under the JnNURM project being implemented in major cities for which sufficient quantity of water meters had already been procured and the replacement of defective meters are progressing. After considering these points, the Authority **resolved to use only 'C' class or above certified water meters with ISI marking in all water supply connections to be implemented on phased manner and as a first step to introduce for all industrial as well as major non-domestic consumers including its replacement.** The Authority further directed the Managing Director to issue necessary orders in this regard to all concerned officers for strict compliance.

*Item No. I (2)*

*Review of Action Taken in the Previous and last Board Meetings.*

The Authority noted with displeasure the progress achieved in taking action on the decisions of the Authority taken on previous meetings. Even tenders recommended to Government for consideration is pending submission in the head office. There are items for which clarification was sought for in the meeting held months back are yet to be clarified and closed. The Authority noted this situation as a very serious one. The Managing Director informed the Authority that some details requested from the subordinate offices are not forthcoming and hence further action as decided by the Authority cannot be taken. After discussions the Authority directed the Managing Director that all the Chief Engineers and the Finance manager shall be directed to be available in person in head office at the time of the Authority meeting to give any clarification required by the Authority. The Authority directed the Managing Director to complete the action of all the decisions of the Authority immediately and report in the next meeting.

*Item No. II (1)*

*JICA Assisted KWSP – commissioning of Cherthala Sub Project – public objection against completion of pipe laying works – specific financial assistance requested.*

The Managing Director informed the Authority that the Government had sanctioned an amount of Rs. 65 lakhs against the estimated amount of Rs. 85 lakhs required for the redressal of the protest of local people in cut opening the roads for laying the pipe line. It is informed that as the work does not come under the preview of the JICA Project, funds cannot be set apart from the JICA Project. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the tenders obtained for the works

involved are kept unopened for want of confirmation on the availability of the required amount. After discussions the Authority directed the Managing Director to open the tenders and after considering the quoting in the tender, to address the Government for the actual balance amount required for the work with details there on.

*Item No. II (2)* *JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Consultancy Services Contract – proposal on 3<sup>rd</sup> revised consultancy cost and manning schedule for the services up to March 2013.*

The Authority discussed the item in detail and noted that the item relates to the proposal for the extension of the contract of the consultant for the JICA Projects. After considering the agenda, the Authority directed the Managing Director to place a detailed note after taking a review of the entire project in the next meeting.

*Item No. III (1)* *SAARK-KWA – Augmentation of UWSS to Pala Municipality – Supplying and laying 300mm DI K-9 raw water pumping main 1550m from new well cum pump house at Murikkumpuzha to existing pump house and 100mm GI(M) clear water pumping main 1300m from Kaveekunnu sump to OH tank, 125mm CI class LA/GI Gravity main 110m near bridge crossing at Pala*

**Res. No. 8726** The Authority noted the agenda note in detail. The tender relates to the work of supplying and laying raw water pumping main using 300 mm DI K9 pipe for a length of 1550 m for the subject project. The estimate was prepared based on 2009 SoR and 2 no tenders were received against 7 no forms solved. The lowest tenderer after negotiations had finally quoted an amount of Rs.85,43,984 against the estimated cost of Rs. 72,17,992 which works out to 18.37% as per 2009 SoR and 9.99% as per 2010 SoR. After discussions the Authority **resolved to submit the tender to Government for placing before the Empowered Committee in Government for consideration and appropriate decision along with justification on the variation in the cost of pipe.**

*Item No. III (2)* *SLSC schemes sanctioned under ARWSP schemes – sustainability of water resources – rain water harvesting works in Deveswaram pond at Kilimanoor Panchayat - tender*

The Authority noted the item in detail. It is noted that the lowest tenderer had offered an amount of Rs145,92,880



against the tendered PAC of Rs.106,12,428 when negotiated by the Chief Engineer, Southern Region. The estimate was prepared based on SoR 2009 and excess over estimate works out to 37.51% and 0% as per 2010 SoR. The Authority after discussion directed the Managing Director that the high level committee shall negotiate with the contractor to get the quoted amount reduced further and present in the next Authority meeting along with recommendation of high level committee.

*Item No. III (3) WSS to Technopark at Kundara in Kollam District – Package I – Design and construction of 6 m dia well cum pump house, approach road, leading pipe & leading channel site protection work, supplying and laying of raw water pumping main (150 mm DI K9 -5825 m) and road restoration work and 1 mld water treatment plant cum sump at Technopark Campus, Kundara – tender*

The item relates to the tender obtained for the deposit work of providing water supply facility at the campus of the Techno park at Kundara. The lowest tender received after negotiation is for Rs.345,75,000 which works out to 24.10% above the estimated cost prepared based on 2009 SoR and 9.41% based on 2010 SoR. M/s Techno park had agreed to accept tender excess. The Authority felt that KWA can go ahead with the work after M/s Techno Park issues the revised Administrative Sanction. Accordingly the matter will be taken up with M/s Techno Park.

*Item No. III (4) BAWSS to Kundara and adjoining villages - Revised Estimate  
Deferred*

*Item No. III (5) CARWSS to Ranni, Pazhavangadi and Vadasserikkara villages – Supply, erection and commissioning of 250 KVA 11KV/415 V transformer and substation at intake pump house site – tender*

**Res. No. 8727**

The Authority discussed the item in detail. Only one offer was received even though this was a retender. The lone tenderer had offered an amount of ₹ 23,38,999 which is 31.12% above the estimated PAC of ₹ 17,83,844 prepared based on 2009 SoR and 25.26% above estimate with SoR 2010. After discussions the Authority **resolved to refer the tender to the Government for approval of tender excess giving detailed justification.**



*Item No. III (6) Adhoc Augmentation of Kochi Water Supply Scheme – Laying 1200mm & 1100mm SWMS cement lined pipes from Kathrikadavu junction to Konthuruthy ferry-Additional claim by M/s FEW – Reviewing the earlier decision of board*

Deferred

*Item No. III (7) ARWSS to Veliyannoor and adjoining villages – construction of intake well cum pump house at Chengalapalam in Velloor panchayth*

The Authority discussed and noted the item

*Item No. III (8) SAARK - Completion of Ongoing UWSS - Special Packages - WSS to Kuthuparamba Municipality and Pattiam & Kottayam Census Towns - extension of approach bridge and allied works to the intake well cum pump house - Package IA- Tender approval*

**Res. No. 8728**

The Managing Director informed the Authority that the tender relates to the Special Package announced by the Government for the speedy completion of the ongoing schemes. The amount of Rs. 49,32,962/- offered by the lowest tenderer is 40.27% in overall excess of the estimate amount of Rs. 35,16,639/- prepared based on 2009 SoR and is 11.37% in excess of the estimate amount based on 2010 SoR. Considering the directions of the Govt in allowing tender excess, the Authority after discussions **resolved to submit the tender to the Empowered Committee in Government for SAARK works along with justification for the tender excess quoted by the lowest tenderer for consideration.**

*Item No. III (9) SPAN - WSS to Methala, Eriyad, Edavilangu and Kadukutty Pts.- Pkg II - Construction of 5.91LL RCC sump and 10.58LL OHSR over the sump at Eriyad and Supplying and laying, testing and commissioning of distribution net work in Eriyad and Edavilangu –Tender*

**Res. No. 8729**

The Authority noted the tender in detail The Managing Director informed the Authority that this was 4<sup>th</sup> tender call for the work and 3 offers were received in this tender call. The lowest tenderer had offered an amount of ₹ 10,82,50,00 which is 35.05% above estimated PAC of ₹ 8,01,52,216 based on 2009 SoR and 13.94% above 2010 SoR. After discussions, the Authority **resolved to submit the tender to the Empowered Committee in Government for SPAN works along with**



**justification for the tender excess quoted by the lowest tenderer for consideration and decision.**

*Item No. III (10) SPAN - WSS to Methala, Eriyad, Azhikode, Edavilangu and Kadukutty Pts.- Pkg III - Construction of OHSR of capacity 22.19LL with the stage height 17m as per the approved design and supplying and laying, testing and commissioning of distribution net work to Methala –Tender*

**Res. No. 8730**

The Authority noted the tender in detail The Managing Director informed the Authority that this was 4<sup>th</sup> tender call for the work and 3 offers were received in this tender call. The lowest tenderer had offered an amount of ₹ 9,74,50,00 which is 40.93% above estimated PAC of ₹ 6,91,48,033 based on 2009 SoR and 20.43% above 2010 SoR. After discussions, the Authority and after discussions **resolved to submit the tender to the Empowered Committee in Government for SPAN works along with justification for the tender excess quoted by the lowest tenderer for consideration and decision.**

*Item No III (11) ARWSS to Kaniyambetta - Supplying and laying 200mm to 160mm PVC pipes for distribution system for Zone II - Tender approval*

The Authority noted the item in detail. The Authority observed that the amount of ₹49,86,093/- offered by the lowest tenderer on negotiation is 20.95% in excess of the estimated amount of ₹41,22,375/- prepared based on 2009 SoR. The Authority after discussions directed the Managing Director to negotiate further with the contractor and the High Level Committee to consider the tender to take a decision.

*Item No. III (12) CARWSS to Thirunavaya and adjoining villages in Malappuram District - Phase I and III – Design, construction, testing and commissioning of 21LL OH tank at Malayil (Karipol) – Tender*

**Res. No. 8731**

The Authority noted the item in detail. The Authority observed that the amount of ₹ 239,70,000/- offered by the lowest tenderer is 32.70% in overall excess of the estimate amount of ₹180,63252/- based on 2009 SoR and 6.56% in excess based on 2010 SoR. Considering the directions of the Government in allowing tender excess, the Authority after discussions **resolved to submit the tender to Government along with justification for the tender excess quoted by the lowest tenderer for consideration**

Item No. III (13) *KWA – Estt – Telephone facility to Quality Control District Labs at Kasargode, Kalpetta and Palakkad.*

**Res. No. 8732** The Authority discussed the item and **resolved to accord sanction for providing BSNL land line telephone facility to the District quality control labs of KWA at Kalpetta, Kasaragode and Palakkad. The Authority further resolved to sanction a BSNL land line telephone connection to the residence of the Managing Director.**

Item No. IV(1) *Monthly Plan Progress report for the month of January 2011 and list of schemes completed during 2010-11 and the list of schemes that can be completed during 2010-11- Placed before the Board for perusal*

The Authority noted the progress report placed before it.

Item No. IV(2) *Third Party Inspection / pre-delivery inspection of AC/PVC/CI/DI/SW/GI/MS/RCC & HDPE pipes and other materials to be procured by Kerala Water Authority for the year 2011*

The Authority discussed the item in detail and directed the Managing Director to examine the proposal again and submit additional notes for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. IV(3) *KWA – Estt – enhanced rate of DA – extension of benefit to the employees of Kerala Water Authority*

**Res. No. 8733** The Authority **resolved to accord sanction to extend the enhancement in the rate of DA ordered by Government vide GO(P) No. 37/2011/Fin dated 18.01.2011 to the employees of KWA also to ratify the action of the Managing Director in issuing the orders in anticipation of the formal approval from the Authority**

Item No. IV(4) *പൊതുമരാമത്ത് പ്രവർത്തികൾക്ക് 5% ഓവർ ഹെഡ് ചാർജ്ജ് അനുവദിച്ച സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവ് കേരള വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയിൽ നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നത് സംബന്ധിച്ച്.*

അജണ്ടാ നോട്ട് വിശദമായി പഠിച്ച ശേഷം അതോറിറ്റി മാനേജിംഗ് ഡയറക്ടറോട് പ്രസ്തുത നിർദ്ദേശം വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയിലെ ടെക്നിക്കൽ കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ വിശദമായ വിശദീകരണ കുറിപ്പു സഹിതം സർക്കാരിന്റെ അംഗീകാരത്തിനായി സമർപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

Item No. IV(5) *KWA – Quarters for MD – Permission for availing rented building*



The Managing Director informed the Authority that KWA does not have a quarters accommodation for the Managing Director, Technical Member or the Accounts Member who are full time members. Government vide circular No. 3717/BPE-1/09/Plg dated 09/11/2009 had informed that Chief Executive Officers appointed by Government are given option to choose residential accommodation to be provided by the PSU subject to the condition that the cost shall not exceed 40% of the basic pay and 10% of the basic pay shall be recovered towards rent for accommodation. The Government vide GO(MS)No 19/09/Plg dater 20.05.2009 had decided ₹ 4000 as the cost for the accommodation. However there are PSUs where Managing Director/ Chairman and Managing Director are provided with better rate than what is provided by Government. The Authority after discussion directed the Managing Director to address the Government for approval of rent up to ₹15000/-

*Item No. IV (6) KWA-Estt-WP(C) No.35058/10 filed by Smt.Chellathai before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala – Interim Order dated, 14.01.2011.*

The Authority discussed the item in detail. The Managing Director informed the Authority that there is a direction from the Hon High Court of Kerala to take a decision on the issue considering the Government orders and the directions of the Court. The Authority observed that the incumbent has got no claim on her request on merit supported by any rules. However there were four similarly situated cases in the past that were regularized in the post of part time sweeper the benefit which she also claimed. After discussion the Authority directed the Managing Director to reexamine the whole issue and place in the next meeting.

*Item No. IV (7) SPAN – WSS to Elampalloor-Punukkannurchira- Supply and erection of 2 nos of VT pump sets with all accessories at Elampalloor – Punukkannoorchira pump house*

The Authority noted the item in detail. The Authority observed that the amount of Rs. 12,37,618/- offered by the lowest tenderer is 23.76% in overall excess of the estimated amount of Rs.10,00,000/- based on 2009 SoR. The Authority after discussions directed the Managing Director to negotiate further with the contractor and the High Level Committee to consider the tender and take a decision..

*Item No. IV (8) SAARK-Renovation of Water Treatment Plant – 12.50 mld capacity at Thiruvanchoor-Changing filter media- replacing and reconditioning damaged mechanical and electrical fittings at water treatment plant site*

**Res. No. 8734** The Authority noted the item in detail. The amount of Rs. 51,98,183/- offered by the lowest tenderer is 43.75% in overall excess of the estimated amount of Rs.36,16,127/- based on 2009 SoR which works out to 15% in excess of the estimate amount based on 2010 SoR. Considering the directions of the Govt. in allowing the tender excess, the Authority after discussions **resolved to submit the tender to the Empowered Committee in Government for SAARK works along with justification for the tender excess quoted by the lowest tenderer. for consideration**

**General Item 1** The Managing Director informed the Authority that KWA does not have its own schedule of rates for the works connected with water works. Hence KWA depends on the SoR issued by the PWD. The rates noted in the SoR is suitable only for PWD connected works and many items pertaining to water works do not find mention in SoR. Hence the Authority directed the Technical Member that a concept paper for separate schedule of rates for Water Works shall be prepared and presented in the next meeting for consideration and decision.

**General Item 2** The Authority noted that the tenders placed before it for consideration are after detailed consideration by the tender committee as well as the high level committee. The final outcome is placed before the Authority for consideration. The whole picture has to be brought to the notice of the Authority. Hence the Authority directed that each agenda note presented hereafter shall have the minutes of the tender committee and high level committee.

  
SECRETARY

  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

  
CHAIRMAN