

**Minutes of the 250th meeting of KWA held on 29/9/2003 at
10.30 a.m. in the Conference Hall of Jalabhavan,
Thiruvananthapuram.**

Members Present:

1. Sri. K.J.Mathew, IAS	Chairman
2. Sri. Baby Pathippally	Member
3. Sri. Thomas Babu	Member
4. Smt. Jessy Peter	Member
5. Sri. K.N.Murali	Member
6. Sri. M.Ganesan	Accounts Member
7. Sri. P.R.Dharmaraja Iyer	Technical Member
8. Smt. T.R.Indira	Managing Director

Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the minutes of 249th meeting held on 30th August 2003.

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 249th meeting held on 30/8/2003.

Item No. I(2) Review of action taken on the decision of previous meetings.

The Chairman noted with displeasure that action on many decisionstaken in the previous meetings are still pending. The Chairman directed the Secretary, Kerala Water Authority to monitor the pending issues and take follow up action.

Regarding Res. No. 4864, 4865 & 6208, the Chairman directed the Secretary to place the report in the next Authority meeting.

Sl. No. (3) – Alleged irregularities in the settlement of tender for the work of construction of well cum pump house at Piravom – Kakkad – finalisation of disciplinary action.

The final report is to be placed in the next Authority meeting after seeking legal opinion in the matter.

Sl. No. (10) – Stock verification report of PH Division store, Alleppey.

The Chairman directed the Managing Director to apportion the liabilities and to place a report in the Authority meeting.

Item No. II (1) Cash flow statement for the period 1st April 2003 to 31st August 2003.

The Chairman directed to forward a detailed report to Government to bring the funds position to the notice of the Government.

Item No. II (2) Revenue mobilization year 2003-04 proposal for improving revenue collection

Res. No. 6420 The Authority noted the action taken to improve the revenue collection and the various suggestions put up by the Managing Director. The following Resolution were taken.

- (i) To constitute a High Level Committee at the Head Office to consider and take appropriate decision or to make appropriate recommendations to the Authority for decision, on individual cases of complaints referred to by the Divisions in connection with settlement of dues by consumers. The committee shall consist of the Accounts Member, the Chief Engineer (HRD), the Finance Manager and Chief Accounts Officer, the Secretary and the Accounts Officer, RMC (Convener).

- (ii) (a) To create Anti water theft squads under each Circle Office for detecting unauthorized water connections, locating incidents of non-domestic/ industrial consumers using water at domestic rates, tampering of water meters, test checking meters as well as meter readings of major consumers etc. The squad shall consist of one head Draftsman/ Assistant Engineer, one Meter Inspector, one head clerk or Junior Superintendent and one Plumber or Fitter. The Members of the squad should be selected from other circle offices/IPDs.
- (b) To authorize the Superintending Engineers to provide a vehicle to Anti water theft squad, if necessary, on hire basis.
- (c) To allow a reward of 10% of the amount realized as penalty from the case or Rs. 500/- whichever is lower, to the members of the squad, for each case.

The Chairman also directed the Managing Director to keep the Authority informed of the progress made as a result of the above decisions.

Item No. II (3) Revenue of Billing and collection for the month of July 2003.

The Authority noted the contents.

Item No. III (1) Rate contract order No. KWA/HO/SP-12882/CI Valves (D/F) MINOTI, dated: 20/3/2003. Increasing contract amount.

Res. No. 6421 The Authority resolved to increase the rate contract order value of the rate contract No. KWA/HO/SP/12882/CI/Valves (D/F) M/s. MINOTI issued to M/s. MINOTI Engineering Works from Rs. 48.00 lakhs to Rs. 75.00 lakhs. The rate and other terms and conditions of the rate contract order will remain the same.

Item No. III (2) Tender No. KWA/HO/SP-10/2002-03 opened on 16/5/2003 for the supply of stable bleaching powder grade-I on Rate Contract basis.

Res. No. 6422 The Authority resolved to recommend to Government for approving the purchase of 1754.7 MT of stable bleaching powder grade-I from M/s. Grasim Industries Ltd. @ Rs. 12,549/MT. The total cost of purchase will be Rs. 2,20,19,730/-. If Grasim industries Ltd. is not willing to supply the whole quantity, the Authority directed to negotiate with M/s. Kunnath Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. to supply the balance quantity @ Rs. 12,549/MT and in case the firm denies, negotiate with the other firms and to recommend to Government for approval.

Item No. IV (1) UWSS to Kazhakkootam OG and comprehensive ARWSS to Edacode, Kazhakkottam-Menamkulam (Part) and Iroorpara Village-construction of 11 mld output capacity water treatment plant and clear water sump at Velancode – Tender

Res. No. 6423 The Authority resolved that as the lowest tenderer M/s. SMS Paryavaran Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi had demanded price escalation of 30% of the whole amount under labour portion and 70% to the value under material component, the second lowest offer of M/s. Nobletech Engineering (P) Ltd., Kochi at the negotiated reduced amount of Rs. 139.00 lakhs can be recommended to Government for obtaining prior approval to award the work.

Item No. IV (2) Tender No. 03/2003-04 of Executive Engineer, WS Division, Thiruvananthapuram – PMGY-RWSS to Parassala – Construction of 2 lakh litres capacity OHSR and laying pumping main at Vandichira – Tender

The Authority noted that the lowest negotiated rate for the work is exorbitant and directed the Managing Director to make one more negotiation with the lowest tenderer Sri. T.D. John, Poojappura.

Item No. IV (3) Tender No. 10/SE/PHCK/2002-03 opened on 18/2/2003 of PH Circle, Kottayam for Aug. of Kuttanad WSS Phase-II – construction of 4.5 lakh litres capacity OH Tank at Thalavady under PMGY programme – Tender – Approval sought for

Res. No. 6424 Considering the essentiality of the work, the Authority resolved to award the work to M/s. Chacko Skaria & Co. @ 60% above estimate rate. The tendered PAC and approved PAC of the work including cost of cement and steel are Rs. 16,81,421/- and Rs. 22,51,704/-, cost of cement and steel is Rs. 7,30,950/-.

Item No. IV (4) Tender No. 11/SE/PHCK/2002-03 opened on 18/2/2003 of PH Circle, Kottayam for Aug. of Kuttanad WSS - Phase – II – construction of 2 lakh litres capacity OH Tank at Muttar under PMGY programme – tender approval

Res. No. 6425 Considering the essentiality of the work, the Authority resolved to award the work to Sri. Shibu Zacharia @ 60% above estimate rate. The tendered PAC and approved PAC of the work including cost of cement and steel are Rs. 8,08,485/- and Rs. 11,14,292/- respectively. Cost of cement and steel is Rs. 2,98,806/-

Item No. IV (5) Tender No. 12/SE/PHCK/2002-03 opened on 18/2/2003 of PH Circle, Kottayam for Aug. of Kuttanad WSS – Phase – II – construction of 2.25 lakh litres capacity OH Tank at Ramankary Tender – Approval sought for.

Res. No. 6426 Considering the essentiality of the work, the Authority resolved to award the work to M/s. New Construction Co., Kollam @ 60% above estimate rate. The tendered PAC and approved PAC of the work including cost of cement & Steel are Rs. 8,61,051/- and Rs. 11,81,752/-, cost of cement and steel is Rs. 3,26,550/-.

Item No. IV (6) Construction of 5.6 mld capacity GL reservoir and office building for Interim Aug. of Thiruvananthapuram WSS in WW Campus, Vellayambalam – revised estimate – sanction sought for.

- Res. No. 6427 The Authority noted that a report regarding the delay in sanctioning the revised estimate and details of payment made for the work had been submitted to Govt. vide letter dated: 20/6/2002. It is resolved to address Government for further direction on the report submitted.
- Item No. IV (7) RGNDWM-NC/PC Scheme WSS to various works in Chazhoor and Thanniam Panchayats – supplying and laying of PVC pipes.*
- Res. No. 6428 The Authority resolved to accord sanction to take up the work of laying additional gravity main, extension of pipe line in various places of Chazhoor Panchayat and extension of pipe line in various places of Thanniam Panchayat for RGNDWM-NC/PC scheme for a total length of 7405m under 'supplying and laying basis'. MP (LAD) fund should be utilized for arranging the work.
- Item No. IV (8) NC/PC-WSS to Edakkattupurayil in Ward V of Cherukavu Panchayat-laying pumping main and distribution system under supplying and laying basis – approval.*
- Res. No. 6429 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for arranging the work NC/PC-WSS to Edakkattupurayil in Ward V of Cherukavu Panchayat – laying pumping main and distribution system for a total length of 3286m under 'supplying and laying basis'. The pipe laying work should be arranged only after starting construction of GL Tank.
- Item No. IV (9) PMGY – Improvements of RWSS Kodyathur – Proposal for execution under supplying and laying basis – sanction requested*
- Res. No. 6430 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for arranging the work of PMGY – Improvements to RWSS to Kodyathur – laying pumping main and distribution system for a length of 3400m under 'supplying and laying basis', since all other components of the scheme are completed. The work should be arranged after ascertaining the availability of funds. The possibility of getting funds from MLA/MP fund should be explored.

Item No. IV(10) CWSS to Kollengode and adjoining Panchayats– Proposal for laying distribution main to Vadavannur Panchayat – on supplying and laying basis – for sanction.

Res. No. 6431 The Authority noted that the proposal is for partial commissioning by linking the gravity main with the existing bore well for WSS to Kollengode and Muthalamada Panchayat. It is resolved to accord sanction for arranging the work CWSS to Kollengode and adjoining Panchayat – laying distribution main to Vadavannur Panchayat for a length of 5700 m under ‘ supplying and laying basis’, subject to integrating the lines to the main system after completing the same.

Item No. V (1) KWA-Estt. Promotion of Superintending Engineers/ Deputy Chief Engineer as Chief Engineer – proposal furnishing of.

Res. No. 6432 The Authority resolved to promote Sri. N.V.Raja Raja Varma Thirumulpad, Deputy Chief Engineer (Vig.), Head Office, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram and Smt, P.A. Saramma, Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Muvattupuzha as Chief Engineers provisionally.

Item No. V (2) KWA-Estt. Promotion of Executive Engineer as Deputy Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer – Proposal.

Res. No. 6433 The Authority resolved to promote Sri. T.C.Subran, Executive Engineer as Deputy Chief Engineer/ Superintending Engineer and allowed to continue on deputation for post graduate course and also to promote Sri. K.Mohan, Executive Engineer, WS Division, Attingal and Sri. P.S.Vijayan, Executive Engineer, PH Division, Mattannur as Superintending Engineer/Deputy Chief Engineer provisionally.

Item No. V (3) KWA-Estt. Regularization of NMR workers.

Res. No. 6434 The Authority resolved to recommend to Government to regularize the 24 incumbents with effect from 01/1/1999 in

their respective posts by abolishing equal number of posts in NMR category and the monetary benefits with effect from the date of Government Order.

Item No. V (4) KWA-Estt. Inclusion of Overseer Grade-III among the feeder categories of Assistant Engineer considered for appointment to the post of Assistant Engineer earmarked for in service candidates-reg.

Res. No. 6435 The Authority resolved to recommend to Government to include the Overseer Grade – III category of KWA, among the feeder categories of Assistant Engineers for appointment under departmental quota by extending the benefit of the GO (P) No. 41/94/PW&T, dated: 03/6/1994.

Item No. VI (1) Supply and erection of 3 Nos. of VT Pump set at intake well, Punalur supply and erection of 500 KVA transformer for BAWSS to Kundara, works entrusted with M/s. Davidson Agencies.

Deferred.

Item No. VI (2) Aug. of WSS to Thrrippunithura Municipality and adj. Panchayat – supplying and laying ductile iron pipe of class K9 800 mm dia 10050 m and 700 mm dia 4210 m as clear water pumping main from Choondy to Karingachira.

Res. No. 6436 The Authority resolved to ratify the action of the Chief Engineer (Central Region) in inviting LS tender for the work of laying 800 mm dia DI K9 pipe for a length of 10050 m and 700 mm DI K9 pipe for a length of 4210 m from Choondy to Karingachira

Item No. VI (3) DPP of Thiruvananthapuram Corporation – WSS to Thrikkannapuram and Mudavanmugal Ward – supplying and laying 300 mm CI pipe – transmission main – from Paramala to Konkulam (I reach) and from Konkulam Jn. to Kunnubunglow (II reach) – sanction sought for

- Res. No. 6437 The Authority resolved to accord sanction to arrange the work of laying 300 mm CI transmission main from Paramala to Konkulam and from Konkulam Jn. to Kunnubunglow for a length of 2600 m for WSS to Thrikkannapuram and Mudavanmugal Ward under supplying and laying basis as a single package LS tender.
- Item No. VI (4) Improvements to RWSS to Amballoor and Edakkattuvayal Panchayats – laying pumping main and distribution lines under supplying and laying basis – proposals submitted.*
- Res. No. 6438 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for arranging the work of Improvements to RWSS to Amballoor and Edakkattuvayal Panchayats – laying 150 mm CI pumping main for a length of 3100 m and distribution lines for a length of 22,348 m under ‘supplying and laying basis’.
- Item No. VI (5) Coverage of NC/PC habitations-WSS to Ward No. I, II and III of Annamanada Panchayat – laying pumping main and distribution lines on ‘supplying and laying basis’ – estimate sanction.*
- Res. No. 6439 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the proposal of arranging the work of laying pumping main for a length of 1050m and distribution line for coverage of NC/PC habitation – Water supply to Ward I, II and III of Annamanada Panchayat for a length of 6294m under ‘supplying and laying basis’. The work should be arranged as a single package LS tender.
- Item No. VI (6) JBIC aided Kerala WS project – contract for consultancy services – came into force – information.*

The Authority noted the contents.

Any Other Item :

- Res. No. 6440 The Chairman pointed out that at present there is no arrangement for checking the quality of work done in Kerala Water Authority.
The Authority directed the Managing Director to prepare a proposal for checking the quality of pipes and works done by Kerala Water Authority and place it in the next Board Meeting.
- Res. No. 6441 The Authority noted that there is large variation in the estimate cost as per IPD rates and quoted amount for several works. The Authority directed the Managing Director to issue instructions to all concerned officers to prepare realistic estimates for each work in future.


SECRETARY


MANAGING DIRECTOR


CHAIRMAN