

**Minutes of the 251<sup>st</sup> meeting of KWA held on 30/10/2003 at  
3.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of Jalabhavan,  
Thiruvananthapuram.**

**Members Present:**

1. Sri. K.J.Mathew, IAS	Chairman
2. Smt. Sudha Pillai, IAS	Finance Secretary
3. Sri. Baby Pathippally	Member
4. Sri. Thomas Babu	Member
5. Smt. Jessy Peter	Member
6. Sri. K.N.Murali	Member
7. Sri. K.Lokesan Nair	Technical Member & Accounts Member (Addl. Charge)
8. Smt. T.R.Indira	Managing Director

*Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the minutes of 250<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2003.*

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 250<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29/9/2003.

*Item No. II (1) Cash flow statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2003.*

Res. No. 6442 The Authority noted the contents. The Chairman directed the Managing Director to place a detailed report regarding revenue collection highlighting demand Vs collection percentage, in the next Board Meeting.

*Item No. III (1) Conclusion of rate contract for the procurement of different types of pipes.*

Res. No. 6443 The Authority resolved to recommend to Government the proposal to arrange the purchase of various sizes of AC/PVC/CI/DI/GI pipes on rate contract system. The Kerala Water Authority may conclude rate contract for a period of two years subject to the condition that the quarterly requirements shall be placed before the Authority for approval before placing orders for pipes. The price bids shall be opened only after technical bids are cleared by the Managing Director after considering the recommendations of the Tender Committee.

*Item No. III (2) Tender No. KWA/HO/SP-23/1998-2000 opened on 15/12/1999 for the supply CI specials on Rate Contract basis Extension of delivery period of supply order without L/D – ratification.*

Res. No. 6444 The Authority resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in extending the delivery period for the supply of CI specials by M/s. SILK as per Rate Contract No. KWA/HO/SP-15109/99/CI specials dated: 30/10/2001 up to 14/10/2003 without imposing liquidated damages.

*Item No. III (3) Tender No. KWA/HO/SP-12/2002-03 opened on 08/7/2003 for the supply of CID joints on Rate Contract basis.*

Res. No. 6445 The Authority resolved to accept the lowest offer of M/s. RS Valve & Products for the items for which they are lowest. Being a new company supply order shall be limited to Rs. 25.00 lakhs initially and subject to satisfactory performance reports, and adherence to delivery schedules for placing of orders for an additional value of Rs. 25.00 lakhs at the rates and terms and conditions may be considered subsequently.

It is also resolved to accept the offer of M/s. Steel Industries Kerala Ltd. for the two items for which they have quoted the lowest rate.

The items and rates are as follows:

(1) M/s. R.S. Valve & Products, Jeera Secunderabad

Item No.	Description of materials	Size	Lowest quoted rate
1	Cast Iron Detachable joints for use with Asbestos Cement Pressure pipes of Class 5 and 10 and tested to 5Kg/sq.cm and 10kg/sq.cm for dia from 80mm to 150mm including rubber rings, nut & bolt confirming to BIS specification	80	86.90
		100	109.86
		125	139.30
		150	171.30
	Cast Iron Detachable joints for use with Asbestos Cement Pressure pipes of Class 15 and tested to 15kg/sq.cm for dia from 80mm to 150mm including rubber rings, nut & bolt confirming to BIS specification	80	86.90
		100	109.86
		125	139.30
		150	171.30
2	Cast Iron Detachable joints for use with Asbestos Cement Pressure pipes of Class 20 and tested to 20kg/sq.cm for dia from 80mm to 600mm including rubber rings, nut & bolt confirming to BIS specification	80	89.58
		100	112.44
		125	153.15
		150	178.66
		200	269.99
		250	364.82
		300	460.50
		350	752.02
		400	888.00
3	Cast Iron Detachable joints for use with Asbestos Cement Pressure pipes of Class 25 and tested to 25kg/sq.cm for dia from 80mm to 600mm including rubber rings, nut & bolt confirming to BIS specification	200	278.91
		250	376.10
		300	474.41
		350	793.28
		400	933.11
		450	1119.68
		500	1753.62
600	2799.60		

**(2) M/s. SILK, Ottapalam**

Item No.	Description of materials	Size	Lowest quoted rate
1.	Cast Iron Detachable joints for use with Asbestos Cement Pressure pipes of Class 20 and tested to 20kg/sq.cm for dia from 80mm to 600mm including rubber rings, nut & bolt confirming to BIS specification	225	517.00
2.	Cast Iron Detachable joints for use with Asbestos Cement Pressure pipes of Class 25 and tested to 25kg/sq.cm for dia from 80mm to 600mm including rubber rings, nut & bolt confirming to BIS specification	225	533.00

*Item No. III (4) Tender No. KWA/HO/SP-11/2002-03 opened on 22/5/2003 for the supply of Alum conforming to IS No. 299/1980 (Gr. 2) on Running Contract basis.*

Res. No. 6446 The Authority noted that though supply of Alum is an item reserved for the Industrial Units located in Kerala, there appears to be no other manufacturers other than SSI Units producing Alum in the State. Competitive rates are not being obtained for the procurement of the material as is evident from the rates offered. The Authority felt that the healthy competition can be ensured only if there is opportunity for more tenderers to participate in the bid and hence resolved to recommend to Government to relax the restriction imposed in the GO (MS) 164/89/ID, dated: 26/10/1989 so that tender can be invited from manufacturers on a national basis instead of state wide tender. It is also resolved to cancel the present tender and to extend supply period of the existing contractor for supply of Alum up to March 2004 at Rs. 3830/MT, the lowest rate offered by them in the present tender.

*Item No. III (5) Purchase of New Car*

Res. No. 6447 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal to purchase a new diesel car (Ambassador/UNO/Indica) at a cost not exceeding Rs. 5.00 lakhs on replacement basis.

- Item No. IV (1) NC/PC-ARWSS to Edakkara -- WS extension to Ward No. 1,2,3,4 and 6 in Edakkara Panchayat -- Proposal for arranging works under supplying and laying basis for sanction.*
- Res. No. 6448 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal of the Chief Engineer (Northern Region) for arranging the work of NC/PC-ARWSS to Edakkara-WS extension to Ward No. 1,2,3,4 and 6 in Edakkara Panchayat -- laying distribution system for a length of 9260m under supplying and laying basis at the estimated cost of Rs. 12.00 lakhs.
- Item No. IV (2) ARWSS to Purathissery and Madaikonam villages-supplying and laying distribution systems -- sanction.*
- Res. No. 6449 The Authority noted that major components of the scheme have been completed and resolved to accept the proposal for laying the distribution system of the scheme for a total length of 21145 m (AC, PVC & GI Pipes) under supplying and laying basis as a single package LS tender, at the estimated cost of Rs. 39.50 lakhs.
- Item No. IV (3) World Bank aided WSS to GCDA -- laying 500 mm MS pipes along the foot bridge constructed across Chambakkara canal-arrangements of works on supplying and laying basis -- approval.*
- Res. No. 6450 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the work of laying 500 mm MS pipe for a length of 105 m along the footbridge constructed by the Kerala Water Authority across Chambakkara canal under supplying and laying basis, at the estimated cost of Rs. 6,11,409/-.
- Item No. IV (4) Tender No. 40/EE/PHK/2002-03 opened on 15/1/2003 construction of 1.50-lakh litres capacity OH tank near Poovathu Church for ARWSS to Poovarani.*
- Res. No. 6451 The Authority resolved to accord sanction to award the work to Sri. Saju Mathew, Perur @ 50% (Fifty percent) above estimate rate, subject to his willingness or else to re-tender the work, if the contractor is not willing to take up the work, as the negotiated rate offered by the tenderer is exorbitant.

- Item No. IV (5) KWA-Calicut WSS - Iterm Aug. - Construction of Treatment Plant 18 MLD capacity at Mavoor-M/s. Maestro Enviro system (P) Ltd. - Recovery liability.*
- Res. No. 6452 The Authority directed the Managing Director to address the Registrar of Companies, Chennai on the matter and to place the outcome of the same in the Authority meeting in December 2003.
- Item No. IV (6) Technology Mission CARWSS to Kozhinjampara and adjoining villages - laying distribution network to Vadakarapathy and Eruthampathy Panchayats on supplying and laying basis - sanction.*
- Res. No. 6453 Being a scheme to be completed under the Technology Mission taken under the RGNDWM, the Authority resolved to accord sanction for arranging the work of laying distribution network for the WSS to Kozhinjampara and adjoining villages PVC pipes of various sizes, in Vadakarapathy Zone for a length of 33622 m and Eruthampathy Zone for a length of 40615 m under supplying and laying basis at the total estimate cost of Rs. 1,21,77,100/- as two separate single packages, one for each zone.
- Item No. IV (7) CARWSS to Moorakanadu and adjoining villages in Malappuram district. Design, Construction, Commissioning and Maintaining of intake well cum pump house, Electrical substation. Treatment Plant, Pumping main and reservoir - Proposal for arranging the works under EPCM contract - sanction requested.*
- Res. No. 6454 The Authority noted that no component of the scheme has been taken up so far and resolved that the works need not be taken up at present.
- Item No. IV (8) TSS "D" Block Zone-II - Providing sewerage facilities to Bhagath Singh road and near by area - sanction sought for to accord - Administrative Sanction.*
- Res. No. 6455 It is resolved to accord Administrative Sanction for the work of providing sewerage facilities to Bhagath Singh road and near by areas under TSS Block 'D' at an amount of Rs. 60.00 lakhs

subject to the condition that funds to the extent of Rs. 50.00 lakhs only shall be met by the Kerala Water Authority under "USS Plan-30" and balance Rs. 10.00 lakhs shall be obtained from the MP (LAD) funds.

*Item No. IV (9) 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.*

Res. No. 6456 The Authority noted that the offer after negotiation is 101% above estimate rate, and being exorbitant, the Authority resolved to cancel the tender and to direct the Chief Engineer (SR) to explore alternative ways for arranging the works, if it is essential.

*Item No. IV (10) Tender No. 33/2001-02/SE, PHC, Thiruvananthapuram opened on 28/5/2003-Aug. of UWSS to Neyyattinkara and ARWSS to Marukil and Maranllur villages-supplying, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of 900 mm dia CI Class LA Transmission main from Kalippara to Katakada (11220 m) – tender approval.*

Res. No. 6457 The Authority noted that the offers received as a result of the sealed cover negotiation with the first two lowest tenderers were either conditional or ambiguous. M/s. L&T Ltd. have not specified the exact amount offered but stated that the ED benefit will be passed on to Kerala Water Authority leaving the responsibility of working out the amount to Kerala Water Authority. Hence theirs cannot be said to be an offer for the work, as it is for the tenderer to quote the amount in an unambiguous manner. The negotiated offer of the other tenderer M/s. Balaji Agencies and R.D.Krishnani is a variation from their original offer, as the latest offer is with a condition demanding full freedom for import of pipes as per ISO. Moreover, the negotiated offer is subject to release of security amount made against bank guarantee, which is in contravention of the NIT conditions. Substantial variations from the NIT admitted at the negotiation stage. The Authority also noticed that there was laxity in following the tender procedures correctly.

The Authority was also informed by the Managing Director as per an early decision of the Authority, a high-level technical committee was looking into the choice of pipes for the second reach of the transmission main of the scheme and the work as per this tender being for the first reach can wait till the recommendation of the committee is received. The pipe material options for the first reach can also be considered by the same committee for consideration of the Authority. Having regard to the totality of the circumstances as elucidated above, the Authority resolved to cancel the present tender and direct the Managing Director to refer the matter of recommending the pipes suitable for this reach also to the same technical committee before floating fresh tenders.

*Item No. V (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. V (2) 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.*

Res. No. 6458 The Authority directed the Managing Director to place the final report on the matter without any more delay for the consideration of the Authority.

*Item No. V (3) Revision of sitting fee for Non-official Board Members.*

Res. No. 6459 The Authority resolved to enhance the sitting fee paid to its non-official Members from Rs. 100/- to 150/-, from 1/11/2003, on par with the rate in KSRTC.

*Item No. V (4) Printing and supply of KWA Calendars for 2004.*

Res. No. 6460 The Authority resolved to accord sanction to print 4,000 Nos. of Calendars for the Kerala Water Authority, for the year 2004 at the estimated cost of Rs. 52,000/-

*Item No. V (5) Implementation of JBIC assisted Kerala Water Supply Project-- deployment and re-designation of staff.*

Res. No. 6461 The Authority noted that the staff strength in the JBIC Project Implementation Unit has to be enhanced from the existing 32 to 52. It was also informed that except for 7 temporary posts of Computer Assistants, all other additional posts can be filled up through deployment of staff identified from other units of the Kerala Water Authority, and the Authority's sanction is sought for filling up the seven temporary posts on contract basis. Satisfied with the necessity of the proposal, the Authority resolved to accord approval to the Managing Director to appoint 7 Computer Assistants on a consolidated pay of Rs. 6000/- per month on a contract basis for the duration of the JBIC assisted KWSP subject to seeking prior approval of the Government if necessary as per existing rules. It is also resolved that the appointment shall be through advertisement in dailies from any candidate possessing PGDCA and desirably with skill in Data Entry Operation.

*Item No. V (6) Vayalar Rama Varma Literary Award Function at Thiruvananthapuram on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2003-Request for providing a sum of Rs. 5000/- and also exhibit banners at the venue.*

Res. No. 6462 The Authority resolved to issue sanction for granting an advertisement for Rs. 5000/- to the Vayalar Rama Varma Memorial Trust, Thiruvananthapuram in connection with the Literary Award given in October 2003.

*Item No. V (7) Loan Assistance from NABARD for 8 new Rural Drinking Water Projects and Rural Infrastructure Development Fund-IX (RIEF-IX)*

Res. No. 6463 The Authority resolved:  
  
(1) to ratify the action of the Managing Director moving the Government of Kerala in advance for according prior approval to issue administrative sanction for eight schemes proposed to be implemented with loan assistance from NABARD.

(2) to avail loan assistance of Rs. 3324.06 lakhs from NABARD as per the terms and conditions vide their loan sanction letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2003 for the implementation of 8 new rural water supply schemes.

(3) to request the Govt. of Kerala to take further necessary action as per the loan sanction letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2003 of NABARD to facilitate the drawal of loan.

(4) to move the Government for making adequate supplementary budget provision for the above schemes in 2003-04 in view of the fact that no provision could be made in the budget for the current year as this is the first time NABARD is financing the Kerala Water Authority Schemes.

*Item No. V (8) WSS to Muvattupuzha (Portion) village in Avoly Pt. Construction of 2.5 mld out put capacity Water Treatment Plant and sump at Vadakkumala.*

Res. No. 6464 The Authority resolved to award the work of construction of 2.5 mld output capacity WTP for the WSS to Muvattupuzha (Portion) village in Avoly Pt. to Sri. Joseph John at his reduced quoted amount of Rs. 65.50 lakhs considering that the possibility for getting a better offer on re-tendering is remote. The payment condition put up further by the tenderer will be considered subject to over all funds position of Kerala Water Authority and hence the condition of the tenderer in this regard is not an acceptable pre-condition for the award of the work.

*Item No. V (9) 36<sup>th</sup> Annual connection of IWWA Sponsoring KWA Engineers*

Res. No. 6465 The Authority resolved to decline the proposal.

*Item No. V (10) ARWSS to Manjallor Pt. - construction of 2.75 mld out put capacity water treatment plant at Paralimattom in Manjallor Panchayat.*

Res. No. 6466 The Authority resolved to award the work of construction of 2.75 mld out put capacity Water Treatment Plant at Paralimattom for the ARWSS to Manjallor Panchayat to the lowest tenderer Sri. Joseph John at his quoted amount of Rs. 69.30 lakhs.

*Item No. V (11) KWA-Estt.-- Pay Revision '97--Operators-implementation of judgments -- further action.*

Res. No. 6467 The Authority directed the Managing Director to constitute a committee with FM & CAO, Law Officer, DCE (GL) and AO (Internal Audit) to examine the issue in detail giving due consideration to financial implication and other repercussions and place the report with the recommendation of the Managing Director in the Authority meeting of December 2003. In the meantime necessary action shall be taken to obtain time extension if required for compliance with the court direction in the matter.

*Item No. V (12) CARWSS to Thekkumkara and adjoining villages design and construction of 3mld WTP at Kakkinikad-extension of time of completion.*

Res. No. 6468 The Authority resolved to extend the time of completion of the work of "CARWSS to Thekkumkara and adjoining villages for the Design and construction of 3 mld Water Treatment Plant at Kakkinikkad" up to 31/3/2004 without Liquidated Damages.

*Item No. VI (1) Judgment in WP (C) No. 20253 of 203 (J) filed by Sri. T.Jayapalan, NMR Meter Reader-Regularization with effect from 01/4/1989.*

Res. No. 6469 The Authority resolved to recommend to Government for absorbing Sri. T.Jayapalan, NMR Meter Reader into regular establishment as Meter Reader with effect from 01/4/1989.

*Item No. VI (2) KWA-Estt. -- Promotion of EE as DCE/SE proposal.*

Res. No. 6470 The Authority resolved to promote Smt. Molly Michael Kalathil, EE, O/o the Chief Engineer (Central Region), Kochi as Deputy Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer provisionally.

*Item No. VI (3) Irregularities in the execution of World Bank aided schemes under Kollam Circle and other works – Non-finalization of disciplinary action – present position.*

Res. No. 6471 The Authority directed the Managing Director to place the final report on the matter without any more delay for the consideration of the Authority.

*Item No. VI (4) KWA-Estt.-Medical Advance to Sri. N.Muraleedharan, 1<sup>st</sup> grade Surveyor, IPD Sub division, Kollam.*

Res. No. 6472 The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 77,500/- (Rupees seventy seven thousand and five hundred only) to Sri. N.Muraleedharan, Surveyor, IPD Sub Division, Kollam towards interest free advance for meeting the expenses of Open Heart Surgery of his son at Amrita Institute of Medical Science, Kochi subject to the following conditions:

1. The advance shall be utilized within three months or else it should be refunded in full immediately on expiry of three months.
2. The amount shall be adjusted against the final claim within 6 months and any balance amount remaining unadjusted shall be recovered from his DCRG admissible to the incumbent.
3. The sanction of the medical claim of the incumbent shall be subject to the Government rules which are now applicable to Kerala Water Authority also and incase the claim becomes inadmissible, the amount of advance spent towards the treatment shall be recovered from the DCRG.
4. An undertaking shall be obtained to the above effect, ie. for complying with items 1.2 & 3 before disbursing the advance sanctioned.

*Item No. VI (5) KWA-Estt.-Medical Advance to Smt. T.K.Meera, AEE, PH Sub Division, Perumbavoor.*

Res. No. 6473 The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) to Smt. T.K.Meera, Assistant Executive Engineer, PH Sub Division, Perumbavoor as interest free advance towards the expenses for Heart Operation of the incumbent at Sree Chithra Thirunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram subject to the following conditions:

1. The advance shall be utilized within three months or else it should be refunded in full immediately on expiry of three months.
2. The amount shall be adjusted against the final claim within 6 months and any balance amount remaining unadjusted shall be recovered from his DCRG admissible to the incumbent.
3. The sanction of the medical claim of the incumbent shall be subject to the Government rules which are now applicable to Kerala Water Authority also and incase the claim becomes inadmissible, the amount of advance spent towards the treatment shall be recovered from the DCRG.
4. An undertaking shall be obtained to the above effect, ie. for complying with items 1,2 & 3 before disbursing the advance sanctioned.

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