

**Minutes of the 252<sup>nd</sup> meeting of KWA held on 29/11/2003 at  
10.30 a.m. in the Conference Hall of Jalabhavan,  
Thiruvananthapuram.**

**Members Present:**

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| 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.Lokesan Nair   | Technical Member & Accounts Member<br>(Addl. Charge) |
| 6. Smt. T.R.Indira       | Managing Director                                    |

*Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the minutes of 251<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2003.*

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 251<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 30/10/2003.

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

The Authority noted that action on many decisions taken in the previous meetings are pending for a long time. The Chairman therefore directed that the Secretary and Deputy Chief Engineer (Vig.) shall be responsible for follow up actions on the pending issues and for placing the report to the Authority in every Board Meeting.

Item No. 6 & 19: Irregularities in the execution of World Bank Aided Schemes under Kollam Circle and other circles – Non-finalization of disciplinary action.

Res. No. 6474 The Chairman directed that the explanation of the Chief Engineer (Southern Region) should be obtained and placed before the Board, for the inordinate delay in furnishing the report.

*Item No. II (1) Review of billing and collection for the month of September 2003.*

Res. No. 6475 The Chairman expressed apprehension on correctness of the percentage of domestic, non-domestic and industrial connections. On general observation the last two categories should reasonably be more than the numbers indicated in the statement. The Managing Director informed that a meeting of Chief Engineers and officers up to Assistant Executive Engineer level had been convened to review the progress of revenue collection and the status details of all connections and a review report will be placed before the Authority soon. The checking of categories of connections will also be done as part of the exercise. The Chairman directed to show separately the details of arrear amount to be collected from each category, from the monthly demand, in the subsequent reports to be placed in the Board. It was also directed to initiate steps for recovery of arrears especially in the Divisions where the statement reveals huge arrears.

*Item No. II (2) Cash flow statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2003.*

The Authority noted the contents. The Chairman informed the Board that the Kerala Water Authority's financial position is being brought to the notice of the Government and the Planning Board for favourable considerations.

*Item No. III (1) Issue of 'C' form and entry tax*

Res. No. 6476 The Chairman pointed out that the right course of actions would be to move for exempting the Kerala Water Authority from the provision of the Sales Tax Act and Entry of Goods Act, as Kerala Water Authority is exercising the function of the Government in the matter of provision of safe drinking water to

the people of the State. The water supply services rendered by the Kerala Water Authority are highly subsidized and revenue generated is far too inadequate to meet the cost of production and distribution of water. The Central Government have given similar exemptions in the case of drinking water supply provision in respect of Customs and Excise duties with the intention to supply potable drinking water to the maximum population. The Authority therefore resolved to recommend to Government for exemption of Kerala Water Authority from the provision of Sale Tax Act and Entry of Goods Act so that the objectives of provision of drinking water to the public can be achieved early by investing more on water supply schemes. The exemption may be moved with retrospective effect from the date the taxes are assessed viz. 1986 for Sales Tax and 1994 for Entry Tax. The Authority also resolved that as the Kerala Water Authority is not in a position to issue 'C' form at present, the difference in tax to the firm who had supplied from outside the state may be paid.

- Item No. III (2) Purchase of Photocopier of Head Works Division, Aruvikkara.*
- Res. No. 6477 It is resolved to purchase a new photocopier for use of Head Works Division, Aruvikkara, at a cost not exceeding Rs. 70,000/- including cost of stabilizer.
- Item No. IV (1) ARWSS to Neyyattinkara (Part) village – Kodithukimala – laying pumping mains, distribution main and scour line – arranging the work on supplying and laying basis-sanction sought for*
- Res. No. 6478 Deferred for want of sufficient details regarding Administrative Sanction and Technical sanction for the scheme, present stage of each component of the scheme, up to date expenditure, coverage of NC habitation, and whether all other components of the schemes have been arranged/completed and the scheme can be completed with the proposed work. The Chairman wanted to place comprehensive notes with a clean picture of the scheme, while moving such proposals in future.

- Item No. IV (2) ARWSS to Neyyattinkara (Portion) village – providing water supply arrangements to Ward VII, VIII and IX – laying pumping main arranging the work on supplying and laying basis – sanction.*
- Res. No. 6479      Deferred for want of details such as present stage of each component of the scheme, amount required for the completion of the work arranged, coverage of NC habitations etc.
- Item No. IV (3) NC/PC habitation – WSS to Ward No. II, III, IV, VI and VII of Kodakara Panchayat – laying pumping main and distribution system in Zone I and II under supplying and laying basis-sanction*
- Res. No. 6480      The Authority resolved to accord sanction for laying 2338 m of pumping main, 4236 m of distribution system in Zone I and 6215 m of distribution system in Zone II of the scheme, on supplying and laying basis, at estimated costs of Rs. 11.7 lakhs, Rs. 11.0 lakhs and Rs. 9.2 lakhs respectively, as a single lumpsum contract package for all the items.
- Item No. IV (4) Tender No. 21/SE/PHCK/202-03 opened on 10/6/03 for the construction of 10 lakhs litres capacity OH Tank for CARWSS to Chennithala, Thriperumthura, Mannar and Kurittissery villages – tender.*
- Res. No. 6481      Deferred for want of details justifying the award of work giving complete picture of the other components of the scheme, up to date expenditure and lack of clarity on the overall excess. The Chairman wanted to ascertain whether the excess quoted for materials is justifiable in comparison to prevailing market rate. Also it has to be clarified why a single percentage excess should not be offered for cement and steel also similar to working charges. It was directed to place agenda notes giving all salient details of the work starting from the invitation of tender, till recommendation for award and status of the scheme in total.

*Item No. IV (5) Tender No. 20/SE/PHCK/2002-03 opened on 06/5/03 – construction of 8.85 lakh litres capacity OH Tank at Kurathikkady for CARWSS to Bharanikkavu and adjoining villages – tender approval sought for*

Res. No. 6482 Deferred for want of details justifying the award of work giving complete picture of the other components of the scheme, up to date expenditure and lack of clarity on the overall excess. The Chairman wanted to ascertain whether the excess quoted for materials is justifiable in comparison to prevailing market rate. Also it has to be clarified why a single percentage excess should not be offered for cement and steel also similar to working charges. It was directed to place agenda notes giving all salient details of the work starting from the invitation of tender, till recommendation for award and status of the scheme in total.

*Item No. IV (6) CARWSS to Madappally, Vakathanam and Karukachal villages and RWSS to Nedumkunnam and Kangazha Panchayat – pipe procurement – sanction requested.*

Res. No. 6483 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the purchase of following PVC pipes required for charging and stabilizing of the distribution systems, through DLPC, Kottayam, subject to the condition that the purchase cost shall not exceed Rs. 1.48 lakhs.

For CARWSS to Madappally, Vakathanam and Karukachal villages:

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|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. 160 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )  | - 90 m  |
| 2. 110 mm PVC pipes (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | - 300 m |
| 3. 90 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )   | - 120 m |
| 4. 75 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )   | - 90 m  |
| 5. 63 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )   | - 90 m  |

For RWSS to Nedumkunnam and Kangazha:

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|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. 160 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | - 60 m  |
| 2. 110 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | - 300 m |
| 3. 90 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )  | - 60 m  |
| 4. 75 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )  | - 60 m  |
| 5. 63 mm PVC pipe (6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )  | - 60 m  |

- Item No. IV (7) PWD Manual-Rules and Procedures – Revision-adoption in Kerala Water Authority*
- Res. No. 6484 The Authority observed that the amendment proposed for adoption in Kerala Water Authority is not required. The proposal is declined.
- Item No. IV (8) AUWSS to Koratty – Laying raw water pumping main with 350 mm dia CI Class A pipe on supplying and laying basis – sanction-reg.*
- Res. No. 6485 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal of Chief Engineer (Central Region) for laying 1590 m of Raw Water Pumping Main with 350 mm dia CI Class A pipe for AUWSS to Koratty on supplying and laying basis, at the estimated cost of Rs. 51.00 lakhs. The work should be arranged as a single package LS tender.
- Item No. IV (9) DFID-dismantling the 700 mm premo pumping main from Karuvelipady pump house to Beach road junction and supplying and laying 600 mm CI (Class-A) pipe for functioning as pumping main to OH tank at Fort Kochi for Zone III*
- Res. No. 6486 Considering the emergency of DFID works, it is resolved to accord sanction for the work of dismantling the existing 700 mm Premo pumping main from Karuvelipady pump house to Beach road junction and laying 600 mm CI (Cl-A) pipe for length of 850 m for functioning as a part of pumping main to OH tank at Fort Kochi for Zone III under supplying and laying basis at the estimated cost of Rs. 92.95 lakhs. The approval is subject to the condition that the work should be executed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 so as to book the expenditure under DFID.
- Item No. IV (10) Marad Rehabilitation Package – Improving drinking water facilities – AS issued – ratification*
- Res. No. 6487 The Authority resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in issuing Administrative Sanction as per the direction of Government for the Marad Rehabilitation Scheme. Improving drinking water facilities by Augmenting Naduvattom WSS for an estimate amount of Rs. 31.50 lakhs.

- Item No. V (1)*      *KWA-Estt. – Promotion of DCE/SE as Chief Engineer-proposal furnishing of*
- Res. No. 6488      The Authority resolved to promote Sri. T.P.Mohan Lal, Deputy Chief Engineer (Works-South), Jalabhavan, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram as Chief Engineer provisionally.
- Item No. V (2)*      *KWA-Estt. – Promotion of EE as DCE/SE-proposal furnishing of*
- Res. No. 6489      The Authority resolved to promote Smt. Elizabeth George, Executive Engineer, PH IPD Division, Changanassery as Deputy Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer provisionally.
- Item No. V (3)*      *KWA-Estt. – Cash award for commendable service to Sri. C.A.Joseph, Head Operator – PH head Works Sub Division, Aluva – proposal*
- Res. No. 6490      The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) to Sri. C.A.Joseph, Head Operator (Retd.), Head Works Sub division, Aluva for the commendable service rendered during the Chlorine leakage in Aluva Plant on 12/12/1998.
- Item No. V (4)*      *KWA-Estt. – Regularization of unqualified NMR hands*
- Res. No. 6491      The Authority resolved that a detailed report on the financial implication of the proposals shall be placed for considering the matter further.
- Item No. VI (1)*      *Supply and erection of 3 Nos. VT pump sets at intake well and supply and erection of 500 KVA transformer for BAWSS to Kundara, works entrusted with M/s. Davidson Agencies.*
- Deferred
- Item No. VI (2)*      *Supply and erection of pumps and transformers at Punalur and Kunnicode under BAWSS to Kundara and adjoining Pts. works entrusted with M/s. Davidson agencies – Financial loss to Authority.*

Res. No. 6492 The Authority resolved to accept the total liability of the firm M/s. Davidson Agencies as Rs.11,11,936/- including liquidated damage based on the recommendation of Chief Engineer (Southern Region). The Authority, however, directed to place the following details also on the matter.

1. Whether the balance work was arranged at the risk and cost of the firm.
2. The amount outstanding to be paid to the firm as per the final bill.
3. Details of security deposit and other amounts if any due to the firm.

*Item No. VI (3) Schemes sanctioned under NC/PC and rural schools in the ARP state level sanctioning committee meeting held on 07/10/2003 – issuing Administrative Sanction-reg.*

Res. No. 6493 The Authority resolved to issue Administrative Sanction for the schemes costing above Rs. 20.00 lakhs and coming under NC/PC and rural schools as per the following list.

#### **I. Proposal under NC/PC**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Name of Scheme</b>	<b>Name of Panchayat</b>	<b>Wards benefited</b>	<b>Estt. Amount (Rs. in lakhs)</b>
1.	Kollam	WSS to Anthamom area	Mylom	1,2,3	58.00
2.	Alappuzha	RWSS to Ala	Ala	1 to 13	100.00
3.	Alappuzha	RWSS to Bhudanoor	Bhudanoor	1 to 10	100.00
4.	Alappuzha	RWSS to Puliyoor	Puliyoor	1 to 10	100.00
5.	Alappuzha	RWSS to Venmony	Venmony	1 to 13	100.00

6.	Idukki	WSS to Varikamuthan IHDP ST Colony	Kanjikuzhy	14	26.00
7.	Idukki	WSS to Kanjikuzhy	Kanjikuzhy	2,3,14,15	44.00
8.	Idukki	WSS to Idukki Dt. Head Quarters & Govt. Institutions	Vazhathode	6	70.00
9.	Malappuram	Energizing bore well No. 52 & 53	Kuzhimanna	8p, 13p	23.00
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>621.00</b>

## II. Proposals under Rural Schools

1.	Idukki	WSS to Third Camp Govt. LPS	Karunapuram		60.00
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>681.00</b>

The Authority also directed that only proposals for Kerala Government schools should be taken up for implementation under the programme. The priority for implementation of the schemes for which Administrative Sanction is issued shall be decided and approved by the Managing Director.

*Item No. VI (4) Releasing of advertisement – 41<sup>st</sup> South Zone Bridge Championship – Ratification*

Res. No. 6494 The Authority resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in giving sanction to release Rs. 5,000/- for displaying Kerala Water Authority banner at Sreemoolam Club, Vazhuthacaud for three days from 14/11/2003 to 16/11/2003.

*Item No. VI (5) Releasing advertisement to Varnachithra and Unique*

Res. No. 6495 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for M/s. Varnachithra Advertising & Marketing and M/s. Unique Communications to continue in the panel of agencies for releasing advertisement in the English dailies, for another year.

- Item No. VI (6)* *Construction of Road over bridge at Malampuzha road at LC No. 159 – shifting – diversion of water lines – arranging the work on supplying and laying basis – sanction.*
- Res. No. 6496 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the proposal for laying new pipeline on supplying and laying basis at the estimate cost of Rs. 50.00 lakhs subject to the condition that the funds for this work shall be deposited by the Road and Bridges Corporation, before the work is arranged.
- Item No. VI (7)* *Constitution of Task Force to assess the exact quantities of water produced, sold, leakage and cost and Revenue of Kerala Water Authority and performance of Kerala Water Authority in Technical and Financial Areas.*
- Res. No. 6497 The Authority resolved to authorize the Managing Director to constitute a Task Force as to assess the exact quantities of water produced and sold, leakage levels and cost and revenue aspects of Kerala Water Authority and the performance of Kerala Water Authority in Technical and Financial Areas, and to inform the Authority the outcome of the assessment in due course.
- Item No. VI (8)* *Merits and demerits of arranging works on HR basis and outstanding maintenance works on running contract basis.*
- Deferred.
- Item No. VI (9)* കേരള വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച ദൈനംദിന വാർത്തകൾ പത്രങ്ങളിൽ വരുന്നത് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മാനേജിംഗ് ഡയറക്ടറുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിന് ഹിന്ദു ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് ദിനപത്രവും മംഗളം, മാദ്ധ്യമം, ദീപിക എന്നീ മലയാളപത്രങ്ങളും വാങ്ങാൻ അനുമതി നൽകുന്നതു സംബന്ധിച്ച്.
- Res. No. 6498 ഹിന്ദു ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് ദിനപത്രവും മംഗളം, മാദ്ധ്യമം, ദീപിക എന്നീ മലയാളപത്രങ്ങളും മാനേജിംഗ് ഡയറക്ടറുടെ ഓഫീസിൽ വാങ്ങുന്നതിന് അതോറിറ്റി അനുമതി നൽകി.

*Item No. VII (1) Calicut WSS – Maintenance-procuring spares for 600 HP VT Pump set in the Raw Water Pump House at Mavoor-Quotation submitted*

Res. No. 6499 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the quotation for procuring spares for the 600 HP VT Pump set in the raw water pump house at Mavoor for an amount not exceeding Rs. 12,71,375/- subject to the following conditions:

1. The list of items shall be selected according to the replacement that was necessary in the previous overhaul and the present requirements.
2. Since it involves replacement of high value spares, the Executive Engineer (Vig.) shall also certify the actual replacements.
3. The Chief Engineer (Northern Region) may make one more attempt for negotiation of the prices, so as to obtain the least possible offer, as the items can be procured only from the manufacturer.

*Item No. VII (2) KWA-Estt. Interest free loan for medical purpose to Sri. N.K.Raveendran, cleaner (HG), PH Section, Aluva.*

Res. No. 6500 The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) to Sri. N.K.Raveendran, Cleaner (HG), PH Section, Aluva towards Interest free advance for medical purpose for the Cancer treatment of himself at the Regional Cancer Centre, 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 the DCRG admissible to the incumbent.
3. The sanction of the medical claims of the incumbent shall be subject to the Government rules, which are now applicable to Kerala Water Authority also and in case 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 and 3 before disbursing the advance sanctioned.

*Item No. VII (3) 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 – approval sought for*

Res. No. 6501 The Authority resolved to accord sanction to award the work to Sri. T.D.John, Poojappura @ 70% (Seventy percent) above estimate rate subject to his willingness. The possibility of getting MP funds in full or in part shall be explored before taking up the work.

*Item No. VII (4) Coverage of NC/PC habitation – works to be arranged under supplying and laying basis – 11 Nos. of schemes under PH Division, Shornur – sanction accord.*

Res. No. 6502 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for arranging the works of 11 Nos. of pipeline extensions under Shornur Division for a total length of 23.597 km under supplying and laying basis at the estimated cost of Rs. 40.46 lakhs, considering that the works are for the coverage of NC/PC habitations.

**General Item:** The Chairman directed that clean and concise reports on the following matters should also be placed before the Authority in every Board Meeting.

- Res. No. 6503
1. The details of action taken on PUC recommendations.
  2. Action on Vigilance Cases and pending files in Vigilance Cell.
  3. The status of all works arranged on EPCM/Turnkey/ supplying and laying costing above Rs. 1.00 crore.
  4. Physical and financial achievement of the JBIC aided Kerala Water Supply Project.

  
SECRETARY

  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

  
CHAIRMAN 12