

**Minutes of the 260<sup>th</sup> meeting of KWA held on 29/06/2004 at**  
**3.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of Jalabhavan,**  
**Thiruvananthapuram.**

**Members Present:**

1. Sri. K. J. Mathew, IAS	Chairman
2. Sri. Jose Cyriac, IAS	Principal Secretary, Finance.
3. Sri. Baby Pathipally	Member
4. Sri. K. N. Murali	Member
5. Sri. Thomas Babu	Member
6. Smt. Jessy Peter	Member
7. Sri. P. C. Vijayakumar	Managing Director
8. Sri. K. Ravindran	Technical Member

*Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the minutes of 259<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2004.*

The Authority confirmed the minutes of 259<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

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

The Authority expressed strong displeasure about the pending of certain items related to irregularities for a long period.

Sl. No. 1: Revised Estimate for various components of BAWSS to Kundara and adjoining Panchayats. Being a complicated issue, Managing Director requested for at least two months time for giving specific remarks on the admissibility of each component. Chairman directed to furnish the same during the Board meeting in August 2004.

For Sl. No. 2, 4, 5 & 6: The Chairman stated that the Secretary and Deputy Chief Engineer (Vig.) shall be responsible for follow up action on the pending issues and for placing the reports to the Authority in the next Board meeting.

For Sl. No. 3: Managing Director and Technical Member explained that the car Tata Indica/Fiat UNO (Diesel) is meant for Accounts Member. Since the Accounts Member's post is vacant, the vehicle was not purchased and the matter is kept in abeyance.

- Item No. II (1) Review of Billing and Collection for the month of April 2004.*
- The Chairman directed to entrust this matter to the new Accounts Member and also to prepare a detailed clear presentation of the statement showing Demand, Collection and Balance of water charges and to place the same in the next Board Meeting.
- Item No. III (1) Supply of AC pipes-additional requirement – sanction for purchase at the rate approved by Government vide GO (Rt) No. 758/03/WRD, dated: 21/6/2003.*
- Res. No. 6677 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the purchase of 200mm class-20 pipes for a length of 12460 m from the firm M/s. A.Infra Structure Ltd. at the rate already approved by Government vide GO (Rt) No. 758/03/WRD, dated: 21/6/2003, in addition to the quantity approved, considering the urgent requirement and delay in making separate purchases.
- Item No. IV (1) Augmentation of WSS to Thrippunithura Municipality and adj. Panchayats – Design, Construction and Commissioning of 42 mld WTP at Choondy – Tender.*
- Res. No. 6678 The Authority resolved to recommend to Government to award the subject work to the lowest tenderer, M/s. Ray Constructions Ltd., Kochi at Rs. 375.00 lakhs instead of accepting their revised offer of Rs. 442.50 lakhs, if the firm is willing to accept the same or to re-tender after fresh pre-qualification.
- Item No. IV (2) CWSS to Ettumanoor and adj. nine villages in Kottayam district (ARP) – Request for revised sanction of tender works.*
- Res. No. 6679 The Authority resolved to accord sanction to invite tenders for the construction of 25 mld capacity Treatment Plant.
- Item No. IV (3) Amendment of existing rules and procedures regarding performance guarantee – implementation of Government order in Kerala Water Authority*
- Res. No. 6680 The Authority resolved to bring to the notice of PWD, the ambiguity in the wording of the Circular and obtain fresh orders.

- Item No. IV (4) LIC aided WSS to Ottappalam Municipality – Construction of 16.05 lakh litres capacity OHSR at Palappuram for Zone III – Tender*
- Res. No. 6681 The Authority resolved to limit the overall excess of the lowest tenderer Sri. T.Mohammed Ali to 50% and recommend the same to Government if he is willing to accept the offered rate or else to re-tender the work.
- Item No. V (1) KWA-Estt. Additional Economy Measures – relaxation*
- Res. No. 6682 The Authority resolved to adopt GO (P) No. 279/2004/Fin, dated: 16/6/2004 for implementation in Kerala Water Authority also.
- Item No. V (2) ATM facility inside Water Works Campus.*
- Res. No. 6683 The Authority noted the arrangements and resolved that no expenditure should be incurred by Kerala Water Authority in this regard.
- Item No. V (3) Details of files pending in the Vigilance Section.*
- The Authority noted the contents.
- Item No. V (4) KWA-Estt. LWA for employment abroad-application of Sri. Abdul Nazar Panoli, Assistant Executive Engineer.*
- Res. No. 6684 The Authority resolved to grant Leave Without Allowances for 5 years from 25/6/2004 or from the date of availing of leave to Sri. Abdul Nazar Panoli, Assistant Executive Engineer, WSP Sub Division, Perinthalmanna for employment abroad subject to the terms and conditions under rule 88 and appendix XII A Part I KSR.
- Item No. V (5) KWA-Estt. Application for LWA – Sri. P.Sunil Kumar, Assistant Engineer.*
- The Authority declined the proposal.

- Item No. V (6)*      *KWA-Estt. Application for LWA – Sri. K.Khalid, Meter Reader (HG).*
- Res. No. 6685      The Authority resolved to grant Leave Without Allowances for 5 years from 10/6/2004 to Sri. K.Khalid, Meter Reader (HG), PH Sub Division, Kannur for better employment abroad subject to the terms and conditions laid down under rule 88 and Appendix XII A Part I KSR.
- Item No. VI (1)*      *JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Physical and Financial achievement – Progress Report for May 2004.*
- The Authority noted the contents. On publication of pre-qualification tenders, Managing Director clarified that the criteria were finalized by the Technical Committee headed by the Managing Director and that good participation from tenderers was expected.
- Item No. VI (2)*      *JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Engaging additional specialist support staff – approval.*
- Res. No. 6686      The Authority resolved to approve the proposal for engaging Mr. Paul Vry, as Design Systems Integration Specialist under the group of Specialist Support Staff (Internal), at a monthly remuneration of US \$ 15,800 for a period not exceeding 6 months retrospectively from April 2004.
- Item No. VI (3)*      *JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Post of Dy. Accounts Manager filling up by deputation.*
- Res. No. 6687      The Authority resolved to obtain a suitable hand on deputation. The Chairman directed Managing Director to identify a suitable person who is in Government service (preferably in the rank of an Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary in Finance) for filling up the post of the Deputy Accounts Manager, before moving the request.

*Item No. VI (4) JBIC assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Providing of vehicles for site visits by JBIC Review Mission and GOK/GOI officials – Purchase/Hiring of cars – ratification.*

The Authority noted the purchase of the Skoda Octavia car. As regarding hiring of vehicles, the Managing Director will take suitable decision, keeping in mind economy in expenditure

*Item No. VI (5) Plumbing License examination December 2003 – Report.*

Res. No. 6688 The Authority resolved to accept the list of 114 Nos. of successful candidates.

*Item No. VI (6) Writ – WP No. 3271/03 before the Hon'ble High Court, Chennai – Advocate fees to Sri. P.N.Prakash.*

Res. No. 6689 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for an amount of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) towards the Advocate fee inclusive of all expenses to conduct WP No. 32712/03 before Hon'ble High Court, Chennai.

*Item No. VI (7) Appointment of Standing Counsel in the Hon'ble High Court, Ernakulam.*

Res. No. 6690 The Authority resolved to retain Sri. Babu Varghese and Sri. Mathai Muthirenthy for a period of one year from 05/8/2004 as Standing Counsel in High Court, Ernakulam as per the existing terms and conditions.

Sri. Babu Varghese is appointed as Standing Counsel to conduct cases relating to (1) Thiruvananthapuram, (2) Kollam, (3) Pathanamthitta, (4) Alappuzha, (5) Kottayam, (6) Idukki & (7) Thrissur and Sri. Mathai Muthirenthy is appointed as Standing Counsel to conduct cases relating to (1) Ernakulam, (2) Malappuram, (3) Palakkad, (4) Kozhikkode, (5) Wayanad, (6) Kannur & (7) Kasaragod.

*Item No. VI (8) Official residential phone to the Information Officer (in full additional charge of the Principal Information Officer)*

The Authority declined the proposal for the time being.

*Item No. VII (1) Bank Loan Assistance for Augmentation of WSS to Trippunithura Municipality and adj. Panchayats.*

Res. No. 6691 The Authority resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in having applied for a term loan of Rs. 51.00 crores from Federal Bank Ltd. at a rate of interest of 7.5% per annum for the completion of the work "Aug. of Water Supply Scheme to Thrrippunithura Municipality and adj. Panchayats". The loan will be availed subject to approval of Government and the Authority.

*Item No. VII (2) WSS to Parur Municipality and adj. Panchayats by improvements to Chowara Head Works and laying pumping main from Chowara to Parur sump – Proposal for availing loan from Banks.*

Res. No. 6692 The Authority resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in having applied for a term loan of Rs. 60.00 crores at an interest rate of 7.5% per annum from State Bank of Travancore, Kowdiar. The loan shall be availed subject to approval of Government and the Authority.

Sd/-

**SECRETARY**

Sd/-

**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Sd/-

**CHAIRMAN**