

**Minutes of the 284th meeting of KWA held on 31/8/2006 at 3.30 p.m.
in the Conference Hall, Kerala Water Authority, Jalabhavan,
Thiruvananthapuram.**

Members Present:

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| 1. Sri. Sayan Chattejee IAS | Chairman |
| 2. Sri. S.M.Vijayanand IAS | Ex-Officio |
| 3. Sri. G.Rajendra Prasad | Member |
| 4. Sri. Illickal Augusty | Member |
| 5. Sri. T.P.Mohanlal | Managing Director |
| 6. Sri. C.Suresh Babu | Technical Member |
| 7. Sri. V.K.Girijavallabhan, IA&AS | Accounts Member |

Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 283rd Meeting held on 31/7/2006.

The Authority confirmed the Minutes of the 283rd Meeting of Kerala Water Authority held on 31st July 2006.

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

1. Note of BAWSS to Kundara and adjoining Panchayats-R/E

The Authority noted that few specific remarks were called for in its meeting held on 26/08/2004 on the admissibility of each component included in the Revised Estimate. The information has not been given even after two years. It was informed by the Managing Director that the remarks called for are yet to be received from the Chief Engineer, Southern Region. After discussions the Authority directed the Managing Director to obtain and place the specific remarks of the Chief Engineer, Southern Region in the next Board Meeting. In case of failure to obtain the report the Chief Engineer, Southern Region may be called in person to explain the reasons for not submitting the report.

2. Package Loan agreement with HUDCO – Escrow to HUDCO – reduction of interest rates.

The Managing Director explained in detail the up-to-date progress in this issue. It was informed to the Authority that revised Government guarantee is still awaited. It was informed to the Board that the reduction in interest and

repackaging the loan have been already completed. However documentation like revised agreement, escrow facility and modified Government guarantee are yet to be finalized. It was also reported that further reduction in interest will be allowed by HUDCO only after the formalities for earlier reduction is completed. The Authority directed the Managing Director to persue the matter with Government informing that the Government guarantee now requested is in place of the guarantee already given and ^{which was} ~~that too~~ for a ^{higher} lesser amount and to compete other formalities and avail further reduction in interest offered by HUDCO periodically.

3. *Note on liabilities fixed for incurring losses for Kerala Water Authority in the execution of works relating to the World Bank aided WSS under PH Circle, Kollam.*

The Authority noted that the individual liability are yet to be fixed even though direction was given vide its 271st meeting held on 29/06/2005. The Managing Director informed that the liability has to be fixed by the Chief Engineer, Southern Region and his report is still awaited. The Authority noted the remarks with much displeasure and directed the Managing Director to place before the next Board the details after fixing the individual liabilities. The Authority also directed that if the reports are not placed, the Chief Engineer, Southern Region in person, will be called before the Authority and he will have to give his explanation for not submitting the report.

4. *JBIC assisted KWSP to Cherthala Municipality and adjoining villages – Negotiated purchase of land – reg:-*

The Authority noted that the Government approval is pending for the transfer of land owned by the Panchayats to Kerala Water Authority for the execution of the works under JBIC package. The Authority directed the Managing Director to take up the issue of such land to the Principal Secretary, Local Self Government, so as to get the Government approval without further delay.

5. *Review of action taken on the decision of previous meetings.*

Sl. No. 6: As in item No. 2 above.

Sl. No. 8: The Authority directed the Managing Director to place the inspection report of Technical Member with the recommendation of the Managing Director in the next meeting itself.

9. *Inadequacy of Senior level staff in the Finance Wing of KWA*

The Managing Director informed the Authority that the KPSC has been addressed for filling up the vacancy of two deputy Accounts Manager in Kerala Water Authority. As the selection procedure will consume time, the Authority directed the Managing Director to fill up the vacancies temporarily on deputation basis or on contract basis till the KPSC hands are available. The Authority also constituted a committee comprising of Managing Director, Technical Member, Accounts Member, Finance Manager and Chief Accounts Officer and Deputy Accountant General (Inspection - Commercial), Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit) for conducting the selection procedure.

10. *High Cost incurred on power charges – need for review/audit of pumping stations and electricity bills; and engagements of professional agency for conducting energy audit.*

The Authority noted the progress achieved by Kerala Water Authority in conducting the Energy Audit. The Managing Director informed the Authority that a firm had approached the Kerala Water Authority to conduct energy audit and for the replacement of the defective electrical parts for which they have to be paid 10% of the cost saved by Kerala Water Authority. It was also informed that the details will be placed before the Authority on finalisation of the proposal. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to give direction to all the concerned to get the defective KSEB energy meters replaced at the earliest so that Kerala Water Authority need only pay for the energy actually consumed.

11. *LIC aided TWSS to Alakkode (Phase-I) – procurement of land for Treatment Plant and booster pump house – request for processing additional 14 cent of land in Sy. No. 11/1 of Alakkode Village.*

The Managing Director informed the Authority that the enquiry was over and the report will be placed in the next meeting for its consideration.

19. *Guruvayoor Drainage scheme – Construction of 3 mld Sewage Treatment Plant and allied works at Chakkumkandam in Thaikkad Panchayat-Tender sanction*

The Managing Director informed the Authority that action is being taken at Government level to provide sufficient fund for the Guruvayoor project in the State Budget. However the Authority directed the Managing Director to take immediate steps to convene a meeting at the Government level through the Principal Secretary, Local Self Government to convene a meeting with the Guruvayoor Municipal Authorities, Guruvayoor Devaswom in order to sort out issues relating to the Sewerage Scheme.

30. *Standard Bidding Document (SBD) for Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project works funded by ADB – approval sought for*

The Managing Director informed the Authority that a report on the standard bidding document will be placed before the next meeting of the Authority.

32. *JBIC assisted water supply project –Review of land acquisition*

The Authority directed the Managing Director to organize a meeting at Principal Secretary level in which Land Revenue Commissioner shall be invited to sort out the issue of land acquisition for the JBIC projects and to place a note on the outcome of the meeting in the next Board meeting for its consideration.

Item No. II (1) Annual Accounts for the year 2003-04

Res. No. 7230 The Authority resolved to approve the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2004 and Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date along with the Notes thereto. The Authority also resolved to authorize the Managing Director to make necessary corrections and modifications in the accounts for the year 2003-04 wherever required by the Accountant General.

Item No. II (2) Cash Flow Statement for the period 01/04/2006 to 31/07/2006 and Projected Cash Flow for the period 01/08/2006 to 31/03/2007.

The Authority noted the contents.

Item No. II (3) Review of billing and Collection for the month of June 2006.

Res. No. 7231 The Authority noted the contents of the Agenda and resolved to delegate powers to the Regional Chief Engineers to take decision and dispose cases of one time settlement of arrears of Non-domestic and Industrial consumers for a period of 45 days from 05/10/2006 to 18/11/2006 under the same terms and conditions stipulated for one time settlement during the previous year.

Item No. II (4) Supply of drinking water to Muthalamada Grama Panchayat

Res. No. 7232 The Authority discussed the item in detail and resolved to address the Government after consulting KRWSA as it was the policy of the Government to handover single Panchayat scheme to the local bodies. It is also resolved to provide water to the Panchayat for the restoration of the water supply. The rate by which the water charges are to be collected shall be decided after the Government decision as it is anticipated that such requests will be received by Kerala Water Authority in near future from other Panchayats also. ~~Until~~ ^{with} a policy decision is taken. It was further resolved that the Panchayat may remit water charges for street taps at prevailing rates and for domestic connections the charges otherwise charged by beneficiary groups may be collected and remitted by the Panchayat to the Authority. The schemes as such is not to be taken over by

Kerala Water Authority. But Kerala Water Authority can render all schemes to the Panchayat for giving house connections collection deposits from the Panchayat at presumed rates. Kerala Water Authority may also fix a bulk meter to assess the quantity of water supplied to the Panchayat.

Item No. III (1) Administrative Sanction for the procurement of Bleaching Powder, Alum, CID joints and CI specials required for routine maintenance of Water Supply Schemes – prior approval - sought for

Res. No. 7233 Considering the necessity of procuring the materials to maintain the supply of drinking water to the public, the Authority resolved to accord Administrative Sanction for the procurement of following materials at a cost not exceeding the amount noted against each through open tender system.

Sl. No.	Material	Approximate purchase amount
1.	Bleaching Powder	Rs. 290.00 lakhs
2.	Alum	Rs. 130.00 lakhs
3.	CID Joints	Rs. 60.00 lakhs
4.	CI Specials	Rs. 60.00 lakhs

Item No. III (2) Up gradation of existing BPL EPABX at Jalabhavan by M/s BPL Telecom (Pvt.) Ltd-Extension of delivery period granted-ratification sought for

Res. No. 7234 The Authority resolved to ratify the action of Managing Director in having granted extension of delivery period up to 07/04/2006 with Liquidated Damage as per agreement condition, for the supply and installation of EPABX System by M/s BPL Telecom (Pvt.) Ltd as per Supply Order No. KWA/HO/SP-18040/2005/EPABX dated 13/01/2006

Item No. IV (1) JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project - Physical and Financial Achievements – Progress Report for July 2006

The Authority noted the contents.

Item No. IV (2) KWA Computerization plan – Analysis, design, procurement, supply, installation, testing, commissioning, training and documentation of pilot network of server systems in Thiruvananthapuram

Res. No. 7235 The Authority noted that the cost of all system softwares such Microsoft Windows 2003 server operating system, ORACLE 10G Standard, etc. and MS Office XP standard has been removed from the scope of the tender for direct procurement from NICS. Also items to be sourced from BSNL will be procured directly by Kerala Water Authority. The rates of hardware items were also found comparable with the current NICS / market rates. However it was noticed that the cost for IP phones (Sl. No. IV . 5) has been enhanced from Rs. 27820/- in the original quote to Rs. 30493/- on second negotiation which is not acceptable.

The Authority after considering the above facts and also the urgency pointed out in the agenda notes resolved to approve the proposal for award of the work named 'Pilot Network & Server Infrastructure' to M/s Accel Frontline Ltd at their negotiated price of Rs 65,04,166/- (Rupees sixty five lakhs and four thousand and one hundred sixty six only) after disallowing the increase in rate for IP phones (Sl. No. IV . 5) and considering this as a stand alone project for 'Pilot Study'.

The Authority also resolved to accord Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs 85,87,413/- (rupees eighty five lakhs eighty seven thousands and four hundred thirteen only).

Item No. IV (3) KWA - JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Institutional Strengthening Programme – Change Management Team Progress Report

The Authority noted the contents.

Item No. IV (4) KWA - JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Additional staff for the Project Implementation Unit and Regional Project Offices and other requirement

Res. No. 7236 The Authority discussed the item in detail. The Authority noted that the requirement of staff has been kept at the minimum keeping the work to be executed by the consultants. It was also

noted that the present sanction of posts would get absorbed in the posts that would arise for maintenance of the schemes after implementation of the project. Considering the reasons detailed in the Agenda Note and that was reported by the Managing Director, the Authority resolved to recommend to the Empowered Committee of Government constituted for JBIC project, to give its approval for the creation of 49 posts as detailed below for the proper supervision of the works executed under JBIC Projects.

Designation	PIU	Project Offices
Project Co-ordinator	2	---
Project Director (SE)	---	5
Executive Engineer	3	0
Dy. Project Co-ordinator/ Dy. Project Manager (AEE)	2	14
Assistant Engineer	11	---
Project Accountant (DA)	5	---
Dy. Accountant (LDC/UDC)	2	---
Peon	5	---
Total	30	19

The Authority also resolved not to sanction the request for the project allowance to the staff posted in the project.

The Authority considered the norms followed by the Kerala Water Authority in providing vehicles to officers. It was explained that at the field level vehicles are provided up to Sub Division (Assistant Executive Engineers) officers. In the case of Kerala Water Supply Project, in addition to the Project Director (Superintending Engineer) there will be 4 to 7 deputy Project Managers (Assistant Executive Engineers), each responsible for a particular work package in each of the five schemes. On an average there are 16 reservoirs, 900Km of distribution pipes, 90 Km of transmission lines besides the Water Treatment Plant in each scheme. The geographical spread as well as the simultaneous nature of work across the project area requires the officers to travel extensively. Considering the nature and magnitude of work in the JBIC Project the Authority resolved to approve the proposal to hire 19 vehicles for the duration of the project at the prevailing practice in Kerala Water Authority

Item No. V (1) Adhoc Augmentation to Kochi Water Supply Scheme - Laying 1200 mm cement lined SWMS pipes from Kathrikadavu Junction to Elamkulam Tank Approximate length 840 m. (Tender No. 4/06-07)

Res. No. 7237 ✓ The Authority noted that the works proposed for approval are to be executed in the busiest narrow roads in Ernakulam city and that the reason for higher percentage of tender and hence resolved to award the work to M/s. FEW at their quoted rate for working charges and cost of materials at 137% above estimate rate (Rs. 73,77,751/-) and Rs. 13,71,574/- respectively. The tendered PAC and quoted PAC are Rs. 38,07,061/- and Rs. 87,49,324/- respectively including cost of materials of Rs. 6,94,086/-.

Item No. V (2) Adhoc Augmentation to Kochi WSS - Laying 1100 mm cement lined SWMS pipes from Elamkulam Tank to Puthiya Road Approximate length 2570 m. (Tender No. 5/06-07).

Res. No. 7238 ✓ The Authority noted that the works proposed for approval are to be executed in the busiest narrow roads in Ernakulam city and that the reason for higher percentage of tender and hence resolved to award the work to M/s. FEW at their quoted rate for working charges and cost of materials at 136% above estimate rate (Rs. 1,62,62,408/-) and Rs. 14,73,944/- respectively. The tendered PAC and quoted PAC are Rs. 76,30,301/- and Rs. 1,77,36,352/- respectively including cost of materials of Rs. 7,39,450 /-.

Item No. V (3) Adhoc Augmentation to Kochi Water Supply Scheme - Laying 1100 mm cement lined SWMS pipes from Puthiya Road Junction to Konthuruthy Approximate length 2535 m. (Tender No. 6/06-07).

Res. No. 7239 ✓ The Authority noted that the works proposed for approval are to be executed in the busiest narrow roads in Ernakulam city and that the reason for higher percentage of tender and hence resolved to award the work to M/s. FEW at their quoted rate for working charges and cost of materials at Rs. 2,01,05,967/- (189% above estimate rate) and Rs. 19,85,712/- respectively. The tendered PAC and quoted PAC are Rs. 79,49,940/- and Rs. 2,20,91,679/- respectively including cost of materials of Rs. 9,92,858/-

Item No. V (4) ARWSS to Angadypuram and adjoining Villages Phase-III for Angadipuram and Valambur villages – Laying 250 mm CI Class B clear water gravity main from GLSR at Cherattamala to GLSR at Chirakkaparamba – Proposal for Supplying and Laying basis.

Res. No. 7240 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal for the subject work of laying 250 mm CI Class.B Clear Water Gravity Main of length 8050m GLSR at Cherattamala to GLSR at Chirakkaparamba of ARWSS to Angadipuram Phase-III, for an amount of Rs. 265.00 lakhs under supplying and laying basis.

Item No. V (5) ARWSS to Angadypuram and adjoining Villages Phase-II – Laying 200 mm CI Class A clear water pumping main from sump at Treatment Plant site to GLSR at Alampara (Zone- II)- Proposal for Supplying and Laying basis.

Res. No. 7241 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal for the subject work of laying 200 mm CI Class A clear Water Pumping Main of length 7700m from sump at Treatment Plant site to GLSR at Alampara (Zone II) of ARWSS to Angadippuram and adjoining Villages Phase-II for an amount of Rs. 183.00 lakhs under supplying and laying basis.

Item No. V (6) LIC aided CARWSS to Nooranadu and adjoining villages Phase I & II- arranging the work of raw water pumping main – sanction under supplying and laying.

Res. No. 7242 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for arranging the work of laying 2880m of 400 mm CI Class LA raw water pumping main from intake well cum pump house to treatment plant on supplying and laying basis and to invite tenders.

Item No. V (7) CARWSS to Elappara and adjoining villages and Vagamon area in Idukki District Construction of 9.5 mld output capacity Water Treatment Plant, sump and pump house at Haileyburia.

Res. No. 7243 The Authority noted that the implementation of the scheme has been delayed many years for one or other reason and the investment already made on the reservoirs would become infructuous unless the scheme is completed. The Managing

Director reported that the pumping main / transmission main and distribution work can be taken up and completed during the execution period of the Treatment Plant. Considering these facts the Authority resolved to award the subject work to the 2nd lowest tenderer, Sri. Joseph John who had agreed to execute the work at the lowest offered amount of Rs. 162.925 lakhs, offered by the 1st lowest tenderer who expressed his inability to extend the validity of their tender further as there was increase in cost of steel and cement and other materials including pipes and specials and as there are no additional financial commitment on the part of Kerala Water Authority.

Item No. VI (1) Interest free loan as medical advance – Sri T.P Umesan, Asst. Engineer, P.H. Sub Division, Quilandy.

Res. No. 7244 The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 1.25 lakh (Rupees One lakh Twenty Five thousand only) to Sri. T.P.Umesan, Assistant Engineer, PH Sub Division, Quilandy towards interest free loan for medical purpose for the treatment of his son for ‘Acute Lymphatic Leukemia’, 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. Utilization certificate should be furnished to the loan Disbursing Authority within three months of receipt of loan.
2. The amount shall be adjusted against the final claim within six months and any balance amount remaining unadjusted shall be recovered from the salary @ Rs. 500/- per month.
3. The sanction of the medical claim of the incumbent shall be subjected to the Rules, applicable to Kerala Water Authority.
4. An undertaking shall be obtained to the above effect before disbursing the advance sanctioned.
5. Unadjusted balance if any shall be recovered from the DCRG of the incumbent

Item No. VI (2) Interest free loan as medical advance –Smt. K.G. Thankamma, Head Clerk, PH Sub Division, Kaduthuruthy.

Res. No. 7245 The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 1.70 lakh (Rupees One lakh Seventy thousand only) to Smt. K.G.Thankamma, Head Clerk, PH Sub Division, Kaduthuruthy towards interest free loan for medical purpose for the treatment of herself for 'Lymphoma' at 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 six months and any balance amount remaining unadjusted shall be recovered from the salary @ Rs. 500/- per month.
3. The sanction of the medical claim of the incumbent shall be subjected to the Rules, applicable to Kerala Water Authority.
4. An undertaking shall be obtained to the above effect before disbursing the advance sanctioned.
5. Unadjusted balance if any shall be recovered from the DCRG of the incumbent.

Item No. VI (3) KWA-Estt: Appointment of D-man Grade-I Sri. Jessy Thomas – Request for the extension of joining time for a period of 6 months.

Res. No. 7246 The Authority resolved to grant the extension of joining time for a period of six months with effect from 07/6/2006, subject to the condition that the seniority of the candidate will be reckoned only from the date of joining duty in this organization as provided under the first proviso to Rule 27 (C) of part II KSSS Rules.

Item No. VII (1) All India Exhibition at Kollam conducted by Kerala State Co-operative sector- setting up KWA pavilion-ratification.

Deferred

Item No. VII (2) Request for publishing a display advertisement in the special issue of Deshabhimani daily in connection with the completion of 100th day in power of Left Democratic Front Government on 25/08/2006.

Res. No. 7247 The Authority noted the contents of the item. The Managing Director informed the Authority that Kerala Water Authority had released such advertisements in earlier occasions also. After discussion, the Authority resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in releasing a quarter page advertisement of Kerala Water Authority in the Deshabhimani daily at PRD rate.

Item No. VII (3) Mangalam - Onam Special Issue – 2006 request for Advertisement.

Res. No. 7248 The Authority resolved to give half page (black and white) display advertisement worth Rs. 6,000/- (Rupees Six thousand only) to M/s. Mangalam daily and making payment.

Item No. VII (4) Advocate fee to Lok Ayukta, Lok Adalath, District Legal Service Authority.

Res. No. 7249 The Authority resolved to fix the fee as follows:

- (1) Lok Ayukta - A consolidated amount of Rs. 2000/- + clerical expenses for each case @ Rs. 250/-
- (2) Lok Adalath,
District Legal
Service Authority - Rs. 1300/- for each case.

Item No. VIII (1) Issues outstanding between KWA and CUSAT regarding payment of water charges

Res. No. 7250 The Authority examined all the aspects of the issue in detail and resolved to offer CUSAT to settle the arrear due to Kerala Water Authority after availing the one time settlement with concessional rate of interest of 14.5%. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to settle request of CUSAT regarding providing quarters water at domestic rates prospectively provided CUSAT come forward with applications as per Kerala Water Authority regulations.

Item No. VIII (2) ARWSS to Pathanapuram and adjoining villages - construction of well cum pump house-Revised Estimate

Deferred

Item No. VIII (3) ARP -- NC/PC Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme to Vazhakulam, Kizhakkambalam and Kunnathunadu Panchayat - - Supplying and laying 6900 m of 400 mm DI K9 clear water pumping main from sump at Chembarakky to OH tank at Kizhakkambalam

Deferred

Item No. VIII (4) Deposit work of KSPCB - Common Water supply Scheme in Eloor Grama Panchayat area – direction of Supreme Court Monitoring Committee.

Res. No. 7251 The Authority noted the contents of the note placed before it by the Managing Director. The Chairman informed the Authority that in the last meeting convened by the Chief Secretary to review the progress of the work as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it was informed by the KSPCB that they had already collected Rs. 67.00 lakhs for the purpose and that they had got commitment for a total amount of Rs. 104.00 lakhs. Hence the Authority resolved to arrange the balance work for the completion of the work for providing safe drinking water to the Eloor Grama Panchayat and to execute the work to the extend to which funds available with KSPCB. The Authority directed the Managing Director to contact the KSPCB and to realize the amount they had collected for the purpose.

Item No. VIII (5) Rehabilitation of Rural Water Supply Scheme to Karakulam – revised proposal - Administrative Sanction

Deferred.


SECRETARY


MANAGING DIRECTOR


CHAIRMAN