

**Minutes of the 243<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of KWA held on 29-03-2003 at 3.00 P.M. in the Conference Hall of Jalabhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.**

**Members Present**

1. Sri.K.J.Mathew, IAS	Chairman
2. Sri.P.Kamal Kutty, IAS	Member (Ex-Officio)
3. Sri.Baby Pathippally	Member
4. Sri.Thomas Babu	Member
5. Sri.M.Ganesan	Accounts Member
6. Smt.T.R.Indira	Technical Member
7. Sri.R.Ramanujam	Managing Director

*Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of 242<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2003.*

The Authority Confirmed the minutes of 242<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

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

Regarding Item No.(5) (Res. No. 6208) the Authority asked Managing Director to place detailed report on the item in the next meeting positively.

*Item No.II (1) Transportation of materials for P H Division, Vadakara for the year 2002-2003 – Tender for approval*

Res. No. 6291 Taking into consideration the facts mentioned in the agenda note, the Authority resolved to accord sanction to award the subject tender at a reduced rate of 95% above estimate rate if the contractor is willing.

- Item No.II (2)* *LIC aided Water Supply Scheme for Nadapuram Census Town – Laying pipes for distribution system in Nadapuram Panchayat- Proposal under “Supplying and laying” basis.*
- Res. No. 6292 The Authority resolved to verify whether the scheme area comes under the K.R.W.S.A Project area. If the scheme area does not come under K.R.W.S.A Scheme area, this proposal is to be placed before the board again to accord sanction.
- Item No.II(3)* *W.B. aided Water Supply Scheme to GCDA – Construction of foot bridge across Chambakkara Canal for carrying pipe line- Revised Estimate Sanction.*
- Res. No. 6293 The Authority resolved to approve the revised estimate at a cost of Rs. 33,43,013/- with an excess of 110.84% above the tendered PAC of Rs. 15,85,516/- and to ratify the action of Chief Engineer (CR) in this regard.
- Item No.II (4)* *Augmentation of UWSS to Neyyattinkara Municipality and CWSS Ottasekharamangalam and adjoining Villages and Marukil – Maranelloor Villages – Construction of 36 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Kallippara – Tender – Approval sought for.*
- Res. No. 6294 The Authority resolved to recommend the lowest offer of M/s. Navin Construction Corporation, Cochin at Rs. 274.7 lakhs to Government for obtaining sanction to award the work to the firm. It is also resolved to verify the IPD estimate for this item since the IPD rate seems to be very high.
- Item No.III(1)* *KWA – Estt – Promotion of SEs/DCEs/ as Chief Engineers – proposal furnishing of*
- Res. No.6295 The Authority resolved to promote Sri. N.R.Rajakumar, Superintending Engineer, P.H. Circle, Kerala water Authority, Kollam as Chief Engineer Provisionally.

*Item No. IV(1) Formation of Circle Office at Palakkad- payment of rent sanction requested*

Res. No 6296 Under the circumstances explained in the Agenda Note the Authority resolved to grant special sanction to fix the rent of the office building for P.H Circle Kerala Water Authority, Palakkad at Rs. 15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen thousand) per month.

*Item No. IV(2) Renewal of Plumbing Licence once in two years.*

Res. No. 6297 The Authority resolved to enhance the renewal period of Plumbers Licence from once ~~is an~~ year to once in every 2 years by enhancing the renewal fee (from Rs. 150/- to Rs. 300/- ) and also based on the performance certificate from the concerned Executive Engineers or Assistant Executive Engineers.

*Item No. IV(3) Review of the status of pending Inspection Para, Audit para, and PUC recommendations.*

The Authority noted the contents and directed the Managing Director to take all efforts to bring down the number of Inspection paras and Audit Paras.

It was noted that the Executive Engineer, Palakkad and Executive Engineer, Edappal have not furnished the necessary details inspite of repeated letters. It was decided to obtain the explanation of the Executive Engineers for the delay and to place it before the next Authority meeting.

As regards the PUC recommendation, the Authority directed the Managing Director to expedite action on all PUC recommendations.

It was also decided to review the matter once in two months.

*Item No. IV(4) Discontinuation of deputation post of Law Officer and Legal Officer in Kerala Water Authority.*

Res. No.6298 The Authority resolved to consult Government and seek advice in the matter.

*Item No. IV(5) Tender No.KWA/HO/SP-4/2002-2003 due on 23-1-2003 for the supply of S.W. Pipe.*

Res. No.6299 The Authority resolved to accept the single tender received for the supply of S.W pipes from M/s. Perfect Stoneware Pipes at their quoted rate, as this being a risk and cost purchase tender, at a cost of Rs. 19,81,462.89 and to recover the additional expenditure incurred by Kerala Water Authority from M/s. Tadel Ceramics Pvt.Ltd.

*Item No. IV(6) KWA – Estt – Absorption of NMR Workers into Regular Establishment with effect from 1-4-89.*

Res. No. 6300 The Authority resolved to forward the proposal to Government for regularising the 7 NMR Workers with effect from 1-4-89. Also recommended to Government that the incumbent as per Sl.No. 1 of the list given in the agenda note, may be absorbed as Lifeguard for which no specific qualification is prescribed in the KPHESS Rules.

*Item No. IV(7) R&D proposals submitted by the Officers, Smt. Geetha. K. Das, Assistant Executive Engineer and Smt.Vasantha Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, deputed for P G Course – Approval of proposal, financial assistance and ratification.*

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- Item No V (1) Budget Estimate for the year 2003-2004 and the revised estimate for the year 2002-2003*
- Res. No. 6302 The Authority considered and approved the budget estimate for the year 2003-2004 and the revised estimate for the year 2002-2003 and resolved to submit the same to the Government for approval.
- Item No V (2) Review of Billing and Collection for the month of January 2002.*
- Res. No. 6303 The Authority noted the contents. The Accounts member informed that it is proposed to observe the year 2003-04 as the "Revenue Collection Year". It was resolved to observe 2003- 04 as the revenue collection year and take all out efforts to increase the revenue collection by at least two times to that of 2002-03
- Item No V (3) Kerala Water Authority – Financial Position of KWA and the Cash Flow Statement for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2003.*
- The Authority noted the contents.
- Item No V(4) Centrally sponsored AUWSS to Chelakkara (C.T) in Thrissur District & Manjeswaram(C.T) in Kasargod District – Technical approval from Government of India.*
- Res. No. 6304 The Authority noted that technical approval is received from Government of India for Chelakkara Scheme for Rs. 371.24 lakhs and Manjeswaram Scheme for Rs. 206.78 lakhs and the Administrative Sanction from Government of Kerala is to be received. The Authority also resolved to take up these two schemes for implementation after issuing Administrative Sanction and Technical Sanction.

*Item No V(5) Settlement of pensionary claim of  
S/Sri. K.K.Chandrasekhara Pillai SE (Rtd.) and  
M.K.Ravikumaran Nair, D'man Grade 1<sup>st</sup> (Rtd.)*

Deferred for want of details. The Chairman recollected the minutes of the last (242<sup>nd</sup>) meeting in this matter. The Authority noted (Item No. I(1)) the delay in getting the legal opinion about the judgement in Sri. Babu.J.Punnooran's case and it was decided to get examined whether further action against the officers involved in the above case can be dropped according to the merits and the same grounds as mentioned in the judgement. Also as per Res. No. 6283 (242<sup>nd</sup> meeting) the Authority resolved that the pending departmental enquiry should be completed and liability if any should be finalised at the earliest and placed before the Authority.

The Chairman asked Managing Director to place <sup>clear</sup> before the next Board meeting a comprehensive, and ~~detail~~ agenda note in this matter. Also specific recommendations of the law Officer should be obtained regarding judgement in O.P filed by Sri. Babu.J.Punnaoran and Sri. Abraham George, along with the above judgement.

*Item No. VI(1) Procurement of Computer Hardware under MIS project of  
RGNDWM – reg.*

Res. No. 6305 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal for the purchase of Computers and Peripherals from M/s. Keltron. IT Business Group, Vellayambalam, Trivandrum for Rs. 89,50,340/- and UPSs from M/s. Keltron Communication Division, Switching Equipment Unit, Monvila, Trivandrum for Rs. 23,81,450/- for the MIS project under RGNDWM as recommended in the Agenda Note. It may be ensured that the funds are utilised within the time limit.

  
SECRETARY

  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

  
CHAIRMAN