

MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2019-20 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KARNATAKA PUBLIC LANDS CORPORATION LIMITED HELD AT 11.30 AM ON 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT KPLC BOARD ROOM, II FLOOR, BENGALURU URBAN D C OFFICE BUILDING, K G ROAD, BENGALURU – 560 009.

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**PRESENT:**

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| 1. | Shri. N. Manjunatha Prasad, IAS | Chairman          |
| 2. | Shri Manoj Jain, IAS            | Managing Director |
| 3. | Shri. Harsh Gupta, IAS          | Director          |
| 4. | Smt C P Shailaja, IAS           | Director          |
| 5. | Shri. P N Ravindra, IAS         | Director          |
| 6. | Shri. G N Shivamurthy, IAS      | Director          |
| 7. | Shri Hemanna                    | Director          |

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| 1. Shri Indresh R | - General Manager |
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**BY INVITATION:**

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| 1. Shri Vijayakrishna K T | - Company Secretary Consultant |
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At 11:30 AM, Shri Manoj Jain, IAS, Managing Director extended hearty welcome to Shri. N. Manjunatha Prasad, IAS, newly appointed Chairman, Shri. Harsh Gupta, IAS, Shri. P N Ravindra, IAS, Shri. G N Shivamurthy, IAS newly appointed Directors, all of who participated in the Meeting.

Chairman occupied the chair and conducted the proceedings of the Meeting. He extended hearty welcome to all the Directors and invitees present at the Meeting.

The Board took note of the following:

**1.1: Appointment of new Chairman:**

The Government of Karnataka vide Notification No RD 44 LGB 2019 dated 03.09.2019 appointed Shri. N. Manjunatha Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department as Director and as Chairman of the Karnataka Public Lands Corporation Limited in place of Dr. Rajkumar Khatri, IAS.

After discussions, the Board passed the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED THAT the appointment of Shri. N. Manjunatha Prasad, IAS, as Director and as Chairman of the Company in place of Dr. Rajkumar Khatri, IAS, be and is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT any one of the Directors of the Corporation be and is hereby authorized to file the necessary returns with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.”

The Board placed on record with appreciation for the services rendered by Dr. Rajkumar Khatri, IAS during the tenure of his office.

### 1.2: Appointment of new Directors:

The Board noted that the Government of Karnataka exercised their rights under the Articles of Association of the Company had issued the Government Order reconstituting the Board of Directors of the Company with the following details:

Government Order No. RD 44 LGB 2019 dated 03.09.2019

Sl.No.	Erstwhile Director	New Director
1	Smt. V Rashmi Mahesh, IAS Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru Division	Shri. Harsh Gupta, IAS Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru Division
2	Shri. Kareegowda, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District	Shri. P N Ravindra, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District
3	Shri. B M Vijayashankar, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District	Shri. G N Shivamurthy, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District

After discussions, the Board passed the following resolutions:

“RESOLVED THAT the appointment of Shri. Harsh Gupta, IAS, as Director of the Company in place of Smt. V Rashmi Mahesh, IAS, be and is hereby approved.

RESOLVED THAT the appointment of Shri. P N Ravindra, IAS, as Director of the Company in place of Shri. Kareegowda, IAS, be and is hereby approved.

RESOLVED THAT the appointment of Shri. G N Shivamurthy, IAS, as Director of the Company in place of Shri. B M Vijayashankar, IAS, be and is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT any one of the Directors of the Corporation be and is hereby authorized to file the necessary returns with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.”

The Board placed on the record its appreciation for the services rendered by the outgoing Directors.

**ITEM NO. 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Leave of absence was granted to, Shri Munish Moudgil, IAS, Smt. Seema Garg, IFS and Sri Islahuddin J Gadiyal, KAS who had expressed their inabilities to attend the Meeting.

**ITEM NO. 3: NOTING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:**

Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting for the year 2019-20 of the Board of Directors held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 as circulated was noted.

**ITEM NO. 4: ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:**

Detailed Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the previous Board Meeting as placed before the Directors as under was studied and was taken on record by the Board:

<b>ACTION TAKEN ON DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:</b>		
<b>Item No. of Previous Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
ITEM NO:4(1)	Removal of Encroachment-Ascertaining classification-wise details of Govt. lands. Sensitizing Tahsildars of Bangalore District with regard to 7881 acres under public purpose encroachment	Action is being taken to address the Deputy Commissioners and concerned Tahsildars.
ITEM NO:4(2)	Status of public complaints	The Board noted the same.
ITEM NO:4(3)	Protection of Recovered Lands	The Board noted the same.
ITEM NO:4(4)	Database of Lakes in the State.	Field level officers have been sensitized to complete the same at the earliest.

ITEM NO: 5	Disclosure of Interests by Director Under Section 184 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013	Board noted the same.
ITEM NO: 6	Appointment of Sri Bharath Kumar Bohra as Auditor (Internal) for the Finalization of Accounts for Year 2018-19.	Board noted the same.
ITEM NO: 7	Extension of time for the Supply of Manpower service on Outsource Basis.	Further action is being taken to call for fresh tender for supply of required manpower to the Company.

Managing Director further briefed the Board on the above.

Lengthy discussion took place covering the following:

- a. Details of all encroached land were sought from District Commissioners in the State.
- b. Taluk/ Village wise digital information of the land are available.
- c. U Cs for amounts remitted for fencing and protection of land have not been received from District Commissioners.
- d. Details of legal cases were furnished and that as per the Government of Karnataka, no Advocate other than Government Pleaders can be engaged on cases where Company is implicated.

Chairman and other Directors participated on the subject at length and following is the summary of the deliberations:

- a. The objects for which the Company was incorporated need to be achieved.
- b. How to utilize the encroached land and possessed back – be worked out.
- c. G.I.S can be utilized and separate colour can be made use of, for the identified lands.
- d. If necessary, the Company can approach E-Governance Cell of the Government of Karnataka and KASRACK seeking necessary technical support.
- e. Details of Bengaluru Rural District may be made available from Shri. P N Ravindra, IAS, DC Rural.
- f. Task Force is attached to Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District with 36 Police, DySP and SP etc. suggestions were made to review if other Districts will require Task Force. Managing Director stated that there could be duplication of the actions by Task Force and Company. Chairman agreed to review the same.
- g. Managing Director may check and review the report on Lakes which was drawn up using ISRO satellite.

- h. All Deputy Commissioners be directed to furnish updates on the encroached land, steps taken and be directed to submit UCs immediately.
- i. Shri. Harsh Gupta, IAS offered to use his contacts in KUDIFC and others on the technology of GIS or similar aspects.
- j. Considering the criticality of legal issues, the Board authorized Managing Director have the panel of Advocates for legal support in the Company and Chairman stated that he would discuss with Advocate General and have the approval from the Government of Karnataka for the same.
- k. In-house legal head may be engaged and any senior retired Judge may be engaged on suitable terms.
- l. Existing legal matters/cases continue to be handled by the Advocates engaged earlier. Managing Director was requested to meet the concerned Judge in Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Special Court on this matter.

**ITEM NO. 5: APPROVAL OF DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019:**

The draft Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 were placed before the Board and the Board was requested to consider and approve the same. Further, the Board directed to forward the Financial Statements for the consideration of Auditors for signing and thereafter to the C & AG for their review before placing to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting for the year 2018-2019.

There were queries on certain items in the schedules to the accounts, crux of which is as follows:

- Amount laying in Fixed Deposits- usage of the fund towards fencing and protection of land.
- Other grants.
- Details of expenditure.
- Interest on Income Tax of Rs 59.31 Lakhs and the circumstance leading to the same.

The same were addressed suitably. After due deliberations, the following Resolution was passed:

“RESOLVED THAT the draft Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 along with the notes attached thereto, as tabled before the Board be and are hereby approved, subject to such changes as may be incorporated on receipt of comments of the Statutory Auditors and Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG).

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the copy of the Financial Statements and the notes attached thereto as approved by the Board, be signed by any two Directors including Managing Director of the Company and be forwarded to the

Statutory Auditors of the Company for their report thereon and thereafter to the C & AG for their review and comment.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any one Director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions for giving effect to the above resolution and to sign the requisite forms/ returns to be with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.”

**ITEM NO. 6: APPROVAL OF BOARD'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019:**

The draft Board's Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 was placed before the Board for its consideration and approval.

After careful evaluation, the Board passed the following Resolution:

“RESOLVED THAT the draft Board's Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 be and is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Chairman or Managing Director along with another Director of the Corporation be and are hereby authorized to make any corrections to the Board's Report on receipt of Report from the C & AG.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Chairman or Managing Director along with another Director of the Company be and are hereby authorized to sign the Board's Report for and on behalf of the Board.”

**ITEM NO. 7: CONVENING THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-19 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE NOTICE:**

In order to place the Audited Financial Statements before the Shareholders, the Board proposed to convene the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 as per the requirement of the Companies Act, 2013.

Further, the Board authorized the Managing Director to decide the date and time to convene the Annual General Meeting of the Company in consultation with Chairman and passed the following resolution:

“RESOLVED THAT consent of the Board be and is hereby accorded to convene the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company on such date and time as may be decided by the Managing Director in consultation with Chairman.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Managing Director be and is hereby authorized to issue notice convening the Annual General Meeting for and on behalf of the Company.”

**ITEM NO. 8: SEEKING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT TOWARDS WATER SUPPLY TO O/o THE THEN HON'BLE MINISTER FOR REVENUE, GOK:**

The Board was briefed on the request received from the Then Revenue Minister's office for payment of Rs. 25,600/- towards supply of drinking water for the use of public visiting their office. The Board considered same and agreed for payment of the said amount to the supplier - Messrs Suraksha Enterprises, Bengaluru.

**ITEM NO: 9: GRANTING AUTHORISATION FOR FILING FORMS & STATEMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (MCA):**

The Board discussed and granted authorization to any one of the Directors of the Company to sign on behalf of the Company for all the forms that were required to be filed the Ministry of Corporate Affairs from time to time.

The Board noted the same and passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT any one Director of the Company be and is hereby severally authorized to sign all such forms as may be required to be filed with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs from time to time under the Companies Act, 2013."

**ITEM NO. 10: RENEWAL OF FIXED DEPOSITS BY COMPANY:**

The Board noted the following renewal of Fixed Deposits of the Company:

- (i) An amount of Rs. 15.00 Crore was kept in Fixed Deposited in Canara Bank. The same was matured on 16.07.2019. The maturity amount is Rs.15.96 Crore. The said FD is auto renewed for another one year w.e.f. 16-07-2019 at the highest rate of interest of 6.95% pa.
- (ii) Similarly an amount of Rs.0.90 Crore was kept in 4 separate FDs in Canara Bank. The same were matured on 08.07.2019. The total amount 0.90 Crore plus interest were auto renewed at 6.40%. The maturity amount is Rs.3.85 Crores. The amount of Rs. 3.80 Crore is splitted into Rs. 1.90 Crore each and reinvested in two separate FDs in Indian Bank w.e.f. 29.08.2019 and 30.08.2019 at the highest rate interest of 6.75% pa.

There were queries on the proceeds of parking the Amount in Fixed Deposits and suggestion was made that prevailing guidelines of the Government of Karnataka in this regard be followed. Managing Director explained and confirmed the best rate of interest is considered as the main criterion and agreed to review the same once again if necessary.

## **11. ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRPERSON:**

### **11(1) Taking legal advisor and impleading of KPLC in all important cases**

The Board focused its attention on establishment of the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court in Bangalore as per the provisions of the Karnataka Land Grabbing(Prohibition)-Act, 2011. The purpose of the said Court is to provide speedy enquiry into any alleged act of land grabbing, and trail of cases etc as specified under Chapter-XIV-A of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964. As per the available information, there are 3575 cases pending before the said Special Court and the disposal is 97(17).

The earlier efforts made by the KPLC were explained to the Board - seeking permission of the Government to appoint its Panel Advocates on behalf of the Government/ Government officers who are arrayed as respondents in different Court cases pertaining to Govt. Lands.

As the cases pending before the Special Court pertain to valuable Government lands, for effective prosecution and follow up of certain important and sensitive cases, it was felt necessary that the KPLC be impleaded as a party in such cases. In view of this it was considered necessary that the Legal Cell in the KPLC be strengthened/re-constituted headed by a Legal Advisor to identify such important cases, and for other follow up actions.

Therefore, the Managing Director was requested to initiate action for appointing a Legal Advisor having necessary qualification.

### **11(2) Taking up already initiated GIS based Software Module for all Government Lands.**

Earlier a proposal was submitted to the Govt. about Comprehensive Software Application for all Govt. lands. The aim of this program is to have single repository of all Government Lands in electronic format, classification of lands, details of encroachment, litigation on the Govt. land and its status of a case etc. in a single platform. If possible, provide link to see the Judgment regarding Govt. lands also on line, to caution public about selling government land based on fabricated records by private entities, creating public awareness in the transaction of Government Land, allotment of Government Lands can be done effectively by referring the created database. However, this proposal is in abeyance in view of the Board's resolution dated 23.06.2019(Point No.4.1) that all the proposals submitted by the KPLC would be reconsidered and revised proposals would be submitted to Govt. as per the requirement. GIS based activities by the KSRSAC, TOR for ABD project in KUIDFC and discussing with common survey were discussed.

After deliberations it was considered necessary to revive the proposal for GIS based Software Module for all Government lands

The Managing Director was requested to follow the project and take necessary steps.



### **11(3) Making all Regional Commissioners as directors:**

Suggestion made by Shri Harsh Gupta, IAS, Director to have all the Regional Commissioners in the State to be on the Board of Directors of the Company was accepted by the Board. Chairman agreed to issue suitable notification to include all Regional Commissioners as Directors and also to include the CEO of the newly constituted 'Karnataka Tank Conservation & Development Authority' in place of erstwhile Lake Development Authority.

After due discussions the Board has agreed the above proposal and the Managing Director is requested to forward necessary proposal to Govt. to appoint:

1. The Regional Commissioner, Mysuru.
2. The Regional Commissioner, Belagavi
3. The Regional Commissioner, Kalaburagi
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Tank Conservation & Development Authority, Bangalore.

as Directors of the KPLC.

### **11(4) Money to be used for preventing encroachment by taking up land auditing through bhoomi**

It is pointed out that preventive measures to be taken to protect the valuable/ potential vacant Government lands on top priority basis. This has to be achieved by auditing the Government Lands available by synchronizing the data as per the revenue records and survey records such as total extent, disposed extent, utilized extent etc and the remaining extent. The remaining extent be incorporated in the digitalized village maps by flagging category-wise(Lakes, vacant lands, granted lands, encroached, etc).

After due discussions the Board has agreed the above proposal and the Managing Director is requested to initiate further steps.

### **11(5) Proposal to take Smt. Rajeshwari Arjun, Manager(HRD), Karnataka Co-operative Oil Seeds Growers Federation, Limited as Personal Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department and Chairman, Karnataka Public Lands Corporation on deputation basis.**

For day to day smooth functioning of the Company, it is proposed to take Smt. Rajeshwari Arjun, Manager(HRD), Karnataka Co-operative Oil Seeds Growers Federation, Limited as Personal Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department and Chairman, Karnataka Public Lands Corporation on deputation basis. After due discussion, the proposal is agreed to by the Board.

The Managing Director is requested to take further steps in the matter.

Chairman confirmed that requisite quorum was present throughout the Meeting.

There being no other business to transact, Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair at 12:50 PM.

Place: Bengaluru

Date: 18.09.2019



N. Manjunatha Prasad, IAS  
Chairman