

**MINUTES OF 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KARNATAKA PUBLIC LANDS CORPORATION LIMITED HELD AT 11.30 AM ON FRIDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2022 AT 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE BUILDING, NEAR CITY CIVIL COURT COMPLEX, K.G. ROAD, BENGALURU - 560009 AND THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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**PRESENT:**

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| 1. Shri Tushar Giri Nath, IAS    | -Chairman(Through Video Conference)           |
| 2. Dr H.N. Gopal Krishna, IAS    | -Managing Director (Through Video Conference) |
| 3. Shri Naveen Raj Singh, IAS    | -Director(Through Video Conference)           |
| 4. Shri Amlan Aditya Biswas, IAS | -Director(Through Video Conference)           |
| 5. Shri J Manjunath, IAS         | -Director(Through Video Conference)           |

**BY INVITATION:**

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| 1. Shri Vijayakrishna K T | -Company Secretary Consultant |
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING:**

At 11.30 AM, Shri Tushar Giri Nath, IAS, Chairman occupied the Chair and after ascertaining the presence of requisite quorum, he conducted the proceedings of the Meeting. He extended a hearty welcome to all the Directors and invitee present at the Meeting.

Chairman overviewed the facility of video conference in accordance with the provisions of Section 173(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 which was already communicated to all the Directors of the Company along with Notice of the Board Meeting.

Chairman noted the following:

<b>Name of the Directors</b>	<b>Joined from Location</b>
Shri Tushar Giri Nath, IAS	Bengaluru
Dr H.N. Gopal Krishna, IAS	Shamli
Shri Naveen Raj Singh, IAS	Bengaluru
Shri Amlan Aditya Biswas, IAS	Belgaum
Shri J Manjunath, IAS	Bengaluru

Chairman took the roll call of the Directors who were participating through Video-Conferencing mode and they confirmed that they had received the agenda and all the documents relevant for this Meeting and none other than they themselves were attending the Meeting or was having access to the proceedings of the Meeting.

Chairman ensured that Directors/invitee present thorough Video conference were clearly audible and visible to each other. He ensured necessary quorum was present and called the Meeting to order.

**ITEM NO.1: GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO DIRECTORS, IF ANY:**

Leave of absence was granted to Dr. N V Prasad, IAS, Dr G.C Prakash, IAS, Shri Munish Moudgil, IAS, Smt Rohini Sindhuri Dasari, IAS, Shri K.Shrinivas, IAS, Shri C Mruthyunjaya Swamy, K.E.S and Shri Mohmmad Yusuf Y M and who had expressed their inabilities to attend the Meeting.

**ITEM NO.2: NOTING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:**

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors for the Financial Year 2021-22 held on 27.10.2021 as circulated was noted.

**ITEM NO.3: ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:**

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

**ACTION TAKEN ON DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:**

<b>Item No. of Previous Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
Item No. 4(1)	Removal of Encroachment.	Board noted the same.
Item No. 4(2)	Public Complaints regarding encroachment on the Government lands.	Board noted the same.
Item No. 4(3)	Protection of recovered lands.	Board noted the same.
Item No. 5	Review of Operational Issues.	Board noted and approved the same.
Item No. 6	Payment of Sitting fees for attending the GLPC meeting to Members	Board Noted and approved the same.

Managing Director further briefed on some of the actions taken.

Chairman sought update on some of the actions taken including removal of encroachment and public complaints. Managing Director stated that the subjects were listed separately as Agenda items.

#### **ITEM NO.4: REVIEW OF BUSINESS:**

Attention of the Board was brought to the following:

##### **(1) Public Complaints regarding encroachment on Govt. lands:**

Following were reported to the Board:

The Company has been receiving complaints from the public with regard to encroachment of Govt. /public lands and sending them to the field level officers of concerned Departments viz. Deputy Commissioners, Tahasildars, Asst. Commissioners, and Commissioners of CMC/TMC. Etc., for examination and remedial action. Out of 3093 complaints 925 complaints have been disposed off and 2168 complaints are still pending. In all these cases, after sending the complaint to the concerned officers, the Company has been repeatedly reminding the said officers by sending letters and holding frequent meetings (as on 10.01.2022).

In reply to query from Chairman, Managing Director briefed that actions have been taken on the pending complaints.

##### **(2) Protection of recovered lands:**

Following were brought to the attention of the Board:

Protection of Government land is being got done through the Deputy Commissioners by providing Government grants to the Deputy Commissioners for fencing the recovered Government lands. An amount of Rs. 3155.31 Lakhs has been released to all the Districts out of which 27 districts have sent Utilization Certificates (UC's) for having spent Rs. 1915.78 Lakhs. Balance amount with the DCs is Rs. 1239.53 Lakhs. Letters have been sent to all the District Commissioners to submit the latest UC's with all the details in the prescribed formats. Still the information is to be received. Recently Rs. 2.86 Crores has been released to the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District on 29.12.2021 for the protection of encroached Government lands in the urban limits.

In reply to query from Chairman, Managing Director confirmed that weekly proceedings of the Government Lands Protection Committee are continuing to happen; however, the progress is slower than expectation. Chairman advised to aggressively follow up and targets be given to Deputy Commissioners and in case of needs of Government Grants by Deputy Commissioners, funding be extended for fencing/trenching, etc., . He also advised Managing Director to approach Regional Commissioners seeking the support in expediting this process.

**ITEM NO. 5: PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR 2021-22 (FY 2020-21):**

The Board noted the following:

The Company has paid Rs. 20,00,000/- as Advance Tax payment on 17.03.2021 on Self Assessment basis on the advice of Internal Auditors. After completion of the Income Tax Audit for the FY 2020-21 under the IT Act 1961, Section 44 (AB), balance income tax of Rs. 11,16,030/- has been paid on 21.12.2021. Necessary IT returns have been filed on 31.12.2021.

There were queries from Directors on why the Advance Tax was paid when the Company has no Commercial Operations. Managing Director responded recalling the discussions and decisions in various past Board Meetings, opinion from Chartered Accountants, informal discussions with Income Tax department and stated that the Company has followed the decisions of the Board with the income of the Company being only out of interest on fixed deposits.

**ITEM NO. 6: INVESTMENT OF RS. 6.50 CRORES IN FIXED DEPOSIT:**

The Board noted the following:

The Company has invested the excess grant of 2021-22 amounting to Rs. 6.50 Crores in Fixed Deposit at Canara Bank for a period of 1 year at an interest of 5.10 % pa on cumulative basis.

It was noted that the Company has followed the applicable process in making the Fixed Deposits at the Canara Bank.

**ITEM NO.7: ENHANCEMENT OF RETAINERSHIP FEE OF COMPANY SECRETARY CONSULTANT:**

Attention of the Board was drawn to the following:

Shri Vijayakrishna K T was re - engaged as Company Secretary Consultant during September 2017 for a consolidated monthly retainer ship fee of Rs. 8,000/-+ GST per month which is a sanctioned post by the Government. Since then the retainer ship fee was not enhanced.

Further, the said Company Secretary Consultant has requested to enhance the retainer ship of Rs. 8,000/- vide his e-mail Dated: 16.12.2021. He has stated that the retainer ship fee is normally reviewed once in two years with each client on the quantum of fee. As the formalities/compliances and e-filing /return of forms, formats, documents, etc., with ROC/MCA is mandatory and increasing in volume, the monthly retainer ship may be enhanced.



Considering the request and the passage of time the Board approved that the monthly retainer ship of Rs. 8,000/- be enhanced to Rs. 12,000/- p m + applicable GST w.e.f. January 2022 onwards.

**ITEM NO.8: APPROVAL AND CONCURENCE FROM GOVERNMENT IN APPOINTMENT OF REQUIRED MAN POWER UNDER OUT –SOURCE BASIS TO COMPANY:**

Following were noted:

The Government has sanctioned the following posts on deputation/OOD basis in The Company vide G O No. RD 518 LGB 2008, dated: 23.01.2009:

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of Sanctioned Post
1.	Managing Director	01
2.	General Manager	01
3.	Company Secretary	01
4.	Chief Accounts Officer	01
5.	Assistant Commissioner	01
6.	Tahasildar	02
<b>Total</b>		<b>07</b>

The required ministerial/supporting staffs were not sanctioned since Company's inception. Hence to carry out the day to day work/to meet the objectives of the Company, the following required man power has been inducted on out-source basis from KEONICS.

Statement of out-source staff working in the Company:

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of Post Required on Outsource /Contract Basis	No. of Post Working on Outsource /Contract Basis	Type of Appointment
1.	Legal Advisor	01	01	Contract
2.	Special Officer	02	00	Contract
3.	Software Programmer	01	01	Outsource
4.	Accounts Assistant	01	01	Outsource
5.	Personal Assistant	01	01	Outsource
6.	Assistant	02	01	Outsource
7.	Data Entry Operator	04	04	Outsource
8.	Driver	06	05	Outsource / 01 Post on Dep. From KSRTC
9.	Group - D	04	03	Outsource
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	

The Company is submitting the required Budget under the head of out-source salary to Finance Department in each budget. The Government is sanctioning only Rs. 1.00 Lakhs under the Head of A/c: 2053-00-800-0-11-034 for each year which is not even meeting the monthly out-salary salary. Hence the required man power strength on contract/outsorce basis with the required salary grants proposal may be submitted to the Government for approval/concurrence.

Discussions took place; Managing Director confirmed that the posts were filled up earlier depending upon the need.

After due discussions, the Board approved the proposal and authorised Managing Director to forward the proposal to the Government of Karnataka for approval/concurrence.

**ITEM NO.9: REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ISSUES:**

Following were reviewed by the Board carefully:

**A. Appointment of Legal Advisor on Contract basis to the Office of the Competent Authority, KPIDFE, 2004 and Managing Director, KPLC:**

Shri T S Gopinath, former Director (I/c), Department of Prosecutions, Govt., of Karnataka was appointed as Legal Advisor in both KPLC & KPIDFE on 07.04.2021 on Contract basis for one year on a consolidated contractual salary of Rs. 50,000/- pm subject to deduction of taxes. But due to his personal reasons he left the contractual job on 25.11.2021.

After Notification and due formalities, Shri Ramanna K, former Director of Prosecutions, the Government of Karnataka has been appointed as Legal Advisor for both KPIDFE & KPLC on contract basis for a consolidated contractual salary of Rs. 50,000/- pm from 15.12.2021 for one year.

Chairman felt that the Company needs to have legal resource exclusively and current incumbent seems to be focused on KPIDFE which will not serve the purpose of the Company.

Shri Naveen Raj Singh, IAS, suggested that suitable retired District Judge may be identified and be engaged.

Shri Amlan Aditya Biswas, IAS, cautioned that their compensation be checked up properly to be in line with the prevailing guidelines of the Government of Karnataka in this respect.

Chairman felt the necessity to have the new resource fully dedicated to the Company's requirements and suggested to offer monthly consolidated salary of Rs. 75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) subject to deduction of applicable taxes keeping in view of the Company.. He also suggested to extend the transport facilities for to and fro to office. He also suggested to work both in Revenue Department as well as KPLC related legal issues/Court matters.

After due discussions, the Board decided to re-examine the engagement of Shri Ramanna K w e f 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and authorised Managing Director to engage suitable retired District Judge at the monthly consolidated salary of Rs, 75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) immediately to KPLC / Revenue Department.

**B. Extension of Contractual service of Manager (F&A):**

Following were noted by the Board:

Shri Shankar Rao A P, is working as Manager (F & A) on Contract basis from 2019-20 at Company which is a sanctioned post. The concerned Officer is working both in KPLC & KPIDFE wing. His contractual services ended on 31.12.2021. His services are continued from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022 for 1year on contract basis.

After due consideration, the Board approved the proposal.

**C. Enhancement of salary to out – source staff under KPIDFE Act, 2004:**

The Board noted the following:

Shri Gopinath R, Data Entry Operator is working on out-source basis since from April 2021 to work in KPIDFE wing on a consolidated out-source salary of Rs. 20,000/- pm. As he is taking care of all the Court cases, Claim Verifications, Data Entry work, all Liaison Work with various Departments/Agencies, etc, of all the 5 Fraudulent Financial Institutions and staying beyond office hours/working late hours, he is requesting to enhance his out-source consolidated salary from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 25,000/- pm w.e.f January - 2022.

The Board rejected the proposal since the outsource employee has not completed one year and approved to enhance by 10% after completion of one year.

**D. Appointment of Legal Assistants under KPIDFE Act, 2004 on retainer ship basis:**

Following were brought to the attention of the Board:

The posts of 4 FDA & 2 posts of SDA were sanctioned to work in KPIDFE wing by the Revenue Department during August 2020. The posts were filled up on deputation/OOD basis. Later on 1 post of FDA & 1 post of SDA were retired from service. Further, 1 post of FDA & 1 post of SDA were relieved from service due to Transfer/leave on sick grounds. Now 2 post of FDA & 2 post of SDA are vacant. Letters have been submitted to Administrative Department for fill up of vacant posts. Day by Day, the work in the KPIDFE wing is increasing as the units of all the Fraudulent Financial Institutions assignments have been taken up

simultaneously. In addition to the existing 5 fraudulent Financial Institutions, additional units have been referred. Hence the volume of court cases and follow up is also increasing. At present the required man power is at shortage. Hence, to monitor the Court cases and further follow up, 2 Legal Assistant posts may be appointed against the sanctioned posts of FDA's on retainer ship basis from December 2021 onwards for a consolidated retainer ship fee of Rs. 22,000/- pm (subject to deduction for taxes) in addition to fill up the required man power against sanctioned posts until posting of sanctioned posts.

The present man power strength in KPIDFE wing (as on 06.01.2022) is as follows:

Sl. No.	Designation	No of Sanctioned Post	No of Working Post	No of Vacant Post	Remarks
1.	Assistant Commissioner	01	01	00	Shri GanapathiKattinakere, KAS., (Sr.Scale) (Rtd.),appointed As Special Officer against A.C Post.
2.	Legal Advisor	01	01	00	Contract
3.	Finance Advisor	01	01	01	Outsource
4.	Assistant ontroller	01	00	02	Vacant
5.	Tahasildar	02	00	00	Vacant
6.	Audit Officer	01	01	00	-
7.	Accounts Superintendent	02	01	01	01 appoint on outsource basis
8.	Shirastedar	02	01	01	-
9.	FDA / SDA	06	02	04	-
10.	Data Entry Operator	04	04	00	Outsource
11.	Group - D	04	04	00	Outsource


Detailed discussions took place. Shri Amlan Aditya Biswas, IAS suggested that the Company can seek resources on compassionate grounds from Shri Naveen Raj Singh, IAS, Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru. Chairman concurred with the view and Managing Director was authorised to seek resource in the interim accordingly. The Board further directed that only two FDA/SDA's be recruited against the sanctioned posts on out source basis. He also suggested to submit D O letters to the Regional Commissioner , Bengaluru and to the Administrative Department for to fill up the existing sanctioned posts.

Chairman confirmed that the quorum was present throughout the Meeting. Since there being no other business to transact, the Meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the chair at 12:20 PM.

Place: Bangalore

Date:

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Tushar Giri Nath, IAS  
Chairman