

MINUTES OF 3RD MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KARNATAKA PUBLIC LANDS CORPORATION LIMITED HELD AT 4:45 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 2023 AT 2ND FLOOR, BENGALURU URBAN DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OFFICE BUILDING, BEHIND KANDAYA BHAVAN, K.G.ROAD, BANGALORE- 560009 AND THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE (VC)

PRESENT:

1. Shri. Rajender Kumar Kataria, IAS Chairman
(Physically Present)
2. Shri. P Vasantha Kumar, IAS Managing Director
(Physically Present)
3. Shri. Krishna Bajpai, IAS Director
(Through Video Conference)
4. Shri. S B Shettnavar, IAS Director
(Through Video Conference)
7. Shri. J Manjunath, IAS Director
(Physically Present)
6. Dr. Shivashankar N, IAS Director
(Through Video Conference)

BY INVITATION:

1. Shri. Vijayakrishna K T Company Secretary Consultant

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING:

At 4.45 PM, Shri P Vasantha Kumar, IAS, Managing Director extended a hearty welcome to Shri. Rajender Kumar Kataria, IAS, Chairman of the Company and to other Directors and others.

Shri. Rajender Kumar Kataria, 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 others present at the Meeting. Chairman overviewed the facility of video-conference in accordance with the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 which was already communicated to all the Directors of the Company along with Notice of the Meeting. He further noted the details of following participation:

Name of the Director	Location
1. Shri. Krishna Bajpai, IAS	Kalburgi
2. Shri. S B Shettnavar, IAS	Belgaum
3. Dr. Shivashankar N, IAS	Bengaluru



After taking the attendance of the Directors present through video conference facility, Chairman explained the procedure for participating in the Meeting along with the procedure to vote in the Meeting and ensured that none other than said participants were attending through video conference mode and that the said participants were visible and audible to all the participants and also others were visible and audible to the participants and further confirmed that they had received the agenda and notes thereon in time.

ITEM NO.1:

GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO DIRECTORS, IF ANY:

Leave of absence was granted to Shri. Amlan Aditya Biswas, IAS., Dr. G C Prakash, IAS., Shri. Basavarajendra H, IAS., Shri Dayananda K A, IAS., Shri. J E Yatish Chandra, IAS., and Shri. Khan Parvez, who had expressed their inabilities to attend the Meeting.

ITEM NO.2:

NOTING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:


Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Board of Directors for the Financial Year 2023-24 held on 08-09-2023 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 as placed before the Board was studied and was taken on record by the Board as follows:

Item No's. of Previous Meeting	Subject	Subject
Item No. 5	Approval of draft Financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st march 2023.	Board noted and approved the same
Item No. 6	Approval of draft board's report of the company for the year ended 31st march, 2023.	Board noted and approved the same
Item No. 7	Convening the 14th Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the financial year 2022-23 and authorization to issue notice.	Board noted and approved the same
Item No. 8	Granting authorization for filing forms with the ministry of	Board noted and approved the same



	corporate affairs.	
Item No. 9	Investment of surplus funds.	Board noted and approved the same
Item No. 10	Conversion of Karnataka Public Lands Corporation Limited into "not for profit – under section 8 of the Companies Act.	Board noted and approved the same
Item No. 11	Appointment of outsource staff to the office of the hon'ble revenue minister, govt of Karnataka.	Board noted and approved the same
Item No. 12	Seeking Extension of Time to hold the 14th Annual General Meeting for the Financial Year 2022-23.	Board noted and approved the same

ITEM NO. 4:

BUSINESS TO BE REVIEWED IN CURRENT MEETING:

(1) Removal of Encroachment.

As per the information furnished by the Deputy Commissioners the progress achieved in removal of encroached Govt. land were as follows. (As on 30-11-2023)

Sl. No	Details	Acres
1	Total Extent of Govt. land	6415172
2	Encroachment identified	1462639
3	Encroachment pending in Form-50/53,	1035657
4	Extent involved in Court cases, utilized for public purpose	28058
5	Directly removable extent	398924
6	Encroachment removed till (30-04-2023)	272677
7	Balance	126247

District wise information was furnished to the Board. It was noted that the progress should have been better.

Chairman suggested that Managing Director may visit the districts. It was also suggested that Principal Secretary, Revenue will issue directions to all Deputy Commissioners seeking Annual Action Plans (AAP) and quick implementations.



(2) Public Complaints regarding encroachment on Govt. lands.

KPLC has also been receiving complaints from the public with regard to encroachment of Govt. / Public Lands and sending them to the field level officers of concerned department's viz. Deputy Commissioners, Tahsildars, ACFs, Commissioners of CMC / TMC. etc, for examination and remedial action. Out of 3266 complaints received 1004 complaints have been disposed off and 2262 complaints are still pending. In all these cases, after sending the complaints to the concerned officers, the KPLC has also been monitoring the progress in this regard and regularly reminding the said officers by sending letters and holding frequent meetings to redress the public complaints. District wise information was tabled.

Managing Director was advised to undertake monthly reviews with Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners, review the status of applications and notify Principal Secretary, Revenue Department. Principal Secretary, Revenue Department may be requested to communicate to the DCs.

(3) Protection of recovered lands.

Protection of Government land is being done through the Deputy Commissioners by providing Government grants to the Deputy Commissioners for fencing the recovered Government lands. An amount of Rs. 3518.49 lakhs has been released to all the Districts out of which 29 districts have sent utilization certificate for having spent Rs. 2414.55 lakhs. Balance amount with the DCs is Rs. 1103.94 lakhs. The Deputy Commissioners have also been requested to submit the proposals for the release of DC Grants. District wise information was tabled. Managing Director informed that Utilization Certificates are not being received from DCs despite follow ups. Chairman advised Managing Director to review and remind Principal Secretary, Revenue to communicate all DCs by March-April 2024.

ITEM NO. 5:

APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POWERS OF MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Following were noted by the Board:

The Fifth Board Meeting of the Company which was held on 27.03.2010 has accorded the approval of Financial Powers of the Managing Director for various occasions. Under Sl. (5) for take up necessary action for fencing of Government property and to give administrative approval for the estimates received for this purpose, was administrative approval financial power was limited to Rs. 30.00 lakh per case. If the estimate exceeds Rs. 30.00 lakhs, approval of the Board of directors shall be taken.



As per Government Order No: FD 03 TFC 2018, dated 14-05-2018, the Head of the Department has been delegated authority to grant administrative approval up to Rs.2.5 crores in respect of works.

With the limitation of Rs. 30.00 lakhs, Managing Director is not able to take necessary actions to protect the encroached Govt. lands; hence it is requested to raise the said limit of Rs. 30.00 lakhs to Rs. 2.00 crores per case.

Chairman enquired if the office of Managing Director is Head of the Department (HOD) as per the Government of Karnataka (GOK) for the purpose of delegation of financial powers. The Board decided that if Managing Director is HOD, the above proposal be approved.

ITEM NO. 6:

WORK ENTRUSTED TO KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED:

The following were brought to notice of the Board:

Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, had instructed in a Revenue Department Progress Review meeting to take immediate action to construct Compound through the Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited for the protection of Government lands cleared from unauthorised occupants / encroachments in Kattigenahalli, Jala Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

The Regional Commissioner, Bangalore Division, Bangalore Office letter dtd.: 13-10-2023 had informed to take action to protect and prevent Government Lands an extent of 13-07 (A-g) in Sy No.: 28 of Kattigenahalli, Jala Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

On 31st October 2023, Managing Director, KPLC had visited for spot inspection along with the Department officials to verify the 13.07 (A-gt) Government land in Survey No. 28, Kattigenahalli, Jala Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and Managing Director had instructed to Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited to submit an estimate for the construction of the compound wall in the said land.

The following compound wall construction estimates have been sanctioned and work was entrusted to Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited:

Phase-I : In Survey No. 28, 13-07 (A-gt) of land in Kattigenahalli, Jala Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.95 crore.



Phase-II : In Survey No. 28, 13-07 (A-gt) of land in Kattigenahalli, Jala Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, BengaluruUrban District at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.85 crore.

The Board ratified the action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS TRANSACTED WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIRMAN AND WITH THE CONSENT OF OTHER DIRECTORS PRESENT:

ITEM NO. 6:

FUND STATUS, RELEASES AND AUTHORISATION OF MANAGING DIRECTOR TO TAKE SUITABLE FINANCE HEAD:

Chairman sought to have details of Bank accounts of the Company, Fixed Deposits. He referred to certain directions issued by Finance Department, Government of Karnataka (GOK) directing remittance of the interest earned on the Fixed Deposits to the Government of Karnataka (GOK) and advised Managing Director to study and adhere to such directions. He expressed displeasure on huge income tax being paid by the Company on the interest earned. Further, he directed that the expenditure be incurred as per the plans in the interest of the Company and further advised that release of monies to DCs can be undertaken in phases based on progress. He also sought to know why the DCs have not spent the monies released.

The need to have a strong Finance Head was reviewed. The delay in finalization of Financial Statements for 31st March 2023, audit and C &AG review and adjournment of AGM were reviewed. Understanding the need, the Board authorised Managing Director to engage suitable Finance Head either through Government of Karnataka (GOK) or outsourced basis.

Chairman confirmed that the quorum was present throughout the Meeting. There being no other business to transact, the Meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the chair at 5:30 PM.



Place: Bangalore

Date: 25-01-2024

Rajender Kumar Kataria, IAS
Chairman