

MAHARAHSTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Minutes of 04/2022 Authority Meeting
27th April 2022, Time 2:00 p.m.

The Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| i. | Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni | Member (WRE) |
| ii. | C.A Shwetali Thakare | Member (Economics) |
| iii. | Dr. Sadhana Mahashabde | Member (Law) |

Other Officers:-

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| i. | Dr. Ramnath Sonawane | Secretary |
| ii. | Shri.Prashant Borase | Director |
| iii. | Shri. Rohan Sodal | Dy. Director |
| iv. | Smt. Aparna Dhanmehar | Account Officer |

C.A Shwetali Thakare, Member (Eco) proposed and Dr. Sadhana Mahashabde, Member (Law) seconded that Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni Member (WRE) to chair the meeting in accordance with the provisions of section 9 (2) of MWRRA Act, 2005 read with regulation 9 (5) of MWRRA (Conduct of Business) Regulations 2013. The Secretary welcomed all the members present in the meeting.

With the permission of the chair, the meeting commenced to take up the following agenda items which were discussed and deliberated.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm the minutes of previous 03/22 Meeting held on 29/03/2022.

Resolution No. 121

It is resolved that, the minutes of 03/22 meeting held on 29th March 2022 are hereby confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2

To confirm the Minutes of previous 3/20 and 4/20 meeting held on 13/03/2020 and 19/03/2020 respectively.

The secretary stated that, due to COVID 19 pandemic, the minutes of 3/20 meeting could not be confirmed in 4/20 meeting. The draft minutes of 3/20 meeting were circulated for comments of the Hon'ble Members present, however, none of the members gave any comments. The copy of the draft minutes was also circulated but none of the members or chairperson signed the copy. It was proposed to hold 4/20 meeting on 9th of March 2020. The said meeting could not be held due to imposition of lockdown by the State Government in view of COVID- 19. The confirmation of minutes in the next meeting is a statutory provision but the next meeting was not held.

The Authority has gone through the business transacted in 3/20 meeting and upon careful consideration decided to confirm the minutes of 3/20 meeting. The minutes of 4/20 meeting need not be confirmed as the meeting was not held.

Resolution No. 122

It is resolved that, the minutes of 3/20 meeting are confirmed.

ITEM NO. 3

GR/Notification for the information of the Authority:-

- a) वित्त विभाग शासन निर्णय, क्र. वाहभ -२०२०/प्र.क्र.०३/२०२०/सेवा-५ वित्त विभाग २० एप्रिल २०२२.
- b) सार्वजनिक आरोग्य विभाग शासन निर्णय, क्र. वैतधो – २०२१/प्र.क्र.३७/ आरोग्य -३ दि. २२ एप्रिल २०२२.

ITEM No. 4

Action Taken Report –

The secretary submitted that, as directed vide Resolution No. 119 dated 29th March 2022, the Bulk Water Tariff Order has been communicated to the Water Resource Department, Government of Maharashtra and it is also hosted on the website of the Authority.

ITEM No. 5

To consider and adopt the Statement of Accounts for FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.

The Secretary submitted that, the Authority vide Resolution No. 101 dated 07/01/2021 directed him to forward the Statements of Accounts to Accountant General without waiting for the confirmation of the minutes. In subsequent meeting 02/21 held on 12th August 2021 the Authority did not confirm the said Resolution No. 101 dated 07/01/2021 and directed Secretary and Accounts Officer to get the Statements of Accounts reviewed from an independent agency. Accordingly, the quotations were called. The professional fees/charges quoted by M/s. Mangesh Kadam & Associates were the lowest rates (Rs. 5,31,000/-) but as compared to the professional fee (Rs. 13,800/-) charged by M/s. Bilimori Mehta & Company who is conducting audit since FY 2017-2018, are much lower than M/s. Mangesh Kadam & Associates. In view of the unreasonable rates received, it was decided to request M/s. Billimoria Mehta & Company to review the statement of accounts. M/s. Billimoria Mehta & Company has reviewed the statements of accounts for FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. The statements of accounts are annexed herewith as **Annexure- A, B & C**. The report submitted by the agency is annexed herewith as **Annexure D**.

The Hon' Members perused the contents of the report and taken a conscious decision to adopt the statement of accounts as submitted by the Secretary and the Accounts Officer.

Resolution No. 123

It is resolved that, the Statements of Accounts for the FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 are hereby adopted and the secretary is directed to forward it to the Accountant General as contemplated in section 19 of the MWRRA Act 2005.

ITEM No. 6.

To consider and approve Annual Report for the FY 2019-20.

The secretary submitted the corrected draft Annual Report for FY 2019-20 (both Marathi & English) for the approval of the Authority. The report is annexed herewith as **Annexure E**.

The Authority has gone through the contents of the report and satisfied itself that, the contents are in conformity with the provisions of Section 20 of the MWRRA Act, 2005.

Resolution No. 124

It is resolved that, the Annual Report for FY 2019-20 (both Marathi & English) is hereby approved and the secretary is directed to forward it to Water Resources Department as contemplated in section 20 of the MWRRA Act 2005.

ITEM No. 7

Extension given to the appointment of Secretary, for information.

The initial appointment of Dr. Ramnath Sonawane as Secretary was on a contractual basis for a period of 2 years starting from 14th February 2020 to 13th February 2022. He had requested for the renewal of the appointment for a further period of 2 years. All the members have given their consent/approval on file and it was directed to put up before the Authority for information. Accordingly, the matter is kept before the Authority. The Authority has taken note of the renewal of appointment of contractual basis for a further period of 2 years starting from 14th February 2022 to 13th February 2024. The terms and conditions of the appointment will be the same as laid down in the initial appointment letter.

Resolution No. 125

It is resolved that, the appointment of Dr. Ramnath Sonawane as Secretary is hereby renewed in accordance with Regulation 20 (3) of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Employees) Regulations, 2013.

ITEM No. 8

Any other subject with the approval / permission of the chairperson.

- a) Appointment of Agency M/s Krishna Motors Limited for providing drivers on contractual basis.
- b) Repatriation of Shri. Prashant Borse, Director (Entitlement).

ITEM No. 8 (a)

The secretary has submitted proposal for Appointment of Agency M/s Krishna Motors Limited for providing drivers on contractual basis. E-quotations were invited. In response to the e-quotations, three agencies submitted their proposals. A comparative statement is annexed herewith as **Annexure- F**. From the Comparative statement it is evident that, the rates quoted by M/s Krishna Motors Limited are the lowest rates. Therefore, the secretary has proposed to give approval to appoint M/s Krishna Motors Limited for providing drivers on contractual basis for a period of 1 year on the terms and conditions stipulated in the work order.

Resolution No. 126

It is resolved that, M/s Krishna Motors Limited be appointed as an agency for providing drivers on contractual basis for a period of 1 year. The secretary is authorized to enter into an agreement.

ITEM No. 8 (b)

The Secretary submitted that, Shri. Prashant Borse was appointed on deputation to MWRRA vide Order No. मजनिप्रा/संचालक/प्रतिनियुक्ती/2021/263

dated 16/06/2021. He has been working as Director, (Entitlement). Shri. Borse has requested the Authority to relieve him as he has completed 1 year on deputation. As per the appointment letter, the period of deputation is for 1 year from the date of appointment. The Authority has considered his request and decided to relieve him from the services of the MWRRA.

Resolution No. 127

It is resolved that, Shri. Prashant Borse, Director, Entitlement be relieved from the services of MWRRA with effect from 29th April 2022.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Members and Chairperson.

Date: 27/04/2022

Place: Mumbai

**Sd/-
Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni
Member (WRE)
(Chairperson of the Meeting)**