

Minutes of 269th Board of Directors of West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation

Agenda Item No.01

To confirm the proceedings of the 268th Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 28.11.2017.

The proceedings of the 268th Meeting of the Board of Directors which had been circulated to the Members was taken as read and confirmed in the meeting.

Agenda Item No.02

Taking note of follow-up action on the resolutions of the Board in its 268th Meeting held on 28.11.2017.

A. Agenda No.2(ii) of 266th BOD Meeting held on 08.12.2016 : Outstanding Storage charges from Customs Authority.

The Managing Director informed the members about up to date situation in this regard including the process of uploading the matter of disposal of non-moving Customs bonded goods and recovery of outstanding dues thereof on "e-samikshya". The Chairman has already taken up the matter at Government level.

The Managing Director, SWC also informed the members about the proposal of appointment of Consultant like CWC as suggested by Hon'ble Member Sri S.S. Sood in last two meetings. It was intimated that the circumstances in WBSWC is not the same as existing in CWC, and hence the utility of hiring the consultant as suggested was still being examined.

B. Agenda No.04 of 266th BOD Meeting held on 08.12.2016 : Detailed analysis of outstanding Sundry Debtors both age-wise and Government & non-Government wise.

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The Managing Director, WBSWC informed the Members about the developments in this regard during last one year or more. He explained that getting an accurate picture of the deposits of the debtors is not possible as contents are only self declared, and very often the deposits have either perished (being perishable in nature) or vanished due to long passage of time. He also informed the members about one separate Agenda regarding writing off some small scale Depositors with outstanding dues up to Rs.20,000/-.

C. Agenda No.04 of 267th BOD Meeting held on 25.01.2017 : Setting up of Managerial set up in WBSWC.

The Managing Director, WBSWC informed the members of the Board that many of the posts approved by the Board have already been sanctioned by the Government and regulation etc. for the posts are yet to be vetted by Govt. In this connection the Hon'ble Chairman opined that the manpower for the projects requiring special expertise etc. may not be available against existing vacancies. For extra ordinary cases special pay package/perks etc. will not be a constraint. However, since the WBSWC has taken certain personnel on ad-hoc basis and the present requirements are being properly taken care of, the submitted Managerial setup would need re-examination, which would be done at a later stage.

D. Agenda No.05 of 267th BOD Meeting held on 25.01.2017 : Regulation for Recruitment to different posts of WBSWC.

The Managing Director suggested that in light of the major changes happening in the WBSWC, the issue of Regulations would need a re-examination along with the proposed Setup for which he would be taking up the case with the Joint Secretary (F&S) of the Department.

E. Agenda No.03 of 268th BOD Meeting held on 28.11.2017 : To review the matter of Ad valorem Surcharge on Chemical Fertilizer stocks.

The Managing Director, WBSWC explained the matter of Advalorem Surcharge in brief to the members and proposed to place the same in the next meeting in some new nomenclature.

F. Agenda No.05 of 268th BOD Meeting held on 28.11.2017 : To consider the matter of lease renewal of Hide Road Warehouse site.



The matter has already been placed before the appropriate authority. The Chairman assured to follow up the case in the Govt. of India level.

G. Agenda No.06 of 268th BOD Meeting held on 28.11.2017 : To consider the proposal of Salary enhancement of the Contractual Superintendants.

The Managing Director, WBSWC informed the members that the proposal has already been sent to Finance Department from Food & Supplies Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

H. Agenda No.08 of 268th BOD Meeting held on 28.11.2017 : To consider the Audit Report of the Statutory Auditors on the Annual Accounts of the Corporation for the Financial Year 2014-15 and replies of the Management thereto.

Managing Director, WBSWC informed the members that all possible changes have been incorporated (Annexure supplied with Agenda notes). Regarding terms of references, action will be taken from next Financial Year i.e. 2018-19 and audit in regular interval will be ensured from 2018-19.

Agenda Item No.03

To consider the matter of construction of Office Building at Salt Lake Land and its utilization thereof.

The Board was in principle in favour of the proposal. But considering the total value of investment (more or less Rs.16 crores) assessment of return from the proposed investment was asked for. It was suggested that feasibility of renting out office and commercial space in the proposed building be examined first. If required, an advertisement may be made in the newspapers for this.

Agenda Item No.04

To consider and approve the Revised Budget Estimates of WBSWC for the F.Y. 2017-18 and Budget Estimates of WBSWC for the F.Y. 2018-19.

The proposed budget estimate for F.Y. 2018-19 was discussed in detail mainly in respect of Income & Expenditure in different heads in a threadbare manner. It was suggested that the rates of storage may be revised.

Agenda Item No.05

To apprise the Board regarding New Construction, Repair & Renovation Projects, Infrastructural up-gradation etc.

Noted.

Agenda Item No.06 (Misc.01)

To consider proposal of writing off Sundry Debtors.

Managing Director explained the necessity of considering the proposal of writing off Sundry Debtors up to Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) as per updated list of 55 Debtors for Rs.3,79,493.98 (Rupees Three lakh seventy nine thousand four hundred ninety three & Paise ninety eight only).

Board approved the proposal.

Agenda Item No.06 (Misc.02)

To apprise the Board regarding engagement of man-power on Vendor's pay roll for project works.

The Board was apprised that a lot of new constructions and renovation works are being undertaken by WBSWC. While supervision of the Engineering Wing would be ensured for the same; however, staff are being appointed for the duration of the project period through vendor-borne employees. The Board was apprised that an agreement has already been made with WEBCON, a State Govt. concern, in this regard.

Agenda Item No.06 (Misc.03)

To apprise the Board regarding engagement of Superintendent/RIDF In-charges under WBSWC.

The Board was apprised that about 45 new Godown Superintendents from ex-Servicemen have been recruited on contractual assignment. Out of these, 02 persons have already left.

Agenda Item No.06 (Misc.04)

To consider and approve the proposed CSR programme to be adopted by WBSWC.

The Board was apprised that since the WBSWC does not come under Companies Act as recently amended, it does not come under mandatory Corporate Social Responsibility. However, since the WBSWC is in robust financial health, as a measure of its responsibility towards the society, it should undertake certain CSR activities on its own. The MD intimated that a proposal has been received from CSC SPV, a GoI concern which runs the Tathya Mitra Kendras across India, to provide sanitary napkins to school girls in a backward block in West Bengal. As per the proposal, each pad costs only Rs. 2, with overall Rs. 500 per girl per year. Thus, within a proposal for Rs. 10 lacs, 2,000 girls can be provided coverage for one whole year.

The proposal was approved.

Agenda Item No.06 (Misc.05)

To consider and approve the proposal for providing Smartphone to Godown Superintendents and other Officers under the Corporation.

The MD apprised the Board that a large number of IT initiatives are being taken in WBSWC. A dedicated App is being developed for internal communication. Further, WhatsApp is already being used in a major way. The Corporation is also working on an ERP solution which may also have a mobile component. Hence, it is essential to provide mobile phones to godown superintendents as well as officers in the HQ. A financial proposal for Motorola mobile phones has been received from Webel.

The proposal was considered & approved with the provision of some check measures etc. in case of resignation/retirement etc. from services.

Further, Rs. 100 per month per user was also approved as internet cost for usage of mobile phones.

The Board meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

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Chairman (WBSWC)
cum

Principal Secretary,
Dept. of Food & Supplies, West Bengal



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1. PS to the Commissioner, Food & Principal Secretary, F&S Department, Govt. of WB. with the request to place it before the Commissioner, Food & Chairman, WBSWC.
- 2 - 11) Hon'ble Member of B.O.D. (Sri P.K. Bhattacharya/Sri Devendra Pant/ Ms.Mousumi Ghose/Sri Priyatu Mandal/Sri Rajiv Mahendru/Md.Zafar/ Ms. Ranjana Bose/Sri Subhash Mondal/Sri S.S.Sood/Sri B.Nirmal)
- 12.The Secretary, CWC.
- 13.The Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of WB, Dept.of F&S, 11A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-87.
- 14.The Accounts Officer, WBSWC.
- 15 - 18.The Chief Engineer/Superintendent Engineer/Executive Engineer (Civil)/ Executive Engineer (Elec), WBSWC.
- 19.Manager RIDF / RKVY, WBSWC.
- ✓ 20-28.Officers posted at H.O. (A.S./S.O./Ad.O/Mgr.QC/A.D.(Mktg) /A.D.(QC) /ZO(E) / Z.O.(A/cs), WBSWC.
- 29-31. D.A. (Estb), D.A.(Cash), D.A. (Budget).
- 32.Guard File.


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Secretary