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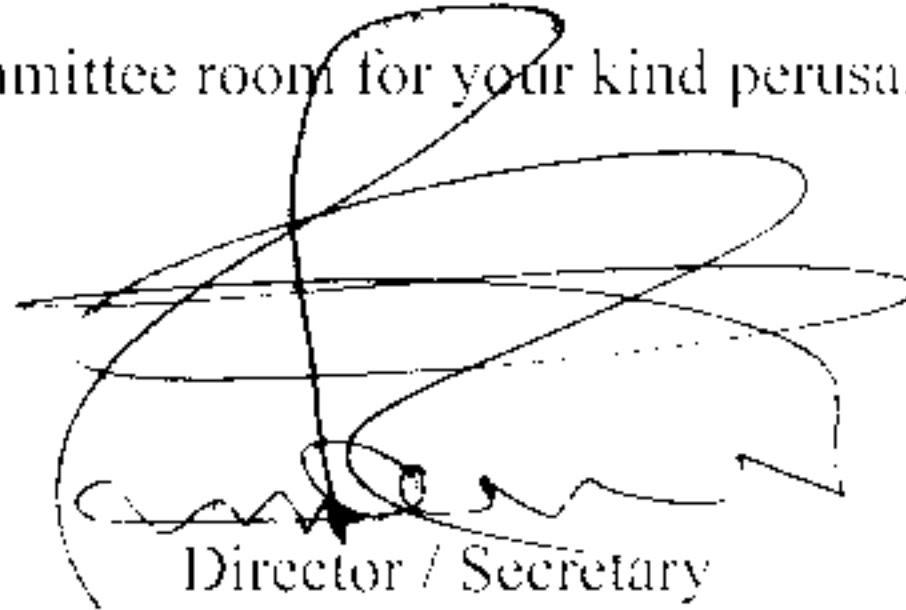
NO. RC/D-55(a)/NCAWB of 2015. Mirpurkhas dated / / 2015

To

1. Mir Tarique Talpur Chairman Nara Canal Area Water Board, Mirpurkhas Ward No.1 Mir Muhallah at Digri
2. General Manager (Transition) SIDA & Member NCAWB.
3. Mir Zahid Hussain Bhurgri Member NCAWB, Ghulam Muhammad Barrage Housing Society Qasimabad Hyderabad.
4. Syed Altaf Hussain Shah Member NCAWB
5. Choudhry Maqbool Ahmed Member NCAWB Digri Medical Store at Digri.
6. Mr. Yar Muhammad Baloch Chairman F.O Bareji Distry & Member NCAWB.
7. Mr. Abdul Majeed Kazi Member NCAWB, 114 Muslim Co-operative Housing Society Hyderabad.
8. Eng.Ghulam Muhammad Soomro, General Manager Al-Abass Sugar Mills & Member NCAWB.
9. Dr. Muhammad Munir Baber Prof. Institute of irrigation & Drainage Engineering Mehran University Jamshoro.
10. Prof.Dr.Abida Tehrani, Vice Chancellor University of Sindh at Jamshoro.Member NCAWB.
11. Dr. Mehar-Uni Nisa Memon, Assitant Professor Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Production,Agriculture University Tando Jam & Member NCAWB.

Subject: **75th Board Meeting Minutes of Nara Canal Area Water Board, Mirpurkhas held on 16-10-2015.**

Please find herewith attached minutes of 75th Board meeting of Nara Canal Area Water Board was held on 16-10-2015, at Nara Canal AWB committee room for your kind perusal.


Director / Secretary
Nara Canal Area Water Board
Mirpurkhas

DA/As above.

CC:to:

- The Honorable Minister, Irrigation Department/Chairman SIDA Karachi
- The ACS (Dev) P&D Department, GOS, Taluq House 2nd floor at Karachi
- PC.PCMU, BOS building 2nd floor Ch: Khaliq Zaman Road Clifton Block-8, Karachi.
- The Managing Director SIDA Hyderabad.
- The Project Director, WSIP, SIDA Hyderabad.
- The Team Leader PMC/A WSIP Karachi.
- The Executive Engineers Jamrao, Mithrao, Thar & Nara Sukkur Divisions for compliance.

Minutes of 75th Board meeting of Nara Canal Area Water Board, Mirpurkhas held on October 16, 2015 at 11:30 am in Committee Room of Nara Canal Area Water Board, Mirpurkhas under the Chairmanship of Chairman Nara Canal Area Water Board, Mirpurkhas.

List of the participants of the meeting is attached at Annex-A.

The meeting was started with the recitation of holy Quran. Before the starting meeting the Director Nara Canal Area Water Board, Mirpurkhas welcome the members and chair asked to proceed as per agenda of the meeting.

Item # 1: Confirmation of Minutes of 74th Board meeting of Nara Canal Area Water Board, Mirpurkhas.

The minutes of 74th board meeting of Nara Canal Area Water Board, Mirpurkhas was held on September 05, 2015 unanimously approved.

Item # 2: Water Distribution

Director Nara Canal AWB Briefed about current situation of Water in Nara Canal command Area. He said that currently the water availability in Nara Canal is **12000 cusecs** and it is being distributed as per shares of each canal system. Director Nara Canal AWB informed the forum that he has taken special efforts to improve the water availability in the tail ends since his joining. Currently, there is no rotation in the overall command area of Nara Canal. Due to no demand, water is being provided to Chotiyari Dam through Ranto Escape. The current level of Chotiyari reservoir is 19.5ft than maximum 23ft. The members appreciated the efforts taken by the Director Nara Canal AWB for improvement & equitable water distribution without rotation in Nara Canal command Area.

Item # 3: Acceptance of Resignation of Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan Ex-Director NCAWB & Advertisement for the Post Of Director Nara Canal AWB from Market.

The board was informed that Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan Director Nara Canal AWB submitted his resign to the Chairman Nara Canal AWB on 02-06-2015 stating that due to unavoidable circumstances he is unable to continue his services with Nara Canal AWB w.e.f 08-06-2015 and Due to the resignation of Director Nara Canal AWB, Government of Sindh posted Mr. Saeed Ahmed Jagirani as Director Nara Canal AWB.

As per decision was taken in the 74th Board Meeting the Director Nara Canal AWB presents the resignation of Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan for approval before the Board.

Honorable Board Member Choudhry Maqbool Ahmed suggests that before the acceptances of resignation of Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan, Board should call him personally to interview about his performance and reasons for his resignation.

Mr. Saeed Ahmed Jagirani informed the board that he has taken actions for improvement for availability of irrigation water at the tail ends and abiana recovery. The Board members highly appreciated the efforts of Mr. Saeed Ahmed Jagirani. The Board unanimously decided as follows:

"The resignation of Mr. Ghulam Musatafa Ujjan as Director Nara Canal AWB was accepted & approved. Also endorsed the posting of Mr. Saeed Ahmed Jagirani as Director Nara Canal AWB till the recruitment of Director Nara Canal AWB is done through process".

Item # 4: Abiana Recovery Position of Nara Canal AWB.

Director Nara Canal AWB briefed the forum that new management of Nara Canal Area water board took serious steps for abiana recovery from AWB and Fos channels. He held the meetings with Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Social Mobilization and revenue staff for recovery of huge outstanding amount of Abiana. He also issued the notices to the defaulter for Abiana recovery. The Abiana recovery in last four (04) months increases significantly. NCAWB staff & FOs recovered about Rs 24 Millions in last four months.

The Director Nara Canal AWB further informed that he has given clear directives to the regulation staff to extend their support, help & coordination to the FOs in technical issues and abiana recovery progress. He further stated that the recovery position will be continued and soon we will recover handsome amount from defaulters.

The Board especially Chairman Nara Canal AWB appreciated the efforts taken by the Director Nara Canal AWB for recovery of huge amount of abiana.

Any Other Item.

i. Status of borrowing amount from Abiana Account & its replenishment.

Director Nara canal AWB presented the status of borrowing made from Abiana Account for different purposes. He briefed that the borrowing was made for three purposes i.e Flood Fighting 2011-12, land acquisition for NC02 and salaries of WSIP-I staff. The total of 54.157, 904 Million was borrowed for flood fighting 2011 & 13.102.173 Million has been refunded in the abiana account likewise Rs.11.5 million were transferred in the account of land Acquisition Officer Sanghar for land acquisition required for NC02 works. An amount of Rs. 3.011.167 Million were borrowed for payment of salaries to the WSIP-I Staff, out that Rs. 1.487 Million has been refunded in the abiana account and remaining amount will be reimburse upon the receipt of the funds from world Bank.

The Director Nara Canal AWB informed that the payments to the contractor for flood fighting on emergency basis would be refunded with the release of funds from Government of Sindh.

Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgari showed his concerned that four years has been passed & a small amount has been refunded under flood fighting borrowings.

Mr. Nazeer Hussain Memon requested the board for an amount of 3.0 Million as loan to SIDA from abiana accounts which will reimburse ~~in future~~. The board member unanimously decided as follows:

*at receipt of funds from
WB*

"It was decided that contractor should be bound by the concerned Executive Engineers to refund 40% amount of payment made to them under flood fighting 2001 contracts in future".

"It was also decided that the management of Nara Canal AWB will prepare an umbrella PC-I for Government of Sindh for issuance the amount paid for land acquisition under NC 02 contract of WSIP-I".

"It was also decided a special summary to the honorable Chief Minister Sindh may be proceed for approval of amount paid for land acquisition as an alternate strategy".

"The board decided that an amount of Rs. 3. Million may be given as loan to SIDA."

ii. Rehabilitation of Jamrao Canal West.

Director Nara Canal AWB briefed the board about the scheme of CC lining of Jamrao Canal West from RD 0 to 300. The director Nara Canal informed that the work will start from the closure and our targets is to complete the works from RD 0 to 100 during the annual closure. After the closure the water will be provided for irrigation & drinking purposes from 05 February 2015 to 22 February 2015. As there will be no demanded period for irrigation water, the remaining works will be completed in the period from 22 February 2015 to 20 March 2015.

Choudhry Maqbool showed his concerned that the works will be affect the standing crops resulting less production. So he asked for alternative strategies such as construction of Diversion canal. The Director Nara Canal AWB and Executive Engineers brief that no major affect will be to the crop during the constructions. The diversion canal will increase the cost almost doubled and technically is not feasible due to construction of modules of Dos and land acquisition issues.

The director Nara Canal AWB also briefed that the formers of west branch are fortunate that such huge scheme of lining is being implemented which will definitely reduce the shortage of irrigation water at tail ends and reduce the travel time. The members raise the issue of frequent breaches occurring in the reach from 17 Mile to 49 Miles of twin Jamrao canal. The Executive Engineer Jamrao Division explained the board members that it has been observed on technical grounds that the breaches occurring due to the Nawabshah Main drain running parallel to twin Jamrao canal in above mentioned reach. The irrigation department have set an enquiry committee comprise of two chief Engineers to investigate the current breach. They have visited the site and will submit their findings very soon. The board member unanimously decided as follows:

"The board highly appreciated the scheme for lining of Jamrao Canal West Branch by the Government of Sindh and efforts of the Director Nara Canal AWB and XEN Jamrao Division. The Board also approved the tentative work Plan for works of CC Lining of Jamrao Canal West submitted by the Director Nara Canal AWB as mentioned as above."

"It was also decided that stone pitching works of venerable portion of Twin Jamrao Canal parallel to drain 17 Mile to 49 Miles may also included in the lining scheme."

iii. Case of Mr. Safeer Hyder Qureshi.

Mr. Mansoor Ahemd Memon GM-FACR Nara Canal AWB/Executive Engineer Thar Division briefed the board members in detail about the issue of Mr. Safeer Hyder Qureshi Manager Customer Relation Nara Canal AWB. The board members discussed the issue in detail and came up with following decisions:

"The Board members continued the services of Mr. Safeer Hyder Qureshi and transferred him to the office of Managing Director Sindh Irrigation & Drainage Authority Hyderabad at the disposal of MD-SIDA. The Board also decided to pay salaries to Mr. Safeer Hyder Qureshi" from his joining, under T.O. No: 24.

iv. Staffing Position Of Staff of NCAWB under WSIP-I

Mr. Mansoor Ahemd Memon GM-FACR Nara Canal AWB/Executive Engineer Thar Division presented the current staffing position at Nara Canal AWB under WSIP-I. He also informed that eight staff members including 01 Assistant Manager Social Mobilization, 01 Assistant Manager HR, 01 Help desk operator & 05 program Assistant were recruited by the Ex- Director on Stop Gap arrangement. He also informed that one AM HR has resigned. The board members showed their concerned on recruitment of these staff members without approval of the board. The Director Nara Canal AWB explained the members that these posts were vacant since long and there was shortage of staff. Due to that these staff members were recruited on the emergency basis. The matter is being presented for guidance from the board in the matter. The Director Nara Canal AWB & GM-FACR informed the board members that these staff members are performing & contributing in the working of AWB. The board member unanimously decided as follows:

" the board members decided that these staff members recruited under Stop-Gap arrangement at Nara Canal AWB under WSIP-I are allowed to continue till proper recruitment process is initiated for these as per PC-I, it was also decided that these staff members may be given priority during the proper recruitment process".

v. Management Information System (MIS) of Abiana.

Mr. Abdul Rasheed Mahar Manager Social Mobilization presented the Management Information system of Abiana in Nara Canal AWB. He explained the board about the need, benefits and components of MIS of abiana. The board members discussed the issue in the detail and came up with following decisions.

"Board approved the implementation of centralized Abaian billing through MIS and allows starting the procurement process of Billing Software for Abiana."

The meeting was ended with the vote of thanks.