

Minutes of 10th Governing Council Meeting of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society held on 18th December 2006 in the chamber of Secretary (Fisheries) Armsdale Building Shimla.

The 10th meeting of Governing Council of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society held on 18th December 2006 in Armsdale building, under the Chairmanship of Sh. V. C. Pharka, Secretary (Fisheries), Government of Himachal Pradesh. Besides Chairmanship the following members attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Devesh Kumar, Member
Additional Secretary (Finance),
to the Government of H.P.
2. Mr. Roop Singh Verma, Member
Under Secretary (Fisheries),
to the Government of H.P.
3. Shri R. K. Korla, Member
Deputy Director of Fisheries,
Trout Farm, Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.)
4. Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Member
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Pong Dam, Distt. Kangra (H.P.)
5. Sh. R. P. Dogra, Member
Assistant Director of Fisheries (Hqrs),
Representative Director Fisheries

6. Sh. Suneel Mehta,
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Shimla, Distt. Shimla (H.P.) Member

7. Sh. Rajan Sood,
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Bilaspur, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) Member

8. Sh. Mahesh Kumar,
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Mandi, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) Member

9. Sh. N. S. Chaudhary,
Chief Executive Officer,
H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing
Society, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) **Member Secretary**

Initiating the meeting, the Chairman welcomed all the participants of the meeting and after brief introduction with each of them the Member Secretary (**MS**) took up the agenda items for discussions:

Item No. 1. Confirmation of the proceedings of 9th Governing Council Meeting.

Taking up the agenda items the MS informed the House that the minutes of previous meeting had been circulated to all the Governing Council Members and since no objection received from any of the Members as such the same may be confirmed.

The House **approved** the item.

Item No. 2. Follow-up action on the decisions taken in the 9th Governing Council Meeting.

➤ **Procurement of Feed Drier.**

As per decision taken in the 9th Governing Council Meeting, to establish new Feed mill the MS apprise the house that the matter has been discussed with feed mill manufactures at Khanna and Batala (Punjab) and they were requested to send the details of feed mill units so that after its study a visit may be conducted to inspect the units. The information regarding feed mill also called through internet but till date no contact have been established with any party. The MS also apprised that the H. P. Agro Industries has supplied the sample feed but they are not interested to manufacture the fish feed.

The Chairman directed that the visit may be conducted to inspect the mills in adjoining states at the earliest and report may be submitted in the month of January 2007 for the purchase of new feed mill.

Action (DWF/CEO)

Item: 2 Genetic up gradation project:

MS appraised the house that rainbow trout has been imported during the year 2004-05 and next import as per decision taken in the 8th Governing Council meeting may be taken when the department feels that the growth of present stock is not satisfactory.

Action (DWF/CEO)

Item: 3 Progress Report of Fish Farm:

MS appraised the house that construction work of water supply at trout farm Barot has been completer and work of distribution tank is in progress. The Chairman directed that for the completion of above work the Executing Agency (HIMUDA) officials should be contacted regularly for the early completion.

Action (CEO)

Item: 4 Initiation of Award to outstanding Fish farmers by the Society:

MS appraised the house that the information supplied by the field officials of the fisheries department does not seem to be authentic, thus a committee should be constituted which would visit the farms of the progressive farmers for spot assessment.

The Chairman directed that for the selection of progressive farmer, department should fix some norms.

Action (DWF/CEO)

Item No. 3: SJVN sponsored project “Development of Fisheries in Nathpa Jhakri reservoir and tail end of Satluj river”.

Under the Project Rs. 1.00 crore had been received against sanctioned amount of Rs. 160.00 lakhs from Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam in three installments. The ongoing construction works are as under:

➤ **Construction of feeder channel for water supply from the Rukti stream to farm:**

Construction of feeder channel for the water supply from Rukti to farm has been completed.

➤ **Hatchery building including hatching troughs, start feed tanks, internal water supply system, and water storage:**

As per estimates received from SIDC sanction of Rs. 20,07,450/- was accorded against funds provision of Rs. 20.00 according to DPR. Till date funds to the tune of more than 17.56 lakhs has been released to SIDC and the work is in progress. For the purchase of hatching troughs, tray and fiber tanks action is being taken at the Directorate level.

MS informed the Governing Council that Joint inspection of completed / on-going works at Sangla farm has been conducted alongwith Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam and SIDC officials in the month of October 2006. They were requested to release Rs. 85.00 lakhs for completion of pending and on-going works according to DPR's, but they have released only Rs. 25.00 lakhs and Rs. 60.00 lakhs is still awaited. The UC of released funds to tune of Rs. 100 lakhs has been sent to SJVN authorities.

- **Air lifting of eyed ova of genetically improved quick growing strains of mirror carp. Lake trout, Arctic char from European / Scandinavian countries including visit of state personnel.**

The MS appraise the house that this year genetic improved mirror carp has been purchased from Veterinary University Banglore and being reared at Carp Farm Alsu to replace the old and available stock of mirror carp from the departmental farm. As per earlier GC meeting decision, 15,000 'eyed ova' of Arctic Char has been airlifted first time in India from Canada and being reared at Trout farm Patlikuhl, Sangla and Holi.

The Chairman directed that steps may be taken for the release of balance funds from SJVN so that the on-going works may be completed at the earliest.

Action (CEO)

Item No. 4: Progress under BBMB sponsored project 'Promotion of fisheries in the riparian area of Suketi Khad and its adjacent streams'.

- **Construction of percolation well, pump house and electrification etc. of Alsu Farm:**

MS apprised that HIMUDA has started the construction work of percolation well at Alsu Farm.

- **Nursery Tank at Deoli Fish Farm:**

The work has been completed by HIMUDA.

➤ **Providing financial assistance to 28 beneficiaries:**

After obtaining Administrative and Financial approval from the Chairman the financial assistance have been provided to 28 beneficiaries for construction of pond and fish cart under the project. Joint inspection of the farm construction works i.e. carp farm Ghagus and Alsu and works of tanks constructed by the effected beneficiaries has been conducted by the officials of BBMB, HIMUDA and department. Utilization certificate dully verified by CA has been submitted to the BBMB and requested to release the balance amount of Rs. 36.00 lakhs.

The Chairman directed to take immediate necessary action for the release of balance amount.

Action (CEO)

Item No. 5: Mahseer fish seed project:

The MS appraised the house that the construction work of Mahseer farm has been started by the executing agency (HIMUDA). The construction work of type-1 residential quarter has been completed up to slab level and construction of protection work and site development for the construction of tank is in progress.

The Chairman directed that the contact may be made regularly with executing agency for early completion of on-going pending works.

Action (DWF/CEO)

Item No. 6: Meeting & constitution of Executive Council of the Society.

MS appraised the house that the first meeting of the EC has been conducted and assured the house that in future meeting will be held regularly as per guideline.

Action (CEO)

Item No. 7: Deployment of ministerial staff in the Society.

MS appraise the house that presently, there is only Senior Assistant working in the Society who is also operating the departmental Website. He has to update and enhance the website, respond to the queries received from the Helpline desk, to upload departmental tenders, vacancies, RTI, angling competitions, advertisements about closing / opening season etc. His services will also involve in developing the Society's website which is being launched. The websites work is sufficient assignment to him. Before April, 2006 one senior Scale Stenographer was also working in the society and now his services have been placed with the DWF. Now-a-days above senior Assistant is holding the charge of the Society's office. In view of exigencies of work of the society one another official is must to run the office work smoothly. The house is requested to take decision to deploy one ministerial official from the Fisheries department / on contract basis exclusively for society so that the Society's work is run smoothly.

The Chairman assured the MS that as and when the case of fish federation employees is decided one clerk will be deployed for the work of Society.

Action (DWF)

Item No. 8: 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Strengthening of Post Harvest Infrastructure.

MS apprised the Governing Council that after obtaining of the administrative and financial sanction Rs. 20,80,155/- have been released to HIMUDA for the construction of Aqua shop at trout farm Barot, Holi and carp farm Ghagus. But HIMUDA has not submitted the estimates of Ice Plant although they have been requested repeatedly. The Chairman assured to take the matter with Secretary-cum-CEO HIMUDA for submission of estimates.

While discussing the construction of Aqua shops Additional Secretary Finance advised that one Aqua shop may be constructed at Sangla on road side because farm is near about 2 km away from the road side / market. So that the visitor can buy trout fish easily.

The Chairman directed that government land should be selected for the construction of aqua shop on road side at Sangla.

The MS informed the house that there is a provision for purchase of deep freezer and weighing scale in the project. The matter was discussed in the 1st Meeting of Executive Council of H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society held at directorate on 2nd November 2006 and ADF Shimla, Mandi, Chamba, Bilaspur has demanded deep freezer for trout farm Dhamwari, Sangla, Barot and carp farm Ghagus and Chamba.

The Chairman approved the above and directed that proper use of deep freezer may be assured.

Action (DWF/CEO)

Item No. 9: Other Item:

➤ **Repair and provided AC to Angler Lodge Pong Dam:**

The funds for repair of Angler lodge at Pong Dam has been provided to executive agency. The item may be removed from the minutes.

Item No. 10: New Item:

1. Provision of Chowkidar-cum-Cook at contract basis for Angler's Lodges / rest Houses of the department:

MS apprised the house that in the 1st meeting of Executive Council of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society held at Directorate on 2nd November 2006, the departmental official propose that in addition to Patlikuhl and Ghagus rest houses the angler lodge at pong Dam and Chamba be brought under the control of society and one Chowkidar-cum-Cook be provided in these rest houses / angler lodges from the society funds initially on experimental basis for smooth running of these rest houses / Angler lodges.

The Chairman informs that after inspection of some of angler lodges / rest houses matter may be decided on merit.

2. Provision of Chairs and Linen items for Training Centre at Ghagus:

MS informed that there are two training centres at Ghagus and Patlikuhl where departmental training programmes were conducted. Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur has demanded that the chairs and other items should be provided for the training centre.

The Chairman directed that proper training schedule be made for conducting the trainings in these centres and assure to provide the chairs and other items.

3. Launching of Society's website:

The MS put up the draft of society's website for discussion and appropriate action.

The Chairman assured the house that after go through the draft the appropriate actions may be convened.

4. Expenditure statement of the Society:

MS put the Audited expenditure statement of the Society for the year 2005-06 before the house for approval.

The Chairman assured the house that after go through the audited expenditure statement the approval may be accorded in the next Governing Council meeting.

Other Item:

Funds provided the motor vehicle head in the office of Deputy Director, patlikuhl:

The Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl raised a point that there is a shortage of budget in Motor Vehicle head and wants funds for the purchase of tyres for departmental vehicle.

The Chairman approved the item for appropriate action.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.