

Minutes of the 14th meeting of Governing Council, H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held on 2nd August 2010 under the Chairmanship of Mr. V. C. Pharka, Principal Secretary (Fisheries), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, in his Office Chamber. Following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Sh. B. D. Sharma
Director-cum-warden of Fisheries,
Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 2. | Sh. K. L. Kasyap
Deputy-Secretary (Finance)
Representative of Principal Secretary (Finance)
to the Government of H.P. | Member |
| 3. | Sh. R. P. Dogra
Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl,
Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 4. | Sh. Mahesh Kumar
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi
Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 5. | Sh. Sunil Mehta
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur,
Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 6. | Sh. Rajan Sood
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla,
Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 7. | Sh. Hamir Chand
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pong Dam,
Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 8. | Sh. Bhupinder Kumar
Senior Fisheries Officer, Chamba
Representative of Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Chamba, (H.P.) | Member |
| 9. | Sh. Gurcharan Singh
Chief Executive Officer,
H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society,
Bilaspur | Member Secretary |

Initiating the meeting, Chairman welcomed all the participants and the **Member Secretary** took up the agenda items for discussions.

1.

CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF 13TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING.

Member Secretary informed the House that minutes of the 13th Governing Council Meeting were circulated to all the members and since no objection was received from any of the members, as such, the same may be approved. The House approved the item.

2.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

i. Provision of Chowkidar-cum-Cook for the Departmental Angler's Lodges/Rest Houses etc.:

Sanction to recruit following staff on daily wages basis for different Departmental Angler's Lodges/Rest Houses was accorded in the 12th Governing Council Meeting. House is requested to kindly decide about the mode of recruitment of the sanctioned staff, detail of which is as under:

#	Name of the Institution (s)	Category of the staff
1	Angler's Lodge at Pong Dam, Distt. Kangra (H.P.)	1 Chowkidar-cum-Cook, 2 Helpers
2.	Angler's Lodge at Barot, Distt. Mandi (H.P.)	1 Chowkidar-cum-Cook
3.	Angler Lodge at Chamba, Distt. Chamba (H.P.)	1 Chowkidar-cum-Cook
4	Rest House at Ghagus (Deoli) Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.)	1 Chowkidar-cum-Cook
5	Training Centre at Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.)	1 Chowkidar-cum-Cook

The Governing Council decided to fill up these posts by outsourcing. Outsourcing process shall be completed at the level of concerned Deputy Director of Fisheries/ Assistant Director of Fisheries. For finalizing this

outsourcing process, a committee of the following officers has been constituted:

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| 1. | CEO, HPAFMS | Chairman |
| 2. | Deputy Director of Fisheries
/Assistant Director of Fisheries Concerned | Member |
| 3. | One Fisheries Officer of the concerned Division | Member |

ii. Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Sponsored Project “Development of Fisheries of Nathpa Jhakri Reservoir and Tail-End of Satluj River”:

After discussions, it was decided that Chief Executive Officer will visit Trout Farm Patlikuhl immediately and with the involvement of Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl a work plan should be finalized to complete the remaining works of Fish Feed Mill in a time bound manner. Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl will ensure early commissioning of the Feed Mill. It was also decided that charges for obtaining the Test Report shall be borne by the Society.

iii. BBMB Sponsored Project “Promotion of Fisheries in the Riparian Area of Suketi Khud and its Adjacent Stream”:

Member Secretary informed the Council that the work of the construction of percolation well at Fish Farm Ghagus has been stopped by HPSIDC at 50% level. **Member Secretary** further informed that he has already talked to S.E. HPSIDC for the early completion of these works. Chairman desired that Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh and Chief Executive Officer will ensure early completion of these construction works by HPSIDC.

iv. Mahseer Fish Seed Project:

The Chairman and Members of the Governing Council after discussion decided that detailed report regarding completion and functioning of Farm be placed in the next Governing Council Meeting.

v. 100% centrally sponsored scheme on strengthening of Post Harvest Structure:

The Governing Council decided that Chief Executive Officer & Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl will take up the matter with the Executing Agency for early commissioning of Ice-Plant at Patlikuhl after getting the remaining works completed by HIMUDA. It was also decided that the rates of Ice, be fixed in accordance with the prevailing market rates.

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SATLUJ JAL VIDYUT NIGAM SPONSORED PROJECT “DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES OF NATHPA JHAKRI RESERVOIR ANND TAIL END OF SATLUJ RIVER”.

The **Member Secretary** apprised the House about the status of this work and Governing Council decided it as depicted under item No. 2(ii) of these minutes.

4.

BBMB SPONSORED PROJECT “PROMOTION OF FISHERIES IN THE RIPARIAN AREA OF SUKETI KHUD AND ITS ADJACENT STREAM”.

Member Secretary informed that a total sum of Rs. 72.00 lakhs has been provided by project authorities to the Society for the upgradation of infrastructure at Fish Farms, Alsu and Ghagus, and for providing training and financial assistance etc. to the 52 beneficiaries belonging to the riparian area of the Suketi Khud and its tributaries. The **Member Secretary** further informed the House that a sum of Rs. 0.79 lakhs is lying with the Society which is earmarked for holding the

Seminar/Training by the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi for the fish farmers belonging to that area, in which Department of Fisheries and BBMB authorities will also participate. After discussion, Chairman directed Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi to submit the proposal of organizing Camps/Seminars in consultation with BBMB authorities within 2 weeks to the Chief Executive Officer, H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society.

5.

CREATION OF POST HARVEST INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS MINI ICE PLANT.

Member Secretary informed the House that Rs. 79 lakh were sanctioned by Government of India for the Construction/Installation of three Ice Plants and purchase of 200 Insulated Boxes for state's Reservoirs. Out of this amount, an estimate of Rs. 5302400/- lakh was received from HIMUDA for the construction of One Ice Plant at Dobar (Gobind Sagar) Teh. Bangana, in Distt. Una (H.P.) against which a sum of Rs. 25 lakh have been released on account of 1st Installment. Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh joining in the discussion, apprised the house that as per norms of Government of India three Ice Plants were to be Constructed/Installed in the state only at the cost of Rs. 25 lakh each and we must adhere to the norms of Government of India given in the Scheme. After detailed deliberations, it was decided that fresh estimates for the Construction / Installation of Ice Plant at Dobar with the maximum ceiling of Rs. 25 lakh as per norms of Government of India be obtained from HIMUDA and submitted for according Administrative and Financial approval to the Competent Authority.

6.

PROVISION OF STAFF TO THE ICE FACTORY AT TROUT FARM PATLIKUHL.

The Governing Council decided to fill up one post of Ice-factory Mechanic and one Helper for Ice Plant at Patlikuhl by outsourcing. Process Committee for outsourcing shall remain as given under item No. 2(i) of these minutes.

7.

REGARDING THE TAKING OVER OF AWARENESS CENTRE AT BILASPUR.

The Governing Council discussed the matter regarding taking over of Awareness Centre building at Bilaspur and proposal of staff deployment for this Centre. It was decided to keep this item pending for next Governing Council Meeting.

8.

BEAUTIFICATION OF FISH FARMS.

The Governing Council members were of the view that the beautification of all Fish Farms should be done so as to attract the tourists. Chairman desired that all the Reservoirs, Fish Farms and Field offices be beautified and all Deputy Director of Fisheries / Assistant Director of Fisheries after proper consultation with Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh will submit comprehensive proposals after completing all the codal formalities, to the Society.

9.

PUTTING UP SIGN BOARDS/DISPLAY BOARDS.

The Chairman asserted that all the offices/farms must have proper sign boards at their entrances, preferably glow sign boards so that the public/farmers have an easy access to their offices/farms. The schemes relating to the development of

fisheries should be legibly displayed on these boards along with the detail of the species/Nos./size of the fish available in each tank/raceway be depicted. It was decided that all Deputy Director of Fisheries / Assistant Director of Fisheries after proper consultation with Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh will submit comprehensive proposals, to the Society.

10.

EFFORTS FOR THE PROMOTION OF SALE OF TROUT.

The Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh informed the house that about 10 tonnes of saleable trout is available in the trout farms of the state and special efforts are required to be done for sale of this huge stock. The Chairman after discussion directed the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla to explore the possibility of Trout Sale in Agro Shops at Shimla.

11.

DEPLOYMENT OF ONE JUNIOR ENGINEER (CIVIL) IN THE SOCIETY

Member Secretary apprised the House that some construction works of the Department are funded by the Society but Society has no technical staff to check the construction quality of such works. After discussion, it was decided to employ one retired Assistant Engineer (Civil) on honorarium basis @ Rs. 10000/- per month and one Technical Assistant (Civil) too on honorarium basis @ Rs. 6000/- per month for one year. Selection Committee was constituted as under:

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| 1. | Chief Executive Officer | Chairman |
| 2. | Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Headquarter | Member |
| 3. | Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Bilaspur | Member |

12.

**DEPOLYMENT OF ONE PEON IN THE OFFICE OF CEO, H.P.A.F.M.S.,
BILASPUR.**

Member Secretary apprised the house that there is no peon in the office of Chief Executive Officer, H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society. The Governing Council decided to outsource one Peon-cum-sweeper for the office of CEO, HPAFMS and to discontinue the services of present part time sweeper after the deployment of new incumbent.

13.

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT.

The balance sheet of the year 2009-10 audited by Chartered Accountant was placed before the house for approval. After discussion, the house gave its approval.

14.

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

i. APPOINTMENT OF THREE COMPUTER OPERATORS.

Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh and Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl requested that due to the shortage of the qualified staff, they are finding it difficult to implement the Agrisnet work, SMS Gateway, M-Governance etc. and emphasized the need of Computer Operators for attending these works.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that three Computer Operators (Two in the Directorate and One in the Office of the Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl) be engaged on outsource basis and further decided that all the computerization matter in the Directorate and of the Field offices be looked

after by these Operators. The qualification of these Computer Operators should be graduation with one year Diploma in Computer Applications.

ii. UPGRADING THE EXISTING TRAINING CENTRES.

The Chairman desired that the existing Training Centres of the Department be equipped with the Projectors and other related items to upgrade the skill of Trainees. So it was decided to purchase two Projectors with Screens, one for Deoli (Ghagus) Farm Bilaspur and one for the Trout Farm Patlikuhl Distt. Kullu. Chairman also desired to make available good CD's pertaining to Training on Fisheries activities. For imparting training, brochures showing details of Fisheries techniques be also be got published.

iii. TRAINING TO THE DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

It was discussed that the knowledge of the technical staff of the departmental officers should be upgraded in order to make them more efficient and responsible. Chairman, desired that all the departmental officers be imparted trainings on the latest Fisheries technologies being developed from time to time and the expenditure on such trainings shall be borne by the Society. Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh may send such proposals to the Society.

iv. PROVIDING MOBILE RECHARGE FACILITY TO THE FISHERIES STAFF OF RESERVOIRS.

The Deputy Director of Fisheries (Hqtr), Assistant Director of Fisheries, Gobind Sagar, Pong Dam and of Chamera Dam emphasized the need of providing the cost of the recharge of the personal mobiles of the staff of the Reservoir which includes Incharge of the Fish Landing centres and their Assistant Directors to ensure better connectivity required for fisheries conservation among themselves.

After detailed deliberations, it was decided to grant Rs. 150/- per month as a recharge allowance to the staff as under:

Pong Reservoir	12
Gobind Sagar	8
Chamera	2

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.