

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY THE 7TH FEB., 1973.

The meeting of the Board of Capital Development Authority was held in the Conference Room on Wednesday the 7th February, 1973 at 9.30 A.M. Brig. Riazul Haq, A/Chairman presided and the following were present :-

1. F.A/Member
2. Secretary
3. Director W&S
4. Director Finance
5. Director Planning
6. Director Coordination
7. Director Municipal Admn
8. Director Horticulture
9. Director Public Relations
10. Director Design
11. Estate Officer
12. Coordination Officer

The following decisions were taken in the meeting :-

Water Supply to Sectors  
Mehran 7, 8, 9 & 10

The summary on the captioned item was put up to the Board by Director W&S. He explained all the four alternatives in detail. He further explained that the proposal to extend watersupply to Sectors E-7, 8, 9 & 10 and to the Defence Complex, likely to be constructed on the north of these sectors, was put up earlier to the Board. The scheme originally prepared provided that the water through gravity shall flow to 2 mgd reservoir to build a pressure head and then upto Sector E-9 through gravity without any pumping. One basic assumption was that the watersupply would be needed for the construction period within 6 months. He further explained that the original scheme besides being expensive would not cater for consumption requirements in Sectors E-9 & E-10 because of poor pressure at the tail. The 2 mgd reservoir figured in the scheme because the reservoir happened to be there. The original scheme has been re-casted. Four alternative proposals have been examined in detail, He had come to the conclusion that a more economical and useful plan can be drawn which will cater for water requirements both during the construction period and thereafter, and the system will still be used when the supplies to these sectors from western sources is started.

The proposal in brief envisages extension of 24" dia PRCC pipeline and construction of sump on the corner of



Sector E-9. A section of the 10 mg reservoir as the tail of western system will have to be built to supply water to E-10 and onwards. This arrangement will, however, suffice for a population of 40,000 only upto Sector E-10.

The Board appreciated the scheme and the manner in which it has been prepared. However, since the Japanese Team is here & is looking into the various aspects of our planning, it is necessary that the scheme should be gone into by the Japanese Team before putting up to the Board.

Any other item

1) Water supply to Islamabad.

While discussing the scheme of extending water to Sectors E-7,8,9 & 10 it was revealed to the Board that about 12 m.g. water is being supplied to Islamabad daily, Therefore the CDA should expect a revenue of about Rs. 64 lacs. Since the Municipal Adm Directorate has not kept any proforma account of the water consumed by the Government buildings/departments, it is very difficult to pin point whether the loss in revenue is due to free consumption for Government purposes or because of the wastage by the consumers. Even where the water connections have been metered, the recovery percentage is only 42%. No effort is being made by the DMA to dis-connect the supply when a particular consumer is persistently at fault. In case the situation is allowed to persist, there will be a considerable loss of revenue and it will be impossible to recover the arrears from the consumers.

DMA disclosed that there has been a large number of complaints of the defective meters which are not attended to promptly. In large number of cases the fittings in the houses continue to leak and since the complaints are not attended to, the consumers consider that the water bills are higher because of the wastage, and as the CDA is responsible for the maintenance of the Government houses and if CDA employees failed to rectify a particular fault in time, the wastage should be attributable to CDA rather than to the consumers.

It was explained in the Board that the statement provided by the DMA showed that there were only 200 complaints per month. The total complaints as worked out for various defective meters in various categories was between 2 to 5%. Obviously this plea of DMA that there were large number of complaints is not proved by the facts which he himself

reported earlier in a reply to an Assembly question. Perhaps the cause of arrears is the lack of will on the part of DMA's employees to rectify the defects. It was further explained that constantly a proposal was being hammered that we should switch on from metered rates to flat rates.

The Board decided as follows :-

- a) It should be clearly understood by all concerned that the metering has been done under the orders of the Government and there was no scope of reverting to flat rates.
  - b) Instructions should be issued that the complaints should be attended to immediately as soon as these are lodged.
  - c) Proforma account of all connections whether they are billed or not billed should be kept by DMA.
  - d) A recovery campaign should be launched by DMA and quarterly progress report should be examined by FA/Member.
- 2) Absorption of surplus staff in DGW.

The DGW's note through which he sought the directive of the Board regarding absorption of surplus staff was discussed, and it was felt that sufficient directives had already been given earlier. However, in order to re-iterate the views of the Board, it was decided that :-

- a) as far as possible there should be no retrenchment.
- b) in case the retrenchment is inevitable, efforts should be made to absorb the staff in other Dtes.
- c) when all avenues are exhausted and it is not possible to absorb the surplus staff, in any of the Directorates of the CDA, the staff should be retrenched with a clear understanding that they would be kept on waiting list and will be absorbed on the first available vacancy.