



NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

Chairman Secretariat

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Subject: **The 340th Meeting of the NHA Executive Board Held on July 08, 2020 at Islamabad**

Introduction

The 340th meeting of the National Highway Authority's Executive Board was held at 1130 hours on July 08, 2020 at the Auditorium of NHA Headquarters, Islamabad. Capt. (Retd.) Sikander Qayyum, Chairman, NHA presided over the meeting.

The meeting commenced with recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.

Opening Remarks

The Chairman extended warm welcome to the participants of the meeting. He expressed his gratitude to Syed Imran Waheed, VP-NESPAK in his first meeting as Board Member and added that he will become a good addition to the Board and his experience will help in decision making of national importance.

The Chairman on his own behalf and on behalf of the Board congratulated Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam, IG (NH&MP) on his promotion to BPS-22. He stated that Dr. Kaleem is highly intellectual and deserve this highest position in civil service. He wished him best of luck in future endeavors.

The Chairman informed the Board that Malik Ahmad Khan; who was Member of NHA Executive Board, is appointed as the Chairman PPP (Public Private Partnership) Authority, therefore, he has resigned from the post of Member (Infrastructure and Regional Connectivity), Planning Commission. He praised Malik Ahmad Khan for deep knowledge of engineering matters and acknowledged that the officer contributed excellently in the decision making process during his stay as Board Member. He added that Malik Ahmad always raised valid observations and also suggested the way forward.

The Chairman also welcomed the Member (Engg. Coord) after health recovery from COVID-19 and wished him good health in future. He also prayed that Almighty Allah keep safe all of us from pandemic.

The Chairman allowed Secretary, NHA to start formal Board proceedings on the agenda.

Formal Board Proceedings

Agenda Items

The Secretary, NHA apprised the Board that nine (09) working papers were circulated in two volumes.

Agenda Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes: 339th Meeting of Executive Board held on May 20, 2020

Decision

The NHA Executive Board confirmed minutes of the 339th Executive Board meeting held on May 20, 2020 with following amendments in Agenda Item 3 regarding "Amicable Settlement of Dispute regarding China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Western Route, Construction of Hakla (M-1) to D.I Khan Motorway (Package-IV), Pindigheb to Tarap (KM 0+000 to KM 50+019)":

"In Paras-6.35 & 6.36, remove the name of Mr. Tahir Mehmood Hayat from the committee as he stood retire on attaining the age of superannuation."

Action By : Secretary, NHA

Agenda Item 2

Report of Committee Constituted by Executive Board in its 339th Meeting held on May 20, 2020 on “Amicable Settlement of Dispute Regarding China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Western Route, Construction of Hakla (M-1) to D.I Khan Motorway (Package-IV), Pindigheb to Tarap (KM 0+000 to KM 50+019)”

Decision

NHA Executive Board advised that the Chairman, NHA may proceed with the recommendations of Stage-II Committee for Amicable Settlement of Dispute, endorsed by the Committee constituted by Executive Board, which are listed below:

- a. Ratio of item 108a and 108b in the Embankment material will be 60% & 40%, respectively.
- b. As per this Amicable Settlement, the rate of item 108b would be Rs.575/CM without any rebate or escalation. (Applicable in quantities over & above the original BOQ quantities).
- c. The Contractor shall withdraw all his Claims to-date pertaining to this project including but not limited to Idling Claims, Prolongation Cost Claims etc.
- d. No interest on delayed payment, if any, will be admissible on any delayed payment to-date, relating to this project.
- e. The matter of Extension of time in the Contract shall be decided through an Amendment in the Contract.

The Executive Board also advised the Chairman, NHA to approve conversion of the Performance Security in shape of Bank Guarantee to Insurance Guarantee/Bond for the extended period, on Package-IV, as part of amicable settlement in the best interest of the Project.

Action By : Member (Planning)

Agenda Item 3

Approval for Award of Periodic Maintenance Work Rehabilitation between KM: 115+000 to KM: 119+500 on N-65 (Dera Murad Jamali Urban Area) pertaining to Balochistan North Region under AMP-2018-19

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved award of Periodic Maintenance Work (Rehabilitation) between Km 115+000 to Km 119+500 on N-65 pertaining to Balochistan North Region under AMP 2018-19 to the lowest evaluated bidder, M/s Karamullah Construction Company at evaluated bid price of Rs.167,738,103/- (Rupees one hundred sixty seven million, seven hundred thirty eight thousand, one hundred and three only), which is 27.80% below the Engineer's Estimate.

The lowest evaluated bidder shall provide/furnish 10% additional Performance Security in addition to Performance Security (10%) stipulated in "Appendix-A" to Bid as per Clause IB-28.4.

6.19. The Board directed the Member (Engg. Coord) to analyze and submit before and after completion status of the maintenance projects executed during last three year.

Action By : Member (Planning)/Member (Engg. Coord)

Agenda Item 4

Approval of Variation Order in Respect of Contract No. RMA-PM-NHA-GB-N-35-2017-18-02 & RMA-PM-NHA-GB-N-35-2016-17-08 on KKH

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved the following:

- a. Variation Order No. 1 in the ongoing Periodic Maintenance contract No. RM-PM-NHA-GB-N35-2017-18-02 & RM-PM-NHA-GB-N35-2016-17-08 with financial effect of 77.29% & 87.95% respectively along

with Extension of Time up to May 31, 2021. The work with revised cost shall be carried as deposit work from funds released by WAPDA.

- b. Addendum No. 1 in the ongoing construction supervision consultancy contract with financial effect of 188.54% along with Extension of Time in the ongoing consultancy contract up to July 31, 2021.

Action By : Member (North Zone)

Agenda Item 5

Construction of Shatial – Thor Nullah Bypass Project on the KKH (N-35) (Relocation of KKH) Including Link Road to Existing KKH. (Approval of Variation for including the Additional 10 KM in the Contract of M/s HAKAS)

Decision

The NHA Executive Board deferred the working paper regarding "Construction of Shatial – Thor Nullah Bypass Project on the KKH (N-35) (Relocation of KKH) Including Link Road to Existing KKH. (Approval of Variation for including the Additional 10 KM in the Contract of M/s HAKAS)" and directed to present a comprehensive working paper with complete background of the case along with legal and contractual future likely implications. Status of contractor's claims on actual contract and their payment details viz-a-viz claims status on additional 10 km portion, etc be also included in the working paper.

Action By : Member (North Zone)

Agenda Item 6

Approval for Change of Location from KM 875-882 to KM 885-892 for Periodic Maintenance Contract No. PM-KP-17-18-N-55-03 (N-55)

Decision

The Executive Board approved termination of existing Contract No. PM-KP-17-18-N-55-03 (N-55, Km 875-882) already awarded to M/s Mohmand Construction Co. M/s Nasrullah Mian Khel (JV) under Clause-75.1 of the contract agreement.

Action By : Member (North Zone)

Agenda Item 7

Variation Order No. 05 of M/s SMADB: Construction of Khuzdar-Shahdadkot Road Project, Section-IV of M-8

The subject agenda item was withdrawn on the request of concerned wing.

Action By : Secretary NHA

Agenda Item 8

Report of Committee Constituted by Executive Board in its 316th Meeting held on February 19, 2019 on "Approval of SOP/Policies to Control Variation Orders in Design and Construction of Infrastructure Projects"

Decision

The NHA Executive Board deferred the working paper regarding " Report of Committee Constituted by Executive Board in its 316th Meeting held on February 19, 2019 on Approval of SOP/ Policies to Control Variation Orders in Design and Construction of Infrastructure Projects" with the direction to invite Dr. Tahir Mehmood Hayat former VP-NESPAK, Committee Member, to participate in next Board meeting as a special invitee for presenting the report jointly by all committee members.

The Board further directed Member (Aided Projects) to obtain afresh comments on the report from all NHA Members and the input so received be placed before the Board along with the report.

Action By : Member (Planning)/Member (Aided Projects)

Agenda Item 9

Mandatory Trainings Through NHA's Professional Career Development (PCD) Model for Ex-Cadre Officers of NHA

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved the following:

- a. Para-12.5, Professional Career Development (PCD) Model for Ex-Cadre officers of NHA.
- b. Making these trainings obligatory for promotion.

The Board further approved essential resource requirements for execution of Professional Career Development (PCD) Model (as mentioned at Para-12.6 Serial Nos. a, b, c, d & e) and directed the concerned quarters of NHA for provision of essential resources in order to strengthen Highway Research and Training Centre (HRTC) to timely implement the PCD Model.

The Board also directed NHA Administration Wing to make necessary amendments in NHA's Regulations/SOPs/ Appointment and Promotion Rules by incorporating the PCD trainings as mandatory requirement for promotion of all ex-cadre employees of NHA.

Action By : Member (Planning)/Member (Admn)

Conclusion

The Chairman wrapped up the meeting by thanking the Board Members for their active participation and useful input.
