



NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Subject: **The 364th Meeting of the NHA Executive Board Held on August 05, 2021 at Islamabad.**

Introduction

The 364th meeting of the National Highway Authority's Executive Board held at 0900 hours on August 05, 2021 at the Auditorium of NHA Headquarters, Islamabad. Capt. (Retd.) Muhammad Khurram Agha, 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.

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 agenda consists of seven items which was circulated in two volumes. He further apprised that Agenda item 06 was withdrawn on the request of the Member concerned.

Agenda Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes: 363rd Meeting of Executive Board held on July 16, 2021.

Decision

The NHA Executive Board confirmed minutes of the 363rd Executive Board meeting held on July 16, 2021.

Action By : Secretary, NHA

Agenda Item 2

Award of Contract for Hiring the Services of Structure Expert in RAMD for Design Review of Bridges/Allied Structures on NHA Network.

The NHA Executive Board observed that neither the working paper covers all requisite material nor the presenter is well prepared to satisfy the queries of the Board Members. Hence, the Board decided to defer the subject agenda item with the direction to resubmit a comprehensive working paper covering all relevant details after consultation with the Additional Secretary (Budget) and Chief (NTRC) in next Board meeting.

Action By : Member (Planning)

Agenda Item 3

Extension of Time for Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study & Detailed Design for Construction Supervisory of New Bridge with Approach Roads Over River Indus Between Sukkur & Shikarpur: Sukkur-Rohri Bridge over River Indus.

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved Extension of Time (EoT) for Consultancy Services to M/s Finite Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd. for feasibility study & detailed design for construction supervisory of new bridge with approach roads over River Indus between Sukkur & Shikarpur: Sukkur-Rohri Bridge over River Indus up to December 31, 2021 (49 months and 16 days) w.e.f. November 15, 2017 without any financial effect with the condition that no further extension of time will be granted to the Consultant.

Action By : Member (Planning)

Agenda Item 4

Extension in Services of On Board Staff of Highway Research & Training Centre (HRTC).

The NHA Executive Board deferred the subject agenda item and directed the Member (Planning) to present draft functions/ mandate of HRTC, its success story, Administrative, Operational & Financial Manuals/SoP's, Service Rules, with provincial/regional and gender quota of the posts, etc, for approval by the competent authority within 10 days. The Board will reconsider the subject agenda item after presentation by Member (Planning).

Action By : Member (Planning)

Agenda Item 5

Issuance of Sukuk Against the Underlying Assets of NHA (Motorways and Highways).

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved the following Motorways/ Expressways/Highways for issuance of Domestic and International Sukuk:

<u>Sr#</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Length (KM)</u>
1.	M-1 (Islamabad-Peshawar Motorways)	155
2.	M-2 (Islamabad-Lahore Motorway) including Lahore Bypass <i>Note. Hafizabad-Lahore and Chakwal-Hafizabad are currently encumbered with maturity date of October 2021 & December 2022 respectively.</i>	359
3.	M-3 (LHR-Abdul Hakeem Motorway)	230
4.	M-4 (Faisalabad-Multan Motorway)	250
5.	M-4 (Pindi Bhattian- Faisalabad Motorway)	60
6.	M-5 (Sukkur-Multan Motorway) Punjab Portion	275
7.	M-5 (Sukkur-Multan Motorway) Sindh Portion	117
8.	M-8 (Khuzdar-Shahdat Kot-Qubo Saeed Khan-Wangu Hill)	235
9.	LSM (Lahore-Sialkot Motorway)	86
10.	CPEC-WC (Hakla-D.I.Khan)	292
11.	CPEC-NC (Havilian-Thakot) Hazara Motorway	120
12.	IMDC (Islamabad-Muree Dual Carriageway)	43
13.	E-35 (Hassanabdal- Mansehra)	57

The Board also allowed issuance of NOC to Finance Division for raising Sukuk and Islamic Naya Pakistan Payment Certificates (INPCs) against these projects. Upon maturity of the bonds, the assets will be returned to NHA by Finance Division and for further utilization of the assets, fresh NOC will be sought from NHA.

Action By : Member (Finance)

Agenda Item 6

Procurement of Summary Papers + Allied Papers for NHA HQs for the Year 2021-2022.

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

Action By : Member (Admn)

Agenda Item 7

Amendment in NHA Code, Chapter-IV, Consultancy Services Regarding Powers of Hiring/Variation Orders in Consultancy Contracts.

The NHA Executive Board deferred the subject agenda item with the direction to present these amendments to the following committee already constituted by Board in its 363rd meeting held on July 16, 2021 for Agenda Item No. 5 regarding “powers to approve variation orders and amendment to contracts”. After getting recommendations of the committee, the agenda item will be presented again before the Board for consideration:

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| a. | Member (Finance) | Chairman |
| b. | Chief (NTRC) | Member |
| c. | Vice President NESPAK | Member |
| d. | Member (Engg. Coord) | Member |
| e. | Secretary, NHA | Member/Secretary |

Action By : Member (Engg. Coord)/Secretary, NHA

Additional Point

Directions of NHA Executive Board Regarding Preparation of Working Paper and Presentation to the Board.

The NHA Executive Board noticed that working papers prepared for Executive Board are deficient of very important information relating to the subject matter. Besides, the presentation to the Board does not synchronize with the working paper and NHA officers present the working paper without any preparation. The Board has shown displeasure on this casual attitude and directed that, in future, working papers prepared for NHA Executive Board should have all relevant information pertaining to the specific agenda item. The NHA officers should be well prepared about the agenda item to satisfy the queries of Board Members for efficient and effective decisions by the Board.

Action By : All Members, NHA/Secretary, NHA

Conclusion

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