



NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Subject: **The 344th Meeting of the NHA Executive Board Held on October 07, 2020 at Islamabad**

Introduction

The 344th meeting of the National Highway Authority's Executive Board was held at 1030 hours on October 07, 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.

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 the agenda consists of thirteen (13) items. Working papers of these items were circulated in two volumes.

Agenda Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes: 343rd Meeting of Executive Board held on September 17, 2020

Decision

The NHA Executive Board confirmed minutes of the 343rd Executive Board meeting held on September 17, 2020 with following amendments:

- a. In Para 11.11. of Agenda Item No. 8 regarding "Revised PC-I for Land Acquisition & Resettlement to Provide Right of Way (ROW) for Hassanabdal – Havelian Expressway (E-35)" as under:

<u>Para No</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Read As</u>
11.11	The Chief (NTRC) observed that only 50% of the actual proposed land has been acquired in the project. Contrary to this, revised land PC-I cost has gone 22.7% above the original PC-I cost of Rs.2.9 billion. He expressed hunch that there are land cost estimation issues in KPK province.	11.11. The Chief (NTRC) observed that only 50% of the actual proposed land has been acquired in the project. Contrary to this, revised land PC-I cost has gone 22.7% above the original PC-I cost of Rs.2.9 billion. He expressed hunch that there are land acquisition cost issues in KPK province.

Suggested by Chief (NTRC)

- b. In Para 15.14 (a) of Agenda Item No. 17 regarding "Auction of NHA's (Govt.) Vehicles/Sealment of NHA Office Complex Peshawar in Land Court Case Pertaining to Motorway (M-1). Case of Inamullah Vs NHA":

<u>Para No</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Read As</u>
15.14	After deliberation at length, NHA Executive Board approved the following: a. NHA Planning Wing to arrange requisite funds for payment against land compensation on completed projects through a combined PC-I for payment of the liabilities of the completed projects.	After deliberation at length, NHA Executive Board approved the following: a. NHA Engg. Coord Wing to arrange requisite funds for payment against land compensation on completed projects through a combined PC-I for payment of the liabilities of the completed projects.

Action By : Secretary, NHA

Agenda Item 2

Implementation of PAC Directive dated January 15, 2016. "Writing off the Difference Between Total Fine Imposed & Collecting Rs.171.596 Million, Audit Para 3.4.2.1 on the Accounts of NHMP (Financial Year 2008-09 & 2009-10)"

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved the writing off the difference of Rs.171.596 million between total fine imposed by NHMP and total fine collected by NHA as per NHA Code, Chapter Ten, Table X-I.

Action By : Member (Finance)

Agenda Item 3

Relocation/Shifting of Kohat Tunnel Toll Plaza from KM 1174+000 to KM 1167+500 (N-55)

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved the relocation of Kohat Tunnel Toll Plaza from KM-1174+000 to Km 1167+500 (N-55) with an additional Toll Booths/Plaza on link road to cater the traffic coming from Hangu to Kohat and vice versa.

Action By : Member (Finance)

Agenda Item 4

Extension in Contract Services of M/s Baker Tilly Mehmood Idrees Qamar Chartered Accountants

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved extension in services of consultant M/s Baker Tilly Mehmood Idrees Qamar, Chartered Accountants for a period of one year w.e.f July 01, 2020 to June 30, 2021 on the existing terms & conditions of the contract agreement.

Action By : Member (Finance)

Agenda Item 5

Amendment in NHA Code 2005 Chapter Two Clause-56 in Light of DAC Directives on Account of Para PP No. 4.4.11 Audit Year 2017-18

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved amendments in NHA Code 2005 Volume One, Chapter Two-Planning Process Clause 56 and insertion of new clause 56(a) as follows:

<u>Clause 56 as written in NHA Code</u>	<u>Amended Clause 56</u>
56. Technical Sanction is a guarantee that the proposal is structurally sound and that the estimates are accurately calculated and based on adequate data. It shall be issued on the basis of detailed estimates for the project as a whole, after administrative approval is accorded. Technical Sanction which is concerned with actual design and execution of the work and accounts for all expenditures ensures that:	Technical Sanction is a guarantee that the proposal is structurally sound and that the estimates are accurately calculated and based on adequate data (except for Routine Maintenance Works) . It shall be issued on the basis of detailed estimates for the project as a whole; after administrative approval is accorded. Technical Sanction which is concerned with actual design and execution of the work and accounts for all expenditures ensures that:
	<u>Insertion of New Clause-56(a)</u>
56(a)	For Routine Maintenance Works, Technical Sanction shall be issued by the respective GM (Maintenance) after procurement as per Powers granted in Table II-2 for each quarter based on the proposed Work schedule.

The NHA Executive Board also approved incorporation of SOPs/methodology for need base Routine Maintenance Works circulated vide letter No. 1(17)/M(Plg)/NHA/2017/238 dated March 20, 2017 in NHA Code Vol-II Standard Operating Procedures for Road Maintenance Account (RMA) 2002 Revised 2005.

Action By : Member (Engg. Coord)

Agenda Item 6

Re-appropriation to Revised PC-I, Construction of Hasanabdal - Havelian Expressway (E-35)

Decision

NHA Executive Board approved re-appropriation of funds in different heads of already approved revised PC-I for Construction of Hassanabdal-Havelian E-35 (56.7 km) having no overall cost effect amounting to Rs.34,165 million with the condition that if the re-appropriation of funds exceeds the share of GoP funding as approved by ECNEC, a position paper be submitted to the Planning Commission.

Action By : Member (North Motorways)

Agenda Item 7

Addendum No. 07 of M/s DOHWA in Association with M/s EMS & M/s Prime: Consultancy Services for Design Review and Construction Supervision of Hasanabdal - Havelian Expressway (E-35)

Decision

NHA Executive approved the Addendum No. 7 of M/s DOHWA in association with M/s EMS & M/s Prime for Design Review & Construction Supervision of E-35 amounting to net effect of Rs.95.10 million (+20.8%) with cumulative variation of Rs.674.0 million (+47.42%) w.r.t original contract cost. The revised consultancy cost I/C price adjustment on remuneration will be Rs.707.13 million, entailing extension in time up to September 30, 2020.

The Board directed to expedite process of submission of addendums/Variation Orders before the Board, in future.

Action By : Member (North Motorways)

Agenda Item 8

Re-alignment at Speena Morr: Dualization of Indus Highway (N-55), Package-II (Karak – Kohat) (KM 60+846-KM 127+349)

Decision

NHA Executive Board deferred the agenda item regarding “Re-alignment at Speena Morr: Dualization of Indus Highway (N-55), Package-II (Karak – Kohat) (KM 60+846-KM 127+349)” and constituted a committee consisting of following officers for recommending best option to the Board after evaluation of technical data as per site situation:

a.	Member (I&M/I&RC), Planning Commission	Convener
b.	Chief (NTRC)	Member
c.	Representative NESPAK	Member
d.	Representative NH&MP	Member
e.	Member (North Zone)	Secretary

The Committee will submit its recommendations within 15x days to the Board.

Action By : Member (North Zone)

Agenda Item 09

Construction of Shatial-Thor Nullah Bypass Project on the KKH (N-35): Payment of Idling Claims No. 35-49 for Stoppages not Attributed to the Contractor (for the Period 26-7-2017 to 30-10-2018)

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved the payment of balance amount of Idling Claims No. 35 to 49 for the period July 26, 2017 to October 31, 2018 to the Contractor M/s HAKAS (Pvt.) Limited against the subject project amounting to Rs.171,937,785/-.

Action By : Member (North Zone)

Agenda Item 10
Routine and Special Maintenance Schemes of Newly Federalized Roads

Decision

NHA Executive Board granted administrative approval of Routine Maintenance and Special/Periodic Maintenance estimates of newly federalized roads as mentioned below and allocation for the same from AMP 2020-21 as a special case:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length (Km)</u>	<u>Routine Maintenance Cost (in Millions)</u>	<u>Periodic/Special Maintenance Cost (in Millions)</u>	<u>Total Cost(in Millions)</u>
N-130	M-2	Balkasar - Mianwali	129	42.10	209.33	251.4
-	M-2	Neela Dullah-Mangwal	21.60	8.716	103.95	112.66
N-135	Punjab South	Mianwali - Muzaffargarh	278.36	111.345	530.752*	642.096
N-145	KPK	Chitral to Doraha Pass	82.5	52.494	29.771	82.265
N-140	KPK	Chitral to Shandur Top	147	87.063	28.576	115.639
N-140	GB	Gilgit to Shandur	216	99.777	-	99.777
Total			874.46	401.495	902.379	1,303.87

* The total cost includes repair/Maintenance of 4 Nos. Toll Plazas Schemes worth Rs.38.19 Million

Action By : Member (Engg. Coord)

Agenda Item 11
Approval of Re-appropriation in Allocations Under Annual Maintenance Plan 2019-20

Decision

The NHA Executive Board approved the re-appropriation in global allocations of maintenance categories under AMP 2019-20 amounting to Rs.34,493.74 million.

Action By : Member (Engg. Coord)

Agenda Item 12

Approval of Accounts of NHA (Entity) for the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Decision

NHA Executive Board approved NHA's (Entity) financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019 along with approval of following items:

<u>S No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Rupees (Billions)</u>
1.	Additions to property, plant & equipment	9.837
2.	Addition in capital work in progress (including markup capitalized during the year amounting to Rs.38.080 billion)	250.689

15.14. The Board further approved re-composition of NHA Executive Board's Audit Committee comprising of following Board Members:

a.	Additional Secretary (Budget)	Chairman
b.	Joint Secretary-II (MoC)	Member
c.	Member (Planning), NHA	Member
d.	Member (Finance), NHA	Member/Secretary
e.	Any other person co-opted by the committee as its member	

The TORs of the committee are:

- a. The Committee shall submit recommendations to NHA Executive Board in all financial, budgetary & audit matters pertaining to NHA.
- b. The committee may invite any person as its co-opted member.
- c. Work independently and hold its meeting at least once in a quarter.

The Board decided that matter of extension/and or tenure of extension or otherwise of the auditors shall first be considered by the newly constituted committee and submit its recommendation to the Board for decision.

Action By : Member (Finance)

Agenda Item 13

Approval of Accounts of Road Maintenance Accounts (RMA) for the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Decision

After deliberation, NHA Executive Board approved Road Maintenance Accounts (RMA) for the year ended June 30, 2019 along with the specific approval of following items:

<u>S No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Rupees (Billions)</u>
1.	Additions to property, plant & equipment	0.066
2.	Addition in capital work in progress	0.186

The Board decided that matter of extension/and or tenure of extension or otherwise of the auditors shall first be considered by the newly constituted NHA's Audit Committee and submit its recommendation to the Board for decision.

Action By : Member (Finance)

Conclusion

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