

**Minutes of the Governing Body meeting of KSREC held at 2.30 pm
on 13.07.2023**

Present

1.	Dr. V. Venu IAS Chief Secretary to Government	Chairman
2.	Sri. Puneet Kumar IAS Additional Chief Secretary Planning & Economic Affairs Department.	Vice Chairman
3.	Sri. Keshvendra Kumar IAS Special Secretary Finance Department.	Member
4.	Sri. Asok Kumar Singh IAS Secretary Water Resources Department.	Member
5.	Dr. Rathan U Kelkar IAS Secretary E&IT Department & Environment Department.	Member
6.	Sri. Nagesh S.S. Chief, Agriculture Division Kerala State Planning Board	Member
7.	Smt. Sheeja R. S. Joint Secretary Local Self Government Department	Nominee
8.	Smt. Sreelu. N .S Additional Director Fisheries Department	Nominee

9.	Smt. Sumithra Senior Environment Engineer -2 Kerala State Pollution Control Board	Nominee
10.	Sri. Mahesh R Director KLGDC, Survey of India (Representative, Department of Science & Technology)	Nominee
11.	Dr. Jayaprakash V. Thomas (attended online) Director, EDPO, ISRO Headquarters, Bangalore	Nominee
12.	Sri. R. Hebbar (attended online) Scientist G & General Manager RRSC – South, NRSC	Nominee
13.	Sri. T. V. Sajeev (attended online) Registrar & Principal Scientist Kerala Forest Research Institute .	Nominee
14.	Sri. Nizamudeen A. IAS Director Kerala State Remote Sensing and Environment Centre	Convener

The meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m. The Vice Chairman welcomed the Chairman and the Governing Body members and thereafter proceeded with the agenda items

Item No. 1	<u>Approval of minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on 12.05.2022</u> Governing Body approved the minutes of the last Governing Body
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Item No.2	<u>Review of action taken on the decisions of the last Governing Body Meeting held on 12.05.2022</u> The Governing Body noted the review of action taken report on the decision of the last Governing Body meeting held on 12.05.2022 The Additional Chief Secretary & Vice Chairman opined that the data developed by KSREC in connection with the DSS project is very valuable & useful to various departments for spatial planning and implementation at plot level. Now two districts have been completed and the balance districts can be completed in a time bound manner if sufficient funds are provided. Chairman appreciated the work done by KSREC and applauded Vice Chairman and ACS (Planning), Director (KSREC) and the KSREC team for the same. He also suggested to follow up the proposals for getting external projects already submitted to various departments. He also directed to approach other departments and agencies including Central Government Institutions for getting new projects.
Item No.3	<u>Approval of Audit of Accounts for the year 2021-22</u> The Governing Body approved the Audit of Accounts for the year 2021-22
Item No. 4	<u>Receipts and Expenditure for 2022-23</u> The Governing Body approved the Receipts and Expenditure for 2022-23. Director KSREC informed the meeting that during the previous financial year an amount of Rs 70.97 lakh was remitted in Government as application fee for generating satellite imagery report under Paddy & Wet Land Conservation Act 2008, which is

	being done as plan project. But the total plan fund released for the centre during the financial year 2022-23 was only Rs. 95.70 lakh against a budget allocation of 300.00 lakhs. Chairman asked the Special Secretary, Finance Department to look into the matter and ensure that sufficient plan fund is released for KSREC, as they are earning revenue to the State exchequer. Special Secretary Finance Department suggested to furnish a separate proposal for getting the fund resumed by Government. Chairman agreed to the suggestion and asked to take necessary action.
Item No.5	<u>Projects undertaken by KSREC during 2022-23</u> The Governing Body noted the details of the project under taken by the Centre during 2022-23.
Item No.6	<u>Programmes and Annual Budget for 2023-24</u> Director KSREC presented the details of plan projects & externally funded projects proposed for 2023-24. Chairman suggested Secretary, Irrigation Department to examine the data available with KSREC & proficiency of KSREC for a new web portal launched by Irrigation Department in a better way. He also suggested to have a separate meeting with the Department officials & KSREC. Chairman opined to proceed with the new external projects suggested and instructed for the timely implementation of plan schemes and externally funded projects. Governing Body approved the annual budget for 2023-24.

Item No. 7	Future Requirements of KSREC Director KSREC explained the new initiatives taken up by KSREC in the last 3 years and submitted the future requirements of KSREC. He also stressed the need for strengthening the Local Self Government institutions in using the Geospatial Technology for local level. The Vice Chairman explained that KSREC has developed K-GIS with 118 layers at different scale ranging from 1:50 K to 1:5K. He also informed that the layers are new information and better than the layers suggested in Prime Minister's Gathi Sakthi Scheme. Governing Body approved the agenda and agreed to go on with the proposal.
Item No. 8	K-GIS - Decision Support System for Spatial Planning and Governance at Local level All members appreciated the work done by KSREC in KGIS project and opined that the work done by KSREC is extremely relevant in the current scenario of digital Kerala. Vice Chairman informed that KSREC is planning to give district level training to DPOs at first. Chairman opined that the support of KILA can also be used for training the LSG authorities. Chairman suggested to address Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD for convening meeting of LSGD, KSREC & KILA to work out a detailed action plan in this regard.
Item No. 9	KSREC – Centre of Excellence for CRZ Mapping Governing Body ratified the action of submitting proposal to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India for empanelling KSREC as Centre of Excellence for CRZ Mapping. Chairman requested Vice Chairman to follow up with Government of India for getting the approval.

Item No. 10	Setting up a permanent campus for KSREC Governing Body accorded sanction for setting up the permanent Campus for KSREC at Cheruvakkal Village in Thiruvananthapuram Taluk, and agreed to utilize Rs.1.00 crore deposited in District Treasury, Thiruvananthapuram for the construction of own campus for KSREC, as and when the land is obtained.
Item No. 11	Extension of service of Dr. N. C. Anil Kumar, Scientist Noted and agreed to.
Item No. 12	Enhancement of age of Scientific staff from 55 to 56 Noted and agreed to.
Item No. 13	Appointment of Internal Auditors Governing Body approved the appointment of Internal Auditors.
Item No. 14	Any other item with the permission of the Chair (a) The representative of DST Department appreciated the work of KSREC & opined that there enormous data in the custody of both the institutions which can be shared and will be useful for both the institutions. He also requested to share the details of administrative boundaries & locations presently available with KSREC. Chairman asked to send a formal request for the same. (b) Nominee of Director, NNRMS, Bangalore appreciated the good work done by KSREC. He highlighted the development of KSREC & also the enhancement of age limit of Scientific staff and extending the service of Scientist. He also opined that the efforts taken by KSREC in becoming Centre of Excellence is a way forward for the development of the centre.

	(c) The representative of KFRI appreciated the progress attained by KSREC and suggested to integrate the data available with KSREC & vice versa for the development of forest sector. He suggested to depute a Scientist from KFRI for preliminary discussions. Vice Chairman agreed to the same and Chairman suggested to go on with the proposal.
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Meeting concluded at 3.30p.m.



Chief Secretary &
Chairman Governing Body

