

**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management, University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga held on 30-04-2016 in the Office of the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Government of Karnataka, 3<sup>rd</sup> Block, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.**

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**Members present**

1. Dr. C. Vasudevappa, Vice-Chancellor, UAHS, Shivamogga : Chairman
2. The Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, GoK : Member
3. The Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, GoK : Member
4. Sri. Ashwath Narayana, Member of Legislative Council, GOK : Member
5. Dr. T. K. Siddarame Gowda, Former Director of Instruction (PGS) : Member
6. Dr. H. L. Harish, Agro-Industrialist : Member
7. Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director - NBAIR, Hebbala, Bengaluru : Member
8. Dr. M. Manjunatha, Dean (Agri.), COA, Shivamogga : Member
9. Dr. P. Narayanaswamy, Registrar, UAHS, Shivamogga : Member Secretary

**Members who expressed their inability to attend/not present**

1. The Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department, GoK : Member

At the outset, Dr. C. Vasudevappa, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, UAHS, Shivamogga and Chairman, Board of Management, UAHS, Shivamogga extended warm welcome to all the Members for the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management. The new members namely Mr. M Maheshwara Rao, Principal Secretary (Agri.), Mr. Muralidhar, Deputy Secretary (Finance) and Dr. M. Manjunatha, Dean (Agri.), Shivamogga were felicitated and were introduced. With the permission of the chair, the Registrar and Member-Secretary, Board of Management presented the action taken report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of BOM held on 15-03-2016.

**PART – A**

The Vice-Chancellor and Chairman requested to confirm the Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management and the Action Taken Report. The ATR was approved with following suggestions from the Hon'ble Members.

**Item No. 3:** Proposal to re-advertise the posts of Sr. Farm Superintendent and Farm Superintendent with revised eligibility.

Dr. H.L. Harish raised the question, that whether the qualifications are in line with UAS, Bengaluru. The chairman clarified that the prescribed qualifications are in line with UAS, Bengaluru.

The Board confirmed the Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management with corresponding action taken by the University.

## PART-B

Agenda Items for 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management were presented by the Registrar and Member Secretary. The following decisions were arrived at.

### **Item No. 1: The Budget estimate of UAHS, Shivamogga for the year 2016-17 and Revised Budget estimate for the year 2015-16.**

The Budget estimate of UAHS(S) for the year 2016-17 has been prepared based on the Grants received from Govt. of Karnataka under Plan and Non-Plan, taking into account the anticipated internal receipt of UAHS(S). with the main aim of implementing programme under Education, Research and Extension activities, UAHS, Shivamogga during the year 2016-17. The Provision in UAHS, Shivamogga Act - 2009 and Amendment of ACT (38) 2012, under chapter IV Funds and Accounts Section 36 and 37. The Budget estimate of UAHS, Shivamogga is prepared based on the allocation of grants provided under Plan and Non-plan by Govt. of Karnataka and funds from Govt. of India, ICAR and other sources and also taking into account the anticipated internal receipts of UAHS, Shivamogga.

**The Budget details were presented and it was approved after thorough discussion.**

**(Action: Comptroller)**

### **Item No. 2: Construction of PG Lab cum accommodation complex (1<sup>st</sup> phase) at AHRS – Bhavikere.**

Large number of PG Students are taking up research at Bhavikere & many times they are required to stay for 3 to 4 days for field observations. A laboratory cum accommodation facility is very essential at Bhavikere in the interest of PG Students, especially girls students. Hence a building is proposed with a plinth area of 125 sq.mtrs to be taken up through e-tender process. To create facilities for effective functioning of PG Research activities. The Financial involvement will be Rs.50.00 Lakhs as per the Estimate.

**The proposal was presented and approved.**

**(Action: Estate Officer)**

### **Item No. 3: Modifications in the approved study tour to Israel for all the Members of Board of Management.**

The Board was approved the proposal to take up study tour by the Members of the BOM to Israel in the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management to study the innovations in precision Agriculture/ Horticulture and other innovative Agri./Hort. technologies adopted by the Israel farmers. The Government has raised some clarifications regarding the budget and the inclusion of Egypt along with Israel study tour. Hence, the University is submitting the modified proposal of the already approved study tour to Israel. The team will visit the Tomato, Watermelon Plantations equipped with precision farming technologies, in addition to SEKAM Farm-Cooperative and Integrated Farm at Cairo, Egypt. Hence the proposal is placed before the BOM along with modified travel plan (open dates) for consideration and onward transmission to GOK for further approval. The BOM has provision to discuss and recommend study tour for the members in the interest of the University. The Financial involvement will be Rs. 50.00 lakhs instead of 40 lakhs.

**The Board after reviewing indicated its approval with a suggestion to include three nominated members of BoM with 1 or 2 University members of the Board.**

**(Action: Comptroller and Registrar)**

### **Item No. 4: Reimbursement of Medical bill of Mr.Nagappa Kerur (dependent) Father of Mr.Prakash Kerur, Assistant Professor, Subject Matter Specialist, Krishi Vigyana Kendra, Hiriur.**

The Medical treatment for major illness is being given to dependent, Father of Mr. Prakash Kerur, Assistant Professor (SMS), working at Krishi Vigyana Kendra, Hiriur, in the Hospital Dr. Joshi's Cancer Centre near Mahasul Bhavan, Sangali Road, Miraj, Maharashtra State, native

Shivamogga. Previously, a total sum of Rs.4,23,636/- that was preferred for reimbursement of medical charges has been paid after obtaining approval of Board of Management in its Meeting Dtd:12.08.2015 (6<sup>th</sup> BOM Meeting). Now, the official Mr.Prakash Kerur has submitted further medical bills\*seeking reimbursement to the extent of Rs.3,36,346/- for continuing the treatment at said Hospital to his ailing Father, dependent on him. It is also mentioned that, yet more medical reimbursement bills, are likely to be received in the coming days, as the patient is undergoing treatment. As per existing Government order, medical reimbursement is admissible to the employees of University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga and to their dependents, for incurring expenditure for all major illness, only having treatment at recognized hospitals by University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, as per notification and the treatment charges shall be according to the Government rates indicated for different treatments. Budget provision is made under ABAC No.620004, DAC No.000101, during the year 2016-17.

**The Board approved the item.**

**(Action: Comptroller)**

**Item No. 5: Request for reconsideration of earlier option exercised by Superintendent (General) to that of Superintendent (Accounts)**

Mr. Ramesh Moolya, Superintendent (General) presently working at Comptroller's Office as Assistant Administrative Officer (AAO). I/c has represented for reconsidering his earlier option given to General Administration to that of Accounts for consideration, further line of promotion, Since he has completed the Subordinate Accounts System (SAS) Departmental examination prescribed for the accounts for further line of promotion in the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga. In the seniority list published by the Registrar's office, Mr. Ramesh Moolya, Superintendent (General) stands at Sl No 1 for promotion as Assistant Administrative Officer and in the list published for promotion as Assistant Comptroller, no eligible candidates are available as of now. In this context Mr. Ramesh Moolya who is having experience in the both fields of Administration and Accounts may be given chance for opting for further line of promotion in the field of Accounts and to promote as Assistant Comptroller instead of Assistant Administrative Officer. Further, the pay grade for both the cadres remains the same and there shall be no extra financial benefits and also none of the junior incumbents, aspirants of promotion on either sides shall be disturbed. Based on the seniority list published in respect of Superintendent (Accounts) and Superintendent (General) by Registrar's Office, University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, the Board can take decision.

**The proposal was deferred by the Board after a thorough discussion about the provisions in UAHS/ UAS Act and Statutes.**

**(Action: Comptroller and Registrar)**

**Table Agenda Item No. 1: Land required for the construction of building of Joint Director, Deputy Director & RSK offices at Madikeri.**

In the year 1965, Department of Agriculture, Madikeri was given 23.7 acres of land to the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. At present land is under UAHS, Shivamogga. Till now, the land is in the name of Department of Agriculture, Madikeri. However, at present the Joint Director office is running under the rented building. Nearly 10.40 acres of land was given to the different Departments. As per the request the 50 cents of land existing in Sy. no. 383/1 adjacent to the land earmarked for the construction of Mini Vidhana soudha and STCL company may be allotted to the Department of Agriculture for construction of office building. Land required for the construction of building of Joint Director office, Deputy Director office & RSK office at Madikere. 50 cents of land in the Sy.no. 383/1 which is adjacent to the land given to the construction of Mini Vidhana soudha & STCL company may be allotted.

**The Board approved the proposal to allocate land as per the map adjacent to proposed site for Mini Vidhana Soudha (behind Hockey ground).**

**Table Agenda Item No. 2: Proposal for acceptance of termination of services of Mr. H. Krishnamurthy, 'D' Group Farm Labourer, ZAHRS, Babbur Farm, Hiriyur.**

Mr. H. Krishnamurthy, Farm Labourer, ZAHRS, Babbur Farm, Hiriyur is unauthorizedly absent from duty since 10-12-2007. Previously, also he was in the habit of remaining absent unauthorizedly without taking prior permission. He joined the University, absorbed as Daily Rated Farm labourer on regular basis as per the Administrative Order No. Ao/Gen-I/Regusn./'D' Gr./2003-04 dated: 05-01-2004 of UAS, GKVK, Bangalore and reported for duty on the A.N. of 03-02-2004 at ZAHRS, Babbur Farm, Hiriyur. He has often availed E.L., Commuted leave, LWA and remained absent unauthorizedly from 13-08-2005 to 05-12-2007. He has been issued several memos warning notices, endorsements for his unauthorized absence and was informed to report for duty immediately. Finally, an announcement was made in Vijaya Karnataka daily News paper on 30-10-2007 to report to duty immediately otherwise disciplinary action will be initiated to terminate him from University services. After this announcement he reported for duty on 06-12-2007 and again remained unauthorized absence from duty from 10-12-2007 till date. He submitted a transfer request to Bangalore but his request was not considered and an endorsement was issued that UAS, Bangalore is not under the jurisdiction of UAHS, Shivamogga and hence his request cannot be considered. Finally, a warning letter was served by Registrar, UAHS, Shivamogga vide letter No: ಕೃ.ತೋ.ವಿ.ವಿ.(ಶಿ)/ಕು.ಸ./ಅ.ಗೃ.ಹಾ.-ಹೆಚ್.ಕೃ/ಕೃ.ಕಾ/2364/2015-16 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22-12-2015 to attend before an Enquiry Committee at the Office of the Registrar, UAHS, Shivamogga on or before 07-01-2016. When this letter which was sent through post this was not received by him and came back to Registrar through post. Therefore, an announcement was made in the daily News papers, Kannada Prabha, Prajavani, Vijaya Vani at three different dates on 07-04-2016, 08-04-2016 and 11-04-2016. For this an Enquiry Committee was formed to enquire into his unauthorized absence on 25-04-2016. But he did not respond to this announcement and did not attend before the Enquiry Committee. Hence, ultimately this proposal is placed before the Board to terminate Mr. H. Krishnamurthy from the UAHS, services. AS per CCA-1957 rules. No Additional Financial Involvement.

Since, the Vice-Chancellor is the appointing authority, the Board suggested him to take suitable action as per provisions in KCSR/ UAHS Act.

(Action: Registrar)

**Table Agenda Item No. 3: Fixing of audit fee payable to appointed Chartered Accountants for undertaking auditing of accounts of Central and State sponsored Schemes, Projects and to issue Audit Utilization Certificate.**

In accordance with the Universities of Agricultural Sciences Act 2009, it is emphasized that all the Projects, Schemes sponsored by State and Central Government (GOI) are to be subjected to audit of accounts by registered Chartered Accountants, to obtain Audit Utilization Certificate from them to be furnished to the sponsoring agencies. Accordingly, it is proposed to ensure payment of audit fee to the appointed Chartered Accountants on par with the rate as fixed by the Government of Karnataka in respect of various State and Central schemes, that are sponsored under different Departments at the District level of Karnataka (urban/rural). The rate provided by Government of Karnataka is 0.30 paise for Rs. 1000/- subject to a maximum payment of Rs. 75,000/-. To adopt the rate of audit fee payable to the Chartered Accountants on par with the rate in the Government order, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru. The necessary audit fee shall be borne under project grants.

The Board approved the item to go for auditing as per the norms of the Government.

(Action: Comptroller)

**Table Agenda Item No. 4: Proposal for the approval of the master plan for the establishment of "Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute" division for the Agriculture Engineering work shop at ZAHRS, Hiriyur, Chitradurga District.**

The Agriculture engineering work shop at ZAHRS, Hiriyur, Chitradurga has to be developed in a phased manner and the total proposed cost amounts to Rs. 750.00 lakhs. A master plan has been

	<u>Amount in Lakhs</u>
i) Workshop and testing track	- Rs. 375.00
ii) PHT Laboratory and incubation Centre	- Rs. 125.00
iii) Office block (GF + FF)	- Rs. 125.00
iv) Class room and Seminar hall (GF + FF)	- Rs. 125.00

With common toilet facility and laboratory block on either side on ground and first floor on both sides. Further a land scape with training workshop, farm machinery testing facility (2 Units), Soil and water testing laboratory also units for irrigation equipments's. Store, service station, Tools room has been planned. Further the works will be taken up in a phased manner with respect to the release of Budget. In the I Phase it is proposed to have an engineering workshop building, administrative block, laboratories etc... up to a tune of Rs. 100 lakhs during this current year 2016-17 budget. For the benefit of farmers in the following field.

- i. Testing of Agriculture machinery, engines, etc for production and popularization.
- ii. To assist Bureau of Indian Standards in the formulation of various standards on agricultural implements and machines.
- iii. Promotion and strengthening of agricultural mechanization through training and Demonstrations.

Capacity building to improve knowledge and skills of rural youth through Hands-on-Training Programmes. Budget provision is made in the budget of 2016-17, State grants, Rs. 100.00 Lakhs as per the Estimate.

**The proposal was deferred. It was suggested to develop a DPR with detailed outlay of required funds from the Government and other sources if any. The Secretary (Agri.) informed that he will discuss with the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner and decision in this regard would be taken in the next Board meeting. (Action: Estate Officer)**

  
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