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To

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2	Shri Sandeep Sundriyal, IFS PCCF, General & Vice-Chairperson WBFBC Society	11	Shri. Nilanjan Mallick, IFS APCCF, Wildlife, Forest Directorate, West Bengal - Member
3	Shri Sandeep Sundriyal, IFS PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW - Member	12	Shri Rajesh Kumar, IFS APCCF, North Bengal, Forest Directorate, West Bengal - Member
4	Dr Kana Talukder, IFS PCCF, Research, Monitoring & Development - Member	13	Shri Dharmdeo Rai, IFS Chief Environment Officer, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal - Member
5	Shri Piar Chand, IFS PCCF, CAMPA- Member	14	Mrs. Tripti Shah, IFS Member Secretary, West Bengal Biodiversity Board, Government of West Bengal - Member
6	Dr Vipan Kumar Sood, IFS Managing Director, West Bengal Forests Development Corporation Ltd. -Member	15	Shri. P Kamalakanth IFS Chief Conservator of Forests, Finance, Forest Directorate, West Bengal - Member
7	The Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Finance Department - Member	16	Smt. Sumana Bhattacharyya, IFS Project Director (AFC), WB-FBCCR - Special Invitee
8	Smt. Pratibha Raj, IFS APCCF, HRD, Forest Directorate, West Bengal - Member		
9	Shri. Raju Das, IFS APCCF, Finance, Forest Directorate, West Bengal - Member		

Sub.: Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Governing Body of the West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Society held on 27.05.2025.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, Kindly find enclosed herein the minutes of the 3rd Governing Body of the West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Society held on 27.05.2025 at 11:00 AM at Aranya Bhawan for your perusal and necessary action.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully,

(Shri A.V. Mishra)
Member Secretary
WBFBC Society

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WEST BENGAL FOREST & BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The 3rd Meeting of the Governing Body of the West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society was held in Aranya Bhawan at 11.00 AM on 27.05.2025. The meeting was chaired by Shri Debal Ray, Chairperson of the Society. The following members / Special Invitees were present.

1. Shri Debal Ray, IFS Principal Secretary & PCCF, HoFF, Govt. of W.B. Forest Deptt. & Chairperson WBFBC Society
2. Shri Sandeep Sundriyal, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General & Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden & Vice-Chairperson, WBFBC Society- Member
3. Shri Piar Chand, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, CAMPA-Member
4. Dr. Kana Talukder, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & RMD- Member
5. Dr Vipin Kumar Sood, IFS, Managing Director, WBFDC Ltd-Member
6. Shri Rajesh Kumar, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, North Bengal-Member
7. Shri A.V.Mishra, IFS, Chief Project Director & Member Secretary, WBFBC Society
8. Shri Raju Das, IFS, APCCF & Finance –Member
9. Shri Nilanjan Mallick, IFS, APCCF, Wildlife & Director, SBR- Member
10. Shri P Kamalakanth, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Finance-Member
11. Smt Lipika Ray, IFS, CCF, PGLI & HQ
12. Smt Sumana Bhattacharyya, IFS, Project Director (Administration, Finance & Coordination)- Spl. Invitee
13. Shri Dharmdeo Rai, IFS, Chief Environment Officer, Department of Environment-Member
14. Mrs. Tripti Shah, IFS, Member Secretary, West Bengal Biodiversity Board-Member
15. Shri Milan Kanti Mandal, IFS, Joint Project Director (Wildlife & Biodiversity), WB-FBCCCR
16. Shri Arunangsu Panda, WBFS, Joint Project Director (Planning & Implementation), WB-FBCCCR
17. Smt. Niranjita Mitra, WBFS, Joint Project Director (Administration, Finance & Coordination), WB-FBCCCR

The Chief Project Director, WB-FBCCCR Project & Member Secretary of the WBFBC Society presented each agenda followed by discussion. The agenda-wise presentation and decisions are detailed below:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd meeting held on 3rd May, 2024

Governing Body was informed that no communication in respect of minutes of 2nd meeting held on 3rd May, 2024 of Governing Body was received so it may deemed as confirmed.

Decision:

- i) Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Governing Body stand confirmed.

Action:

No Action required.

2. *Discussions on the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the minutes of the 2nd meeting held on 3rd May, 2024.*

The CPD explained Action Taken on each of the decision taken during 2nd meeting of the Governing Body.

1. CCF & CF, WP & GIS informed the house that there are some issues regarding JFMC Boundary demarcation of 38 JFMCs mostly under Bankura (South) Division which will be sorted out soon. CPD informed the house that after completion of digitisation of JFMC boundary it will be sent to respective DFOs for validation and there after validated maps will be uploaded in the relevant website and also be printed in a form of book & circulated to respective divisions.
2. The Chairperson suggested that district wise CAT Plans should be obtained from ICAR, IISWC and necessary work implementation should be taken up phase-wise accordingly as early as possible.

Decision: Action taken report is accepted

3. *Presentation of the Annual Report of WB-FBCCCR for the year 2024-25*

Project Director, Administration, Finance and Co-ordination made a presentation on Annual Report of WBFBCCCR for 2024-2025.

Decision: The members noted presentation of Project Director on Annual Report for the year 2024-2025.

4. *Approval of APO for 2025-26*

Project Director, Administration, Finance and Co-ordination presented Annual Plan Operation of WBFBCCCR for 2025-26.

The overall APO for the year 2025-26 is for total amount of Rs 7470.26 lakh out of which Rs. 6220.37 lakh is under Reimbursable and Rs. 1250.49 lakhs is under Non-Reimbursable cost (Annexure- IV).

Decision: The members accorded their approval on APO for 2025-26.

5. *Revalidation of Unspent Balance of 2024-25 be utilized during 2025-26*

Decision: The members accorded their approval on Revalidation of Unspent Balance of 2024-25 be utilized during 2025-26.

6. *Finalization of the work items against the approved Activity "Rescue Centre for elephants including study of their behaviour (15 km)" for amounting to Rs. 50 Cr. INR*

CPD, WB-FBCCCR informed the house that final decision in the implementation of this component may be taken up by CWLW & communicated to the CPD so that the same may be sent to JICA for approval in due course. The revised proposal would be prepared by PCCF, WL & CWLW in the matter and send the same to CPD at the earliest.

Decision: The members agreed to it and approved the submission of revised proposal.

7. Approval of Selection of Auditors

CPD, WB-FBCCCR informed the house that selection of Internal Auditor has already been done and selection of statutory auditor is under process and would be approved by Circular Resolution in due course.

Decision: Members of the body agreed to this.

8. Finalization on Enterprise GIS Solution and design of MIS as included in the Institutional Strengthening Component of the approved MoD

CPD, WB-FBCCCR informed the house that the team of officers will visit different States where the system is running successfully. Communication with PCCF & HoFF, Nagaland & CPD, Nagaland Forest Management Project has already been initiated for early field visit at GIS Lab at Kohima under the JICA assisted project. The team will submit a detailed proposal to the CPD, WBFBCCCR after the visit. If required any other state like Maharashtra may also be visited by the team to look & benefit from the implementation of the GIS Enterprise Solution vis-à-vis Inputs required and Outputs solicited to be incorporated in the procurement of Enterprise GIS Solution.

Meanwhile the process of procurement of equipment for GIS Lab will be initiated simultaneously in consultation with CCF & CF, WP & GIS, so that it saves time and early implementation would be started.

Decision: Members of the body agreed to it and approved the same.

9. Assigning works of "Assessment of aquatic biodiversity in Sundarbans & territorial waters" to the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)

CPD, WB-FBCCCR informed the house that the scope of work has been finalised and MoU will be signed with ZSI very soon.

Decision: Members of the body agreed to it and approved the same.

10. Ratification of Circular Resolution No. 01/2024-25 for Approval of Statutory Audit Report for the FY 2023-24

Decision: Governing Body ratified the Circular Resolution.

11. Ratification of Circular Resolution No. 02/2024-25 for Appointment of Accounts Officers on Contractual Basic.

Decision: Governing Body ratified the Circular Resolution.

12. Assigning works on "Studies on Central Asian Flyway "


CPD, WB-FBCCCR informed the house that necessary communication has been made with Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun and MoU will be signed with them after finalization of scope of works by the PCCF, WL & CWLW, W.B.

Decision: Members of the body agreed to the proposal and approved the same

13. Miscellaneous:

1. The Chairperson suggested that while establishment of Carbon Estimation Lab as envisaged in WB-FBCCCR Project, possible collaboration with similar work under AFD funded Project. Discussion in this regard may also be made with Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kalyani and FSI, Dehradun.
2. The Chairperson suggested that MoU may be signed with WBZA regarding Projects on Conservation Breeding and Releasing of Fishing Cat, Indian Pangolin, Vulture and Veterinary facility in Sundarbans at the earliest.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.


(Debal Ray)
Chairperson,
WBFBC Society