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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MIGORI

AWENDO MUNICIPALITY

**Minutes of Awendo Municipality Special Board sitting held on 15th
November 2023 at the Awendo Municipality Boardroom.**

Members present:

1. Hon. Florence Oile	Chairperson
2. Mr. Isaac Ouko	Vice Chairperson
3. Mr. John Keno	Member
4. Mr. John Oswe	Member
5. Hon. Johnson Owiro	Member
6. Ms. Ruth Odhiambo	Member
7. Ms. Beatrice Adongo	Member
8. Ms. Josephine Omwanda	Member
9. Mr. Andrew Mwera	Member
10. Plan. Mandela Akong'o	Municipal Manager

In Attendance

1. Justus Chacha Olima	Municipal Environment Officer
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Agenda

1. Preliminaries
2. Consideration/ Adoption of the Migori County Solid Waste Management Policy
3. Approval of Solid Waste Management Plan
4. AOB

Preliminaries

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10.15 am and welcomed all members present. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved.

Min 1 SB/15/11/23: Presentation of the Migori County Solid Waste Management Policy

After the adoption of the agenda, the Municipal Manager, Mr. Mandela Nelson Akong'o, presented the Migori County Solid Waste Management Policy to the board members. The key highlights of the policy were:

- The need for a comprehensive framework to address solid waste management across the county.
- The proposed strategies for community involvement and stakeholder engagement in waste management.
- The importance of a structured approach to waste segregation, recycling, collection, and disposal.
- The policy's alignment with environmental sustainability and health objectives.

Deliberations

The following issues came out after extensive interrogation of the policy:

1. The board commended the policy for its detailed approach to waste management and its potential to improve cleanliness within the municipality.
2. The need for adequate and dedicated funding so as to effectively implement the policy was highlighted.
3. The need to explore partnership opportunities with local businesses, civil society organizations and the private sector in supporting waste management initiatives.

Resolutions

After careful consideration and deliberation, the following resolution was made:

1. The Awendo Municipal Board unanimously adopts the Migori County Solid Waste Management Policy as presented.
2. The policy will serve as a guide for improving waste management practices in Awendo Municipality and contribute to the county's overall environmental goals.
3. The Municipal Manager was directed to begin preparations for the implementation of the policy, with a focus on stakeholder engagement, public awareness, and securing funding.

Min 2 SB/15/11/23: Approval of the Awendo Municipality Solid Waste Management Plan 2023-2024

The Manager tabled the **Awendo Municipality Solid Waste Management Plan 2023-2024**, which was prepared by the Municipal Environment Officer. The plan outlines strategies for waste reduction, collection, segregation, recycling, and disposal over the next year, aligning with the goals of the Migori County Solid Waste Management Policy.

The Manager invited the Municipal Environment Officer to present the plan to the board outlining the contents of the plan. He gave the highlights of the Solid Waste Management plan as follows:

- **Objectives:**

- To improve waste collection services, aiming for 95% coverage by the end of 2024.
- To establish more waste segregation points within residential and commercial areas.
- To implement a community-based recycling initiative that promotes the reuse of plastics and organic waste.
- To upgrade waste disposal infrastructure, focusing on creating environmentally sustainable disposal sites.
- **Strategies:**
 - Conducting regular public awareness campaigns on waste segregation.
 - Increasing partnerships with private waste collection companies to expand service delivery.
 - Creating incentives for businesses and households that actively engage in recycling programs.
- **Budget Overview:**
 - The plan proposed a budget of Ksh 3 million for the fiscal year 2023-2024, with allocations for infrastructure upgrades, operational costs, and public education campaigns.

Deliberations:

The Board engaged in further deliberations on the plan and noted the following:

- The need for appropriate/adequate budgetary allocation for and partnerships with environmental NGOs, be explored.
- Establishment of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track the progress of the plan.
- The importance of proper training for waste management staff to ensure efficient implementation.
- Community Engagement for residents in environmental management and conservation.

Resolutions:

After a thorough review, the Board resolved to:

1. **Approve the Awendo Municipality Solid Waste Management Plan 2023-2024** as presented, with the following recommendations:
 - Seek additional funding from private sector partnerships and environmental NGOs.
 - Implement the plan in phases with clear milestones and periodic evaluations.
 - Create a robust monitoring and evaluation framework for tracking the plan's implementation.

- Enhance public awareness through targeted campaigns and incentive programs.
2. **Direct the Municipal Manager** to ensure the implementation of the plan and submit periodic progress reports to the Board.

Closing Remarks

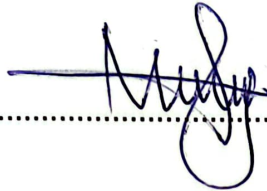
The Chairperson thanked all board members for their contributions and reaffirmed the importance of adopting the policy for the betterment of the municipality.

Min 3 SB/15/11/23 Any Other Business

There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12.30 pm by a prayer from Isaac Ouko.

Signed

Hon. Florence Abich Oile
Chairperson
Awendo Municipal Board



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Plan. Mandela Nelson Akong'o
Municipal Manager/Board Secretary



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