



Governor H.E FCPA Barasa picks Mr Bulimu as Board Chair



Prof Laban Ayiro (C) chairing a Board meeting at KACWASCO boardroom

Governor H.E FCPA Fernandes Barasa has appointed Mr Boaz Bulimu as the Company's Board of Directors chairperson.

In a gazette notice number 1374 dated February 7, 2023, the Governor said the new chair will serve for a term of three years.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by section 12(1)(a) and 12(5) of the Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Act, 2021 and section 30(2)(1) of the County Government Act, 2012, I, Fernandes Barasa, appoint Boaz Ode-mu Bulimu to be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Company Limited, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from the 7th February, 2023," read the notice.

Mr Bulimu replaces Prof Laban Peter Ayiro whose term expired in December 2022.

Prof Ayiro was appointed by the former Governor Dr Wycliffe Oparanya.

The Company Management led by acting CEO Ms Christabell Ashiono welcomed the appointment of Mr Bulimu noting that they will offer him unwavering support to steer the Company towards achieving its mandate.

"We welcome the new Chairperson and assure him of our maximum support to enable him discharge his duties effectively," said Ms Ashiono.

During his tenure, Prof Ayiro focused on improving service delivery, staff welfare and implementation of projects that focused on increasing water

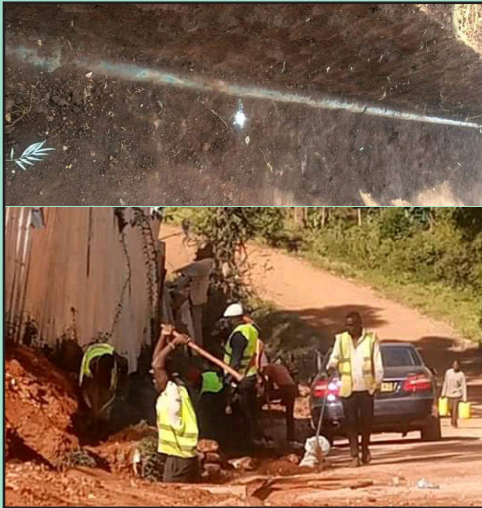
supply across the County.

"The Governor found it necessary to construct this massive water tank so that we attain 24-hour water supply in Kakamega town," said Prof Ayiro during a field visit at the Lirhanda water tank which is under construction.



Mr Boaz Bulimu

Company Relocates Pipeline To Restore Water In Kakamega



On-going relocation of water pipes along the Library Road

The Company in collaboration with the contractor working on the library road with Kakamega CBD has started relocation of the water pipeline.

The pipeline was destroyed during the ongoing road construction leaving tens of customers with dry taps.

Kakamega Area Manager Mr Idd Osundwa confirmed that the process to relocate the pipeline has started and assured customers that water will be restored in the shortest time possible.

“The process to relocate our water pipeline along the library road has started. We intend to complete the process and restore water within a week. We apologize to our customers and assure them that we are working hard to restore water,” he said.

KACWASCO Starts Green Movement To Protect Water Sources

The Company has started a ‘Green Movement’ to conserve and protect its water sources and water catchment areas.

The Movement will also be planting trees as part of the Company’s efforts to conserve the environment and take part in fulfilling President Dr William Ruto’s call on Kenyans to plant trees.

Acting CEO Christabell Ashiono said the ‘Green Champions Movement’ will be at the forefront to champion of conservation of the environment to mitigate the effects of climate change.

“The team will ensure we protect our water catchment areas and spearhead tree planting exercise to conserve the environment,” said Ashiono.

She said as a Company they are committed to restore the forest cover in the country urging the community to support the initiative.

“We will be planting fruit and indigenous trees that have benefits to the community and environment. It is our appeal to the community to be at the forefront to support us in this exercise,” she said.

The CEO revealed that the Company targets to plant 10,000 trees every year targeting its water treatment facilities, water catchment areas, water sources and schools.

“It is time to make a positive impact to our environment to address climate change,” she said.

While taking part in tree planting exercise at Musembe Water Treatment Facility, WASPA CEO Mr Anthony Ambugo said as key players in the water sector, they are committed towards protecting and conserving water catchment areas and water sources.

“We are heeding to the clarion call of our President to plant more trees to increase our forest cover. This will also help us conserve our environment and mitigate the effects of climate change,” said Mr Ambugo.

Ms Mary Kundu, a member of KACWASCO Board of Directors asked Kenyans to restore the forest cover by planting more trees.

They planted 1,000 indigenous trees at the facility.



Members of Green Movement pose for a photo after a tree planting exercise at Mukhonje Secodary School

Water Levels Drop As Drought Continues To Hit The Country



Low water levels at River Yala

Water levels in major water sources have dropped due to the prolonged drought that has hit the country.

This has led to shortage of water and the Company is now advising water users to use the available water sparingly.

The Company acting CEO Ms Christabell Ashiono urged the Company's customers to use the available water well noting that drought has caused shortage of water.

“This is to inform our esteemed customers that water levels at our main sources of water (River Yala, River Lusumu and Kipkaren River) have reduced due to prolonged droughts across the country,” said Ms Ashiono.

She added; “This has reduced the amounts of water being processed and distributed. Due to this, we will experience water shortage until the rainy season starts. We urge our customers to use the available water sparingly.”

She regretted that the prolonged has been contributed to by the effects of climate change urging Kenyans to be at the forefront to conserve and protect the environment to mitigate the effects of climate change.

“It is our duty to protect the environment so that we mitigate the effects of climate change. If we do not protect the environment then we will continue to experience drought in the future and water sources will start degrading leaving us with no water,” she said.

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WB To Support Low Income Areas Access Clean Water



KACWASCO and Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project Phase II (KISIP2) consultants after meeting local representatives from selected low income areas of Mumias and Kakamega Municipalities on how to improve water and sanitation services by World Bank.

Waste Water team fixes sewer problem in Amalemba

The Company's Waste Water team fixed the sewer line at Abundant Life Church in Amalemba which was posing health risks to people.

The sewer line which carries waste materials from the County General Hospital and its environs had blocked leading to overflow.

According to Stephen Wandera, artisan in the Waste Water section, they created more manholes on the line to enable the team inspect and unblock it easily.

"We have created additional manholes to make the line accessible whenever there is blockage," said Wandera.

He noted that they have also desilted the sewer line around Matende which was blocked due to low terrain.

He advised residents not to throw diapers in the sewer line noting that such contributes to blockage.



Athanus Masheti Artisan Waste Water unblocking Sewer man hole

His sentiments were echoed by Waste Water Supervisor Amos Wanjala who asked residents to 'protect' the sewer line from blockage.

Acting CEO Ms Christabell Ashiono

who joined the team for the exercise said the Company will support the team to get solutions to avert cases of the line blocking.

"We experience blockage of the sewer line frequently and as Management we are committed towards supporting the team to offer a lasting solution.

The issue of blocked sewer line and overflows will be a thing of the past," said Ms Ashiono.

The CEO who also visited the Company's old water treatment facility asked the security and enforcement to improve the security of the facility following theft which happened during December holidays.

She also advised that the facility to be fenced and old doors to be replaced as a measure of enhancing security of the facility.



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