REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 30th April, 2024

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell be rang for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for ten minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have the quorum now.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell to continue ringing for the next five minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for one minute)

Hon. Catherine Umija: Mr. Speaker, I think we have quorum.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Great! If we now have the quorum, I direct that the bell stops ringing. We can now move to the business of the day.

PAPERS LAID

QUARTERLY REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. John Gichuki Maina, the Leader of the Majority Party, I beg to lay the following papers;

(i) 3rd Quarter Report and financial statements for the period ended March 31st, 2024 for Laikipia County Emergency Fund.

(ii) 3rd Quarter reports and financial statements for the financial year 2023/2024 for the County Government of Laikipia.

Thank you.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the Papers on the Table)

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndiritu. The third quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2024 for Laikipia County Emergency stands committed to the

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Committee on Finance and County Planning. The third quarterly report and financial statements for the Financial Year 2023/2024 for the County Government of Laikipia is committed to all sectoral committees. Thank you.

MOTION

FENCING OF WATER RESERVOIRS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Salim Edung: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT water and sanitation services is a function of the County Government as stipulated in part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;

FURTHER AWARE THAT water is life;

COGNIZANT of the fact that Laikipia County is among the Counties that are regarded as Arid;

FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT the amount of annual rainfall the County receive cannot sustain the water demand in the County;

APPRECIATING THAT County Government of Laikipia has dug several water pans, dams and drilled several boreholes;

CONCERNED THAT all these water conservation and storage sites are within residential areas thus exposing the residents and their animals to danger;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT this water is being used for domestic purposes even though the water is contaminated;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT fencing helps prevent accidental falls into the reservoir, reducing the risk of drowning of people and animals, help keep out debris, trash, and pollutants, maintaining the water quality and reducing the need for costly clean-up efforts, prevent animals from accessing the reservoir, reducing the risk of contamination from human or animal wastes or other sources;

This House URGES The County Government;

1. To fence all the dams and water pans within the County.
2. To have a controlled access through gates or designated entry points.

Bwana Spika, nimeleta huu mswada ili tujue ya kwamba mahali popote tumetengeneza bwawa la maji ama mahali wanyama wanakunywa maji. Miezi mbili iliyopita, kuna shamba linaitwa Fresh Gold. Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa hilo shamba alianguka kwa ile bwawa usiku watu wakiwa wamelala. Watu wakagutuka kama masaa ya saa kumi jioni Mkurugenzi hapatikani. Kwa bahati nzuri, koti lake likaoneka kwa maji na ikajulikana alikuwa ameanguka kwa bwawa na hakuna mtu alijua alikuwa ameanguka saa ngapi.

Huyo meneja akafariki. Kama hilo bwawa lingekuwa na ua, huyo meneja hangeanguka mle ndani kwa sababu pengine aliteleza tu akiwa anaangalia hilo bwawa la maji na akaanguka ndani. Mimi ningeomba kwamba tunapojenga mabwawa katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia tunafaa kuweka ua ili watu na wanyama wasiathirike. Sasa hivi kila mtu katika nchi nzima anaona kwamba mvua imenyesha kwa muda mrefu na kila mahali unapokanyaga kuna maji.

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Serikali ingekuwa imeweka mikakati hapo awali. Unapojenga kwenye mahali ambapo ni njia ya maji, bado maji yatapita hapo hata karne ngapi zikipita.

Mimi naomba kwamba tunapojenga mabwawa katika Kaunti ya Laikipia, lazima tuweke mikakati ili hayo mabwawa yawekwe ua ili pasiwe na wanyama wala binadamu watakaoanguka ndani, tuokoe maisha. Tunao watoto wadogo. Tuhakikishe kuwa watoto wanaweza kuchota maji salama bila kuanguka kwenye bwawa. Mimi nimeleta huu mswada na sio mswada wa Segera, bali wa Laikipia nzima kwa sababu kila eneo linahitaji mabwawa.

Ningewaomba Wabunge wenzangu waunge mkono huu mswada ili mabwawa yatengenezwe kwenye kila eneo na yawekwe ua ili kulinda watu na wanyama. Mabwawa yanatusaidia kwa sababu mifugo wetu pia wanapata maji pale. Ningemwomba Mheshimiwa Lempaira kutoka wadi ya Mukogodo Magharibi auafiki huu mswada.

(Hon. Nicholas Lempaira seconded)

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Salim and Hon. Lempaira.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Thank you, Members. I open the floor for debate on this Motion and Members are ready. I will leave it for contribution, Hon. Irene Wachuka the floor is yours.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama hapa mbele kwanza kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Salim ambaye ameleta huu mjadala katika Bunge letu la Kaunti ya Laikipia. Nikiunga mkono kama vile amesema, kila kona mvua imenyesha na tumejua mambo mengi sana. Nikiongea kuhusu Igwamiti mahali nimetoka, siku ya Jumapili, bwawa lilijaa na kufurika. Mpaka saa hii mtoto mmoja hajapatikana pamoja na watu wawili wa pikipiki lakini kuna mmoja amepatikana.

Kwa hivyo, kazi ya Serikali ya Kaunti ni gani ? Ni kuchunga wananchi wao. Kila wakati tunapotengeneza Bajeti ikifika kwa Idara ya Maji, huwa tunaweka pesa mingi sana. Ningeomba Gavana wetu na Serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia wajitolee kwa sababu wanapata pesa mpaka kutoka kwa watu wa kutoa msaada wa mchango. Wanafaa kuweka ua kwenye bwawa zote.

Bwana Spika, hata kama si mvua tu, kunao watoto pia ambao kila wakati huenda kupeleka ng'ombe huko kunywa maji na watoto ni walewale tu. Leo nasikia kilio kila mahali sio kwa redio sio kwa runinga tu, watu wakilia mabwawa zimefurika. Lakini hata kama ni ya wazi, bado inatakiwa iwe imewekewa ua kwa sababu mtoto akienda pale kuchunga ng'ombe au kupeleka ng'ombe kunywa maji, wao ni walewale tu. Pengine hawana akili ya kufikiria kuwa ng'ombe wakimaliza kunywa maji hawatakiwi kuwa pale.

Bwana Spika, kwa wakati huu bwawa zimejaa maji na zinafurika. Yangu ilileta shida mingi hata nilitoka huko saa nne za usiku. Bwana Spika, hii shida sio eti ni ya hapa Laikipia yetu tu ilhali ni Kenya mzima. Kwa hivyo, ninaunga mkono kumwambia Gavana na Serikali yake, Waziri wa maji na Afisa Mkuu waangalie bwawa zote za Kaunti ya Laikipia mzima.

Tuko na Wadi kumi na tano Laikipia na wanafaa waziangalie kwa makini. Pesa ziko na hata kama mvua itaenda ikiisha, lazima waweke ua kwa sababu ya kesho ama kesho kutwa. Kwa hivyo, naunga mkono na kuhimiza Waheshimiwa wenzangu tuunge mkono huu mjadala kwa kuwa si wa Segera bali ni wa Kaunti mzima. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa spika

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wachuka. The floor is still open for members who may wish to proceed. Hon Umija.

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Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to support Hon. Salim for the motion that he has brought to the floor about the fencing of the water catchment areas. It is quite important especially this time when we are having rains and flash floods. It is important that these areas be fenced for security purposes. We want to ensure that our children and even adults do not wander across the dams eventually creating accidents. I want to add to what Hon. Wachuka has just said that it is important that our County Government looks at all dams and ensure that they are all fenced for security. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Umija. I want to invite Hon. Salim, the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika, nashukuru kwa hii nafasi tena. Nataka kupongeza Wabunge wenzangu ambao wamechangia na hata wale ambao hawajaweza kuchangia watachangia siku nyingine. Mvua imenyesha kila mahali na pia inahitajika tuweke mikakati ambapo tutazuia eneo ambazo tumejenga mabwawa ili Watoto wetu wasije wakaingia ndani na pia Wanyama. Kuna Wanyama wengine ambao hawana nguvu kwa miguu yao na kwa hivyo, wakianguka tutakuwa tumewapoteza. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House stands adjourned until today afternoon, Tuesday, 30th April, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.20 a.m.

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