



## 1. Governance

### 1.1 Declaration of Interest

Board Members are advised to declare a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest on any item in the Agenda.

### 1.2 Apologies for Absence

### 1.3 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2021

#### Members Present:

Mr J Akrill	JAk
Mr J Anyan	JAn
Mr R Borrill	Chair
Mr R Douglas	RD
Mr I Dowson	ID
Mr A Godfrey	AG
Mr R Herring	RH
Mr R Holloway	RH2
Mr J Jackson	JJ
Mr P Jones	PJ
Mr T Nelthorpe	TN
Mrs H Rowson	HR
Mr C Sherwood	CS
Mr N Sherwood	NS
Mr M Storey	MS
Mr W Strawson	WS
Mr H Williams	HW

#### In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting

#### Officer Present:

Mr C Benson	Clerk
Mr P Jones	Engineer
Mr D Blake	Finance Officer

Also in attendance was a member of the public.

#### Election of Chairman

**2021.64** AG proposed RB, it was seconded by JJ and unanimously approved. The Chairman thanked members for their continued support.

#### Election of Vice Chairman

**2021.65** JJ proposed AG, it was seconded by HW and unanimously approved.

#### Declaration of Interest

**2021.66** HR, NS & CS in Item 4.2.1 and 43. WS in item 3.5 and the Clerk declared a personal interest in item 2.6.



### Apologies for Absence

**2021.67** Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. Day, Mrs. J Jackson, Mr. J James and Mr J Summers.

### Minutes of the Meeting 26 May 2021

**2021.68** Minutes of the meeting held 26 May 2021 were considered. **AG proposed signed as true record, CS seconded.**

### Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda

**2021.69** There were none.

### Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting 1 October 2021

**2021.70** Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting 1 October 2021 were considered. It was agreed to add MS as an attendee and record that JJ gave his apologies. **CS proposed minutes as a true record, JA seconded and all approved.**

### Complaints/FOI requests

**2021.71** Engineer informed members of a recent complaint/claim that had been received following this year's maintenance works on a watercourse near Kettleby. Engineer confirmed that, following discussions with the Contractor, it was the intention to challenge the claim.

### Clerk Report

**2021.72** Policy – Standing Orders – The Board were requested to approve the amended Standing Orders that had been circulated within the papers. **RD proposed, HW seconded and all approved.**

**2021.73** Policy – Byelaws – The Board were requested to approve the updated Byelaws that had been circulated within the papers. **AG proposed, WS seconded and all approved.**

**2021.74** Legislation – Red Diesel - Board noted the current position that it was unlikely that the industry would be granted an exemption to continue using red diesel. Members were encouraged to lobby their MPs.

**2021.75** Humber Strategy – Clerk updated Members on the current progress of the strategy that the governance structure and accepted levels of risk were reaffirmed by all partners.

**2021.76** ADA – Members were reminded that they still had time to register for the virtual ADA annual conference.

**2021.77** Elections – Clerk confirmed that the election process had been completed and that all existing members had been re-elected to stand for a further three-year term of office.

**2021.78** Employees – Clerk declared a personal interest in this matter. Engineer informed members that the new employees would start their employment with the Board on 8 November 2021. The Catchment Manager was a qualified electrical engineer and the Assistant Catchment Manager had experience of running diesel pumps. Discussions had been held with the existing employee regarding a transition process. The new employees would be undertaking the necessary training requirements as well as getting to know their way around the district. NS proposed that the new employees are invited to the next Board meeting and introduced to Members. This was agreed by all and that the Clerk would arrange.



## Finance Report

The Finance Report previously issued to Members was discussed.

- 2021.79** Rating Report – FO advised that the current outstanding balance £88,722.16, of which £77,058.68 was paid via instalments. It was confirmed that North Lincolnshire Council had paid their second levy instalment.
- 2021.80** External Audit – The audit had been completed with no issues raised.
- 2021.81** Budget Comparison – FO took members through the report and explained the significant variances namely the Telemetry and Foreign Water Income. The expenditure was in line with expected, but members noted the likely increase in maintenance costs as a result of the new employees. RH asked if the Board could be sure that they received all the costs for pumping flood water. FO confirmed that this was the case and Engineer reminded members of the additional claim that was made last year when South Kelsey Pumping Station had to assist with the evacuation of flood water.
- 2021.82** Five Year Budget Estimate – FO reviewed the budget estimate and the direction of travel over the period. RH noted that the rates didn't need to be increased. TN asked whether the pumping station expenditure includes provision for "wet" years. The FO confirmed that they did.
- 2021.83** Schedule of Payments – RD enquired why the board were making a payment to Lincs Wildlife Trust for the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership. It will be discussed further at the next meeting. **Approval proposed by HW and seconded by TN.**

## Engineers Report

### Asset Management

- 2021.84** Hydraulic Modelling – The pumped catchment survey is complete, and the survey team are now entering the gravity catchments. The team has also extended the survey outside of the drainage district upstream of IDB maintained watercourses, into villages with historic flood risk in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council and Lincolnshire County Council; funded through Grant in Aid with the Environment Agency.
- 2021.85** Telemetry – Contact has been made with the preferred supplier who has confirmed their prices. A meeting has been planned with the supplier and the new employees to ensure that the new system is fit for purpose. It will be a staged installation process with those sites that are currently not functioning high on the priority list. RH enquired why Selby Area IDB had not yet reached a decision. Engineer confirmed that it was hoped that this IDB would reach a verdict at their next meeting.
- 2021.86** Riparian Responsibility Pilot – The progress of this pilot project was noted.

### Water Level Management

- 2021.87** Low Farm Outfall – NS declared a personal interest as he was the Planning Chairman of NLC. Engineer updated members on current position and that he was waiting for further discussions with owner's land agent before agreeing a start date for the works.
- 2021.88** Main River – Engineer confirmed that Keeton Marine will be undertaking the outfall inspections between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January when the River Ancholme levels will be lowered.

It was also noted that the Engineer, on behalf of the Board, would raise with the EA on an annual basis those main river sections that are in need of maintenance works where IDB systems flow into them.



West Drain - Chair introduced the member of the public who had an issue with West Drain. He was invited to address the Board with an overview of the issues they had with the maintenance works carried out. The main area of contention was the length of the drain downstream of Scabcroft Weir. It was noted that the EA had de-silted the drain and renovated the weir but there was still a problem. The doors on the outfall were leaking and allowing silt back up the watercourse. Also in times of heavy inundation, water is allowed to flow into West Drain from the River Ancholme to prevent the town of Brigg from flooding. He would like to know who checks the works once they have been completed and re-examines the silt levels. The situation has progressively got worse over the last 10 years. RH2 briefly updated members on the operation of the gates at South Ferriby. Engineer confirmed that the day to day operation of the gates is under Main River responsibilities with the EA. RB stated Board have worked with the EA to carry out maintenance works on main river within the Board's district and that they have a very healthy working relationship. Engineer confirmed that the EA had indicated that they were currently deweeding West Drain from Broughton to South Ferriby and that the riparian owners had been notified.

Chair advised the member of public to continue to liaise with himself and the Engineer with regard to this matter.

WS added that there were issues with maintenance around Wressle where properties had been flooded. The Engineer would raise this with the EA.

MS asked if the Board could undertake the works on main river and invoice the EA for the works. Members noted this principle.

Member of public thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss this matter.

South Ferriby embankment – TN asked which embankment, new or old, would the EA be maintaining. Engineer had asked the EA to maintain the old bank for access due to the IDB systems. He would check with the EA and report back to the Board.

RH2 confirmed that the South Ferriby Parish Council would cut the grass as the EA only cut the grass once a year. The Parish Council have no plans to maintain the old embankment. HW noted that the old bank is eroding quite quickly. RH asked what would happen to Fulseas Pumping Station. The Engineer advised that it would be part of the Board's capital refurbishment programme in future discussions with the EA. RH2 confirmed that access is now possible to this station following completion of the works.

**2021.89** Redbourne Village Flood Alleviation Scheme - The planned start date of the works is 6 December.

#### **Enforcement**

**2021.90** Planning, pre-application advice, and consents. Details contained in the report were noted by members.

**2021.91** Engineer confirmed that works alongside Fulseas Drain would be carried out in the near future.

#### **Health Safety & Wellbeing**

**2021.92** Information noted.

#### **Environmental Adviser's Report**

**2021.93** Information noted.



## Management Services Contract

**2021.94** The Clerk was invited to give members an overview of the existing contract and to review the key points with the new five-year contract. Members of JBA Consulting were then asked to leave the meeting whilst the Board discussed the proposals. Following which the Chairman thanked the Officers for their hard work and diligence and was pleased that the Board had unanimously agreed to the contract that had been tabled. The Clerk thanked the Board for their kind words.

## Date of Next Meeting

**2021.95** Chair advised that the next meeting would be on 12 January 2022, followed by 25 May 2022 and 2 November 2022.

## 1.4 Matters arising there from not elsewhere on Agenda

### 1.5 Complaints/FOI/EIR requests

The Engineer has had discussions with the Land Agent with respect to the complaint/claim for damage at Kettleby Covert Drain, Kettleby. The claim has been refuted.

*Paul B*  
12/1/2022