

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 12 January 2022

Members Present:

Mr J Akkrill	JAk
Mr J Anyan	JAn
Mr J Barton	JB
Mr R Borrill	Chair
Mr S Buckley	SB
Mr R Douglas	RD
Mr I Dowson	ID
Mr A Godfrey	AG
Mr R Herring	RH
Mr R Holloway	RH1
Mr J Jackson	JJ
Mrs J Jackson	JJ1
Mr J James	JJ2
Mrs H Rowson	HR
Mr C Sherwood	CS
Mr M Storey	MS
Mr T Nelthorpe	TN
Mr H Williams	HW

In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting

Officer:	Mr C Benson	Clerk
	Mr P Jones	Engineer
	Mr D Blake	Finance Officer
	Miss J Parker	Rating Officer

Board Employees in attendance:

Mr C Fox	CF - Catchment Manager (Senior MEICA Engineer)
Mr S Benson	SB - Assistant Catchment Manager

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by asking Members to introduce themselves to the two new Board employees in attendance. CF and SB then introduced themselves to the Members.

Declaration of Interest

2022.1 Clerk declared an interest in Item 4.1.1.

Apologies for Absence

2022.2 Apologies were received from Mr. C. Day, Mr. J. Summers, Mr. P. Jones, Mr. N. Sherwood and Mr. W. Strawson.

Minutes of the Meeting 3 November 2021

2022.3 Minutes of the meeting held 3 November 2021 were considered. **JJ proposed signed as true record, JAk seconded.**

Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda

2022.4 RD raised query with regards Item 2021.83. Clerk apologised and said would sort and issue email.

Complaints/FOI requests

2022.5 Eng. confirmed information in meeting papers and advised that as yet no further response had been received.

Clerk Report

2022.6 Legislation – Red Diesel Exemption – Clerk advised that further information had been received yesterday and that whilst the wording was still unclear, ADA's interpretation was that IDB's can continue to use Red Diesel on land that was maintained for agricultural purposes. How long the exemption was for was still unknown but, he advised that further clarification was being sought.

Finance Report

The Finance Report previously issued to Members was discussed.

2022.7 Rating Report – FO advised current balance was £32,599 with £30,800 relating to instalment payments. Of the remaining balance, three accounts were in probate at £180 and three were with Solicitors at £917.

2022.8 Risk Register – FO took members through the changes made. **Approval proposed by members.**

2022.9 Audit Review Meeting – FO advised the meeting was very constructive with Mr. C. Day in attendance on behalf of this Board.

2022.10 Rates & Special Levies for Year Ending 31 March 2023 / Five Year Budget Estimate – FO took members through the reports advising that whilst a budget deficit of £75,000 had been forecast, a surplus of £5,000 had been achieved and this was due to significant variances with an additional £39,000 being received from Foreign Water Contributions, £30,000 being set aside for the new Telemetry system which had not been utilised and an additional £25,000 income for Telemetry hosting. He then advised that the Five-Year budget was based on a set of assumptions. These being that the new Telemetry system would be installed this year with contributions to the old system being reduced as the largest user had only committed to the first two quarters of the new year, that the Foreign Water contribution would remain at the average level and adjustments had also been made as a result of the rules regarding red diesel. All of which combined could potentially result in a deficit of £92,000 and reduce the reserve balance significantly. The FO then handed members an updated Budget Estimate following additional information received since issue of the meeting papers, the Board may still have an exemption to use Red Diesel which will reduce maintenance costs. FO advised that the reduction in maintenance costs could potentially result in a revised deficit of £46,000 and reserves would be above the 30% target. Discussions took place with FO concluding that significant increases in costs were foreseen due to the installation of the new telemetry system and the three pump stations that were due for refurbishment within the next four years stating that members needed to be aware that funding would need to be found and that whilst they could decide to leave the rate as it was this would only be delaying the inevitable and that it could result in a greater increase the following year. Chair advised that

the rate had been at the same level for a number of years. JJ stated that the Board could manage for another year and referred to the new DEFRA rules being finalised and that these may have an impact on pump station refurbishments so believed it was prudent to wait until they were issued. FO acknowledged that in isolation the Board could afford a year with no increase but reiterated the point that if the Board wished to continue with its current operations and chosen direction of travel then increases in expenditure were inevitable. Further discussions took place with **members unanimous in the decision to leave the drainage rate at 12.50p.**

2022.11 Schedule of Payments – **Approval proposed by JJ and seconded by JAK.**

Engineers Report

Eng advised report was for information with the following updates:

2022.12 Hydraulic Modelling – Eng confirmed that additional surveys were being undertaken in North Lincolnshire Council and Lincolnshire County Council areas with additional funding of £25,000 from the Environment Agency.

2022.13 Telemetry – Eng advised that Selby Area IDB were due to make their decision on a provider at their January meeting. He confirmed that Lee Dickens had held the prices provided to this Board and Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB.

2022.14 Lincolnshire Riparian Project – Eng apologised that the minutes of the meeting were not issued with the meeting papers and would ensure that they were distributed to all Members. Current status is that the Group are preparing actions for approval of all RMAs.

2022.15 Low Farm Mobile Diesel Pump – Eng advised that the access track was moving forwards and then stated the pump was due to be moved off-site next week for repairs. Discussions took place with the Eng confirming that Stuart Power Ltd were being challenged over the repairs and costs. He added that the gravity outfall was functioning at the current time.

2022.16 River Ancholme Gravity Outfalls – Eng stated that inspections had started in line with the lowering of the river levels.

2022.17 Main River Maintenance – Eng confirmed information provided in papers then stated that agreement yet to be made for next season's maintenance adding that should members have any thoughts on areas to be considered to confirm to him via email so he could raise with the EA.

2022.18 Extended District Consents – Eng referred to Item 4.3.3 and a longstanding application related to a request to reduce an existing culvert diameter below 600mm. He stated that this had been refused as the applicant had been unable to provide a maintenance plan showing an increase in inspection visits due to the reduction in size and the additional risk of flooding although he did conclude that this could be reverted to a like for like replacement.

Any Other Business

2022.19 Eng. advised that a letter for all IDB members had been received from a Mr & Mrs Hall on 11th January 2022 regarding flytipping to Deal Beck Drain. He confirmed that this was an ordinary watercourse outside of the Board's district so the Board's Byelaws did not apply but, due to a memorandum of understanding with Lincolnshire Council, he was advising on all extended area consents. Eng stated that the issue was first raised in 2020 and he had written to the individual responsible for the flytipping to highlight their riparian responsibilities and had responded to Mr. & Mrs Hall setting out the position advising that there was no evidence of injury, that the water was still able to flow and that if any occupier was experiencing injury, then they could obtain an order from the Land Tribunal. He added that

the Council had fined the individual for the tipping but as no injury caused at present in relation to flow it was the decision of the Council as to whether to serve Notice or furthermore pursue in Court. Discussions took place with Members all in agreement that no further action was necessary from the Board and that the responsibility fell with the Council.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair advised next meeting Wednesday 25th May 2022.