



# 1. Governance

## Recommendations:

- Note the information contained in this report

## 1.1 Apologies for Absence

## 1.2 Declaration of Interest

## 1.3 Minutes of the Meeting held 8 November 2022

Member	7.12.20	10.2.21	22.6.21	9.11.21	8.2.22	21.6.22	8.11.22
Mrs Rosemary J Webster (Chair)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr John Richard Fawbert	√	√	√	A	√	√	√
Mr Graham W Martinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mrs Rita Brough (Vice Chair)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr Mally Boatman	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr Keith Moore	√	√	√	Resigned			
<b>EYRC</b>							
Mr Brent Huntington	√	√	A	√	√	A	√
Cllr Liz Sargeantson	-	√	A	-	A	-	-
Cllr Nick Coulthick	-	A	√	A	-	A	-
Cllr David Jeffreys	-	A	A	√	√	A	√
Cllr Barbara Jeffreys	-	A	Resigned				
Cllr Anne Handley	A	A	A	√	A	-	A

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In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting, Clerk and Engineer:

Craig Benson (Clerk)  
Roger Smith (Engineer)  
David Blake (Finance Officer)  
Janette Parker (Ratings Officer)

Clerk  
Eng.  
FO  
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GOVERNANCE

- 2022.52** Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs A. Handley
- 2022.53** Election Year – Clerk confirmed that following the elections no new member nominations had been received so all Members were re-elected to the Board. He then asked for nominations for Chairman. **BH proposed RJW, seconded by JRF and All Members in agreement.** Chair requested nominations for Vice Chair. **BH proposed RB, seconded by RJF, All Members in agreement.**
- 2022.54** Declaration of Interest – None
- 2022.55** Minutes of Meeting 21 June 2022 – Minutes considered and proposed as true record by RB seconded by DJ.
- 2022.56** Matters Arising – None.
- 2022.57** FOI/Complaints – None received. Clerk referred to email received from Airmyn Parish Council requesting assistance from the Board as concerned not all watercourses were being maintained. They requested the Board undertook works or provided details of owners so they could contact. Clerk confirmed he had issued a response stating a newsletter was issued to all ratepayers annually to advise them of their riparian responsibilities and that under GDPR regulations the Board were unable to share any information. A further request had been received and responded to and after further discussions MB suggested that if they contacted the Board again they should be directed to the Land Registry to obtain the information they require.

CLERK'S REPORT

- 2022.58** Legislation – Information noted with Clerk advising that when the Statutory Instrument was approved it would allow the Board to update the land and property values within its district, if it chose to do so. He confirmed that he would provide further information at the next meeting.
- 2022.59** Re-Constitution – Clerk advised he had just received a response from the EA confirming that the draft order was progressing to seal and advertising. Once these were completed the Minister would approve and the Board would then be able to re-constitute.
- 2022.60** Policy – RO advised Members that the changes to the GDPR and Data Sharing Policies were only minor. Both had been produced before the law came into effect so the clause referring to this had now been updated. **Approval proposed by RB, seconded MB, All Members in agreement.**
- 2022.61** Humber FRMS 2100+ – Clerk advised that an updated Newsletter had now been issued and urged Members to read. Discussions took place as some Members already looked at.
- 2022.62** Association of Drainage Authorities – Information noted with Clerk referring to the cost of membership. He advised he had spoken to ADA over the unfairness of the large

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percentage that smaller IDB's had to pay and suggested that if they could pay the same as the larger Boards then more would be inclined to join.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

- 2022.63** Rate Report – FO confirmed the special levy payment had been received and the balance was now £46.45.
- 2022.64** List of Payments – Approval proposed by DJ and seconded MB.
- 2022.65** Audit – Information noted.
- 2022.66** Audit Review Meeting – FO confirmed this was to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022. RB confirmed she would attend on behalf of the Board.
- 2022.67** Budget Comparison for Year Ended 31 March 2023 – FO handed out supplement to papers and took Members through advising that the Board position was were expected to be at this time of year. He referred to rising electricity costs stating the Board could be looking at an annual spend of around £26,000. MB asked if variable rates were available dependent upon the time of day pumping was carried out. FO confirmed there were with Eng. adding that he was currently looking at night-time pumping and installing controls so this could be timed and would only pump during the day if there was a need. FO advised that the Board are eligible for the Government Aid Scheme and with this the price of electricity would be capped at 34.5p/kwh which was an increase of 140% above the previous rate of 14p/kwh. He added that the night-time rate had still to be confirmed. FO stated the Board were benefiting from being part of Woldmarsh as others within the industry had been quoted increases between 200-400%. Woldmarsh had said they believed the markets would stabilise but did not expect a rate reduction below 34.5p but thought this would stand for around 9 months.
- 2022.68** Five Year Forecast – FO took Members through advising a revised carry forward balance of £293,000, providing a reserve level of 138% which was well above the Reserve Policy of 60%. He confirmed that this would be reduced by moving funds to the Capital Reserve Account, thereby reducing the need to borrow when station refurbishments/replacements were due.
- 2022.69** Capital Reserve Account - MB queried the cost of pump inspections at £150,000. Eng. advised this was for several sites due to the need to dewater the drain and the pump to enable inspections of the steel pipes. MB then asked why there was no Grant-in-Aid shown. Eng confirmed that the EA were aware of the refurbishment programme and that once had a better idea of what was required at each station then Grant-in-Aid would be applied for. Clerk advised that another IDB had undertaken an intrusive inspection which had confirmed the structure was okay for a further 25-35 years so had greatly reduced the costs required. BH asked if it would be worth writing to Highways England for an increase in their contribution due to the increase in costs. FO confirmed this was already factored in.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer confirmed the information was for note with the following updates.

- 2022.70** Telemetry – Eng. advised that following discussions with Chair and Vice Chair the Telemetry Contract had been extended for a further 12 months.
- 2022.71** Maintenance – Eng confirmed that a meeting had been held with the Contractor to discuss the issues raised at the last Board meeting. He added that an invoice had been received for the works to date but that this was currently in query. Eng advised that the Contractor had requested a compensation event payment to cover the increased costs for red diesel. He confirmed this was included within the contract and was in hand. Eng added that ID Spares were currently undertaking and overhaul of the weedscreen cleaners at Orchard Cottage and New Potter Grange.
- 2022.72** Planning Applications – Eng. referred to proposal received from East Riding Council regarding a proposed drain diversion. He explained the situation to Members advising he believed their proposal should be refused and suggested an alternative which would retain the drain and the 9metre allowance the Board required to undertake maintenance.

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Discussions ensued with All Members in agreement that the watercourse should remain as is currently with the 9 metres for access.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

**2022.73** Information noted. Clerk stated that a decreasing Water Vole population had been observed, believed to be due to Mink and that traps had been utilised in other areas. BH advised the Friends of Oakhill had asked if it was possible to hold water back to enable Water Voles to move easier. Eng. advised the Hydraulic Model could demonstrate different water levels without causing a flood risk but would need to have controls in place.

#### HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

**2022.74** Information noted.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**2022.75** None.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

**2022.76** 7 February 2023, 20 June 2023, 7 November 2023, 3.00pm at The Courtyard, Goole.

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