



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. Clerk declares an interest in item 2.5 and will leave the room whilst this item is being discussed.

1.2 Apologies for Absence

1.3 Public Forum

1.4 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2025

Member	1.11. 2023	10.01. 2024	22.05. 2024	6.11. 2024	8.1. 2025	21.5. 2025
Mr R Borrill – Chair	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr B Jackson – Vice Chair	New √	√	√	√	√	A
Mr J Akrell JA	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr J Anyan JAn	A	√	√	√	√	√
Mr J Barton JB	√	√	-	-	A	√
Mr K Bates KB	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr S Buckley SBk	-	-	Resigned			
Mr S Bunney SB	New √	√	√	√	√	√
Mr C Chappell CC				New √	√	√
Mr C Day CD	A	A	√	A	A	A
Mr R Douglas RD	√	-	√	A	-	-
Mr I Dowson ID	√	A	A	√	A	√
Mr J Evison JE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr T Foster TF			New √	A	√	√
Mr D Garritt DG			New √	-	-	-
Mr A Godfrey AG	√	A	√	A	√	√
Mr R Herring RH	√	√	√	A	√	A
Mr R Holloway Rho	√	√	-	-	-	
Mrs J Jackson JJ	√	A	√	A	√	A
Mr J James JJa	A	A		√	√	√
Mr P Jones PJ	A - Resigned					
Mrs H Rowson HR	A	√	√	√	√	√
Mr C Sherwood CS	A	√	√	√	√	√
Mr N Sherwood NS	-	A	√	√	√	√
Mr M Storey MS	√	√	A	A	√	√
Mr W Strawson WS	√	√	√	√	√	A
Mr T Sutton-Neilthorpe TSN	A	√	A	√	√	√
Mr H Williams HW	A	√	√	A	√	√



In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting

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

In attendance on behalf of Environment Agency
Ms A Jackson

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting including Adam Branston who was the new Asset Manager and Amy Jackson who was in attendance on behalf of the Environment Agency as Mark Adams was unavailable.

Declaration of Interest

2025.31 The Clerk declared an interest in Item 2.5.

Apologies for Absence

2025.32 Apologies were received from Mr C Day, Mr R Herring, Mr W Strawson, Mrs J Jackson and Mr B Jackson.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2025

2025.33 Minutes approved as true record by CS and seconded NS.

Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda

2025.34 None.

Complaints/FOI/EIR Requests

2025.35 None.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk advised the report was for note with the following added.

2025.36 Policy – Information noted.

2025.37 ADA Conference – Information noted.

2025.38 Ancholme IDB and Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB – Clerk advised Members of the recent meeting held with the Chair and Vice Chair of both Boards to discuss a closer working relationship and, as stated in the papers, they were looking for an agreement in principle to explore a closer working relationship between the two and to form a working group to evaluate all the options available. **AG proposed the agreement with CS seconding and all in favour.** JAn and CS agreed to be on the working group. Clerk advised he would contact them in June after the Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB meeting.

2025.39 Middle River Ancholme Catchment Management Project – AJ advised that funding was now available for the current year, and they were scoping all the options for water storage utilising information from the last three years, their own model and the Board's once this was complete to progress with an outline business case.

2025.40 River Ancholme – AJ advised that lowering the river levels had been widely discussed and options were still being explored although they had come across a barrier with regards to abstractions. A certain level had to be maintained so they were currently identifying all the abstractors in the region to confirm what those levels were. She added that there was no formal process to change the abstraction limit but potential ways forward were being investigated. She did caution although that whilst less water would make a slight difference they were talking about the magnitude difference that comes out onto the flood plain in comparison against levels in the river. MS stated that the level control was potentially better than it ever had been with the improvements made but that consideration was still needed as every little helped. AJ pointed out that the as the river was navigable then the EA had to



give several weeks' notice of a change due to current legislation but that every option was being explored. CC added that the local MP had stated direct to him that legislation could be changed. NS declared an interest as trustee of Glanford Boat Club and asked with regards the Ancholme, if the new Anglian Water pipeline from Elsham to Essex would have any effect on the levels as it had been reported that they would draw water from the Ancholme. AJ stated was not aware but would raise with colleagues.

- 2025.41** Employee Remuneration – The Clerk left the meeting. The Chair advised that appraisals had been undertaken with the results being excellent. Eng added that it was now 3 ½ years since they had been employed and they continued to exceed expectations, and their dedication and commitment had enabled the IDB fund works of 1½ million pounds to be completed within a 5-month period. He stated that he was really impressed with both and their commitment and enthusiasm and they were now looking to the future to see how they could benefit the Board further. FO advised CPI was at 3.5% and RPI at 4.5% and the increase last year had been based on CPI at 3.2%. **Further discussions took place with AG proposing a 4% increase, seconded by NS and all in favour.**

FINANCE REPORT

- 2025.42** Rating Report – FO advised the outstanding balance, the majority of which was with one large debtor who was not responding to contact attempts. Discussions took place with several members offering information on the individual concerned so the debt could be pursued further.
- 2025.43** Audit – FO advised this had now been received with the auditor confirming that the Board complied with all laws and regulations and concluded that there was effective controls and sound management in place.
- 2025.44** Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Section 1 – FO took members through and **approval proposed by AG and seconded by TSN.**
- 2025.45** Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 – FO took members through the report advising that a surplus of £226,000 had been generated resulting in a balance of £316,500 which equates to a reserve level of 34%. AG queried why the interest income had been added to the Capital Reserve Account. FO and the Clerk advised this was an historic practice but that it could be changed if the Board wished. **AG proposed that it be kept in the income and expenditure account and TSN seconded with all in favour.** Changes were to be made in the current year. TSN queried how the insurance was reviewed. FO advised used a broker, Towergate Insurance, and they came back with prices adding that this had gone out to tender two years ago but that no one else was interested in quoting. The Clerk advised that the broker regularly tests the market. **Approval of accounts proposed by HR, seconded by AG and all in agreement.** The Chair thanked the FO for his comprehensive report.
- 2025.46** Budget Comparison for the Year Ending 31 March 2025 – FO briefly touched on the notable elements following the previous discussions held around the Accounts. He confirmed the balance carried forward at £316,500 stating the Board was on a good financial footing.
- 2025.47** Capital Reserve Account – Information noted.
- 2025.48** Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Section 2 – FO took members through and **approval proposed by NS and seconded by TF.**
- 2025.49** Five Year Budget Estimate – Information noted.
- 2025.50** Schedule of Payments – **approval proposed by HW and seconded by TSN.**

ENGINEER REPORT

Eng confirmed the report was for information with the following added.

- 2025.51** Employees – Information noted as discussed previously under Item 2.6.
- 2025.52** Apprentice – Eng advised that looking at how the workforce can be increased moving forwards with the option to consider an Apprentice. Potentially the workforce could do more works in house and offer the Board further savings. Approval was requested to approach colleges to look for someone with electrical experience to join the team with options reported back to the Board. **Discussions took place with all in favour of the proposal.**



2025.53 Hydraulic Model – Information noted.

2025.54 Telemetry – Information noted.

2025.55 Hibaldstow Pump Station – Information noted.

2025.56 Eng advised Adam Branston was now part of the Shire Group team as the Asset Manager working closely with him, focussed on consents, planning, enforcements and any issues that arose. He added that he was instrumental with the rest of the team in the provision of the IDB fund works and was working with the Board employees.

2025.57 New IDB Fund Storm Recovery and Asset Improvement – Eng advised works now substantially complete and were wholly funded with a couple of pumps due to be returned. Overall it has resulted in 1.5 million pounds of works completed within a 5 month period and this has relied heavily on everyone working together, the IDB staff, multiple contractors, the EA and landowners. He referred to the drone shots in the papers provided by the EA showing the completed Breach repair works. Eng added in addition to this, additional funds had been secured to purchase two x 8 inch temporary mobile pumps plus equipment.

2025.58 River Ancholme Gravity Outfalls – Eng brought members attention to the works and report undertaken by Keeton Marine.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING

2025.59 Information noted.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER REPORT

Information noted with the following added.

2025.60 Clerk advised that Rebekah Beaumont was now on maternity leave and that Tim Bailey would be standing in whilst she was away although he was unable to attend the meeting today.

2025.61 Biodiversity Action Plan – Clerk advised that this had been reviewed and updated but that some of the wording needed slight amendment to correlate with the Board restraints and he would raise this with Tim Bailey.

2025.62 TSN queried if Officers were aware of the Humber Protected Sites Strategy run by Natural England. Clerk confirmed he was not but would raise with the EO.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2025.63 Clerk informed Members that the information circulated to them was the new ADA Good Governance Guide and an updated Members Booklet with a Code of Conduct, district plans and contact details which he thanked the RO for producing. Members also thanked the RO for this useful booklet.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

2025.64 5th November 2025.

Chair closed the meeting and thanked all for attending.

1.5 Matters arising there from not elsewhere on Agenda

1.6 Complaints/FOI/EIR requests

No complaints or FOI requests have been received since the last meeting.

 5/11/2025