



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 Public Forum

1.4 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2026

| Member | 22.05. 2024 | 6.11. 2024 | 8.1. 2025 | 21.5. 2025 | 5.11. 2025 | 7.1. 2026 |
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| Mr R Borrill – Chair | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Mr B Jackson – Vice Chair | √ | √ | √ | A | √ | √ |
| Mr J Akkril JA | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | A |
| Mr J Anyan JAn | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | A |
| Mr J Barton JB | - | - | A | √ | √ | √ |
| Mr K Bates KB | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mr S Buckley SBk | Resigned | | | | | |
| Mr S Bunney SB | √ | √ | √ | √ | A | √ |
| Mr C Chappell CC | | New √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Mr C Day CD | √ | A | A | A | √ | A Retired |
| Mr R Douglas RD | √ | A | - | - | A | √ |
| Mr I Dowson ID | A | √ | A | √ | A | √ |
| Mr J Evison JE | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mr T Foster TF | New √ | A | √ | √ | A | A |
| Mr D Garritt DG | New √ | - | - | - | - | A |
| Mr A Godfrey AG | √ | A | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Mr R Herring RH | √ | A | √ | A | √ | √ |
| Mr R Holloway Rho | - | - | - | | √ | A |
| Mrs J Jackson JJ | √ | A | √ | A | √ | A |
| Mr J James JJa | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Mrs H Rowson HR | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Mr C Sherwood CS | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Mr N Sherwood NS | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Mr M Storey MS | A | A | √ | √ | - | √ |
| Mr W Strawson WS | √ | √ | √ | A | √ | √ |
| Mr T Sutton-Nelthorpe TSN | A | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Mr H Williams HW | √ | A | √ | √ | - | A |



In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting

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

In attendance on behalf of Environment Agency

Mr M Adams
Ms A Jackson

Declaration of Interest

2026.1 None.

Apologies for Absence

2026.2 Apologies were received from Mr C Day, Mr T Foster, Mr D Garritt, Mrs J Jackson, Mr H Williams, Mr J Akrell, Mr J Anyan and Mr R Holloway.

2026.3 The Chair also advised that Mr C Day had resigned and having been on the Board for 37 years was a much-valued member. He confirmed that the Board had written to him thanking him for his contributions over the years and wishing him all the best for the future.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2025

2026.4 Minutes approved as true record by RH and seconded NS.

Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda

2026.5 None.

Complaints/FOI/EIR Requests

2026.6 None.

CLERK REPORT

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

2026.7 Policy – RO explained minor change to GDPR policies with NS proposing approval and CS seconding. Clerk advised Members of the need to have Paternity Policy in place as their Senior MEICA Engineer was due to become a father in March. The RO explained the differences between the two proposals presented in the meeting papers. AG proposed approval of the upgraded policy, RH seconded and All in favour.

2026.8 ADA – Information noted with Clerk adding that a meeting was due to be held in March to discuss the issues. Chair also advised of an upcoming meeting with MP Nic Dakin to discuss various matters including the issue with standing charges.

2026.9 Environment Agency – A presentation was given to Members on the Middle Ancholme Catchment Management Project, New Asset Management Plans and the New Funding Policy. Discussions took place with the Chair thanking them for the information provided.

FINANCE REPORT

2026.10 Rating Report – FO advised of the revised outstanding balance of £5,067 confirming that £4,400 was now with Solicitors for collection.

2026.11 Rate Removal – Approval proposed by RH and seconded by NS.

2026.12 Audit Review Meeting – Information noted. Members considered the Independence of the Internal Auditor, and no conflicts were known to exist. Members also considered scope of the 2025/26 and Internal Audit and were happy with the Audit Panel's suggestions.

2026.13 Risk Register – FO took Members through. Approval proposed by RH and seconded by NS.



2026.14 Rates & Special Levies for the Year Ending 31 March 2027 – FO handed out additional information and took Members through. He confirmed that due to a high electricity consumption in December the foreseen surplus would now result in a breakeven situation with reserves at 38% against the target of 30%. The FO added that whilst a rate increase was not required in isolation, he did remind Members of the current high costs to standing charges and that a wet winter would have a negative impact on the budget with increased electricity usage costs as reserves would be used to offset any negative variance to budget. **Discussions took place with CS proposing no increase to the rate, NS seconding and All in agreement.**

Expenditure Budget Comparison for the year Ending 31 March 2027

The Board considered an Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2027, copies of which had been previously circulated to members.

In accordance with Section 37 of the Land Drainage Act, the Board determined that aggregate annual value of chargeable properties in the district on the aggregate value of all other land in the district as at 31st December 2025 for the financial year beginning 1st April 2026 as follows:-

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| a) Aggregate annual value of chargeable properties | £ 1,805,747 |
| b) Aggregate value of all other land | £ 2,818,145 |

It was agreed that for the purpose of defraying costs, charges and expenses etc. incurred by the Board under the Land Drainage Act 1991 for the period 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027, and in pursuance of the Internal Drainage Board (Finance) Regulations 1992, that the Board make a drainage rate for their district in respect of agricultural land and agricultural buildings and a Special Levy as follows:-

The amount of the Board's expenses to be met by drainage rates was £436,813 by way of an Occupier's rate of 15.5p in the £ on the basis of the annual value of agricultural land and agricultural buildings in the district.

The amount of the Board's expenses to be met by Special Levies was:-

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| North Lincolnshire Council | £ 256,365 |
| West Lindsey District Council | £ 23,526 |

The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to seal the rate and the Special Levy on the Local Authority in accordance with the Act and the Finance Regulations.

The Clerk, or their representatives, were authorised to negotiate and carry out proceedings for the recovery of any rates unpaid.

Members agreed that if additional expenditure is required above the agreed budget, it is taken from balances.

2026.15 Five Year Budget Estimate – Information noted.

2026.16 Schedule of Payments – Approval proposed by NS and seconded by RH

ENGINEER REPORT

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

2026.17 New IDB Fund Storm Recovery and Asset Improvement - South Kelsey High Level Gravity – Eng confirmed that this would be installed next week in conjunction with the EA lowering the levels of the Ancholme and works would be completed by 31st March 2026. He added that Keeton Marine had also been instructed to undertake inspections on the gravity outfalls again.

2026.18 Water Level Management – Eng confirmed that the MEICA Engineer had resolved a number of faults with one still to resolve at Fulseas. This had now been isolated reducing the risk but repairs



would be carried out as soon as possible with the assistance of the Assistant Catchment Manager and the Asset Manager who had all now completed Confined Space Training.

2026.19 TSN queried the results if an exemption to the Eel Regulations was not obtained. Eng confirmed it would likely result in a fine. He then explained the new regulations and that the Board were installing eel friendly pumps at the necessary locations during pump station refurbishments. He added that Worlaby was the only station in the Board's area that would require modification for Eels but that the exemption was in place until such time as the station was due for refurbishment.

2026.20 Mobile Pump Assets – Eng confirmed that the two new mobile pumps were to be delivered to Castlethorpe today. He advised that the suppliers, Hidrostal, had held a Shire Group Demo Day which IDB staff had attended but they had also agreed to visit each IDB once all equipment was received to provide further training. Eng then advised Members that the Board had acted as the lead in the purchase of the pumps for a number of IDBs and approval was requested to formally transfer ownership to each IDB. RH queried if there were sufficient security arrangements at Castlethorpe. Eng confirmed this would be reviewed, along with that for Cadney which may be used for additional storage. He confirmed the pumps had trackers fitted and Telemetry was available. FO confirmed that they had been added to the Boards insurance. RH then queried the lease at Castlethorpe and whether a move would be made to the Cadney site. Eng advised the long-term view was that they would like to utilise Castlethorpe for pump repairs. WS queried if the alarm notifications at Castlethorpe went to anyone. Clerk confirmed he would check. WS then advised of the new camera system he had installed from Reolink. It was agreed that this would be investigated for possible addition to the depot. **All Members in agreement to the transfer of ownership of pumps to the relevant IDBs.**

Update – the Board employees do not receive alarm notifications for the Castlethorpe Depot. Senior MEICA engineer is looking at installing Board's own system.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING

2026.21 Information noted.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER REPORT

2026.22 Information noted. Clerk added that ADA's Environment Day would be held on 4th February 2026 at Park Farm, Thorney, Peterborough and asked Members to let him know if they wished to attend and he would send them details. He confirmed that the Environment Officers would be attending and that feedback would be provided at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

2026.23 20th May 2026, 4th November 2026

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

The Board have received no complaints since the last meeting but had received on FOI request for information on the Boards assets. The Clerk responded to this request.

R. Bani
20/5/2026