

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 6 February 2024

Member	8.2.22	21.6.22	8.11.22	7.2.23	20.6.23	7.11.23	6.12.23
Mrs Rosemary J Webster (Chair)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr John Richard Fawbert	√	√	√	√	√	-	-
Mr Graham W Martinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mrs Rita Brough (Vice Chair)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr Mally Boatman	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
EYRC							
Mr Brent Huntington	√	A	√	√	√	√	√
Cllr Liz Sargeantson	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr Nick Coultish	-	A	-	-	-	A	√
Cllr David Jeffreys	√	A	√	√	√	√	√
Cllr Anne Handley	A	-	A	-	-	-	-

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

Craig Benson (Clerk)	Clerk
Roger Smith (Engineer)	Eng.
David Blake (Finance Officer)	FO

GOVERNANCE

2024.1 Apologies for Absence – None received.

2024.2 Minutes of Meeting 7 November 2023, minute Ref 2023.64 DJ confirmed he had raised the point regarding IDB comments with the planning committee, Eng suggested comments still being ignored. BH proposed that a letter is sent to the director of development stating that any comment made by the IDB should be considered and that liability for any damages falls with the LLFA. All members in favour.

– **Minutes considered and proposed as true record by DJ seconded by MB.**

2024.3 Matters Arising – None.

2024.4 FOI/Complaints – None received.

CLERK'S REPORT

2024.5 Policy – IDB policies that were due a review was ongoing. Any proposed changes would be brought to the Board for approval at the June meeting.

2024.6 Legislation - Environment Bill - the paperwork for going out to public consultation on the IDB Ratings Statutory Instrument (SI) was with the Minister for his approval. When enabled, IDBs would then have a mechanism in place to extend their

boundaries to the full hydraulic catchment and be able to levy a drainage rate on this extended area.

- 2024.7** Re-constitution- with the EA, should hear back from then in the next six month.
- 2024.8** ADA – Clerk informed Members of the impact of the changes to the standing charges now levied against the available capacity at premises. The increase to the Board over the last four years was astronomical. The FO would be covering this item in his report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- 2024.9** Rate Report – FO confirmed that all the rates had now been collected.
- 2024.10** List of Payments – Approval proposed by MB and seconded RB.
- 2024.11** Risk Register – FO advised members of the changes. **Approval proposed DJ and seconded MB.**
- 2024.12** Pump Station Electricity Standing Charge- FO gave an update on the current market and the impact the standing charge was having on IDBs. He asked members if they wanted the board to look for alternative suppliers. **All members in agreement that the FO should test the market.**
- 2024.13** Rates & Special Levies for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 – FO took members through the report, due to a significant increase in bank interest rec'd the board are forecasted to generate a surplus of £129k as opposed to the £115k that was set in the budget. This means the forecasted balance to carry forward is £318k, which is a reserve level of 143% after the £125k transfer to the capital reserve account. FO advised members there was no reason to increase the rate at this time, as the board was meeting the reserve policy and planning for future capital replacement with the transfer to the capital reserve.

RW proposed to keep the rate at 5.9p, MB seconded and all members in agreement.

The Board considered an Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated to members.

In accordance with Section 37 of the Land Drainage Act, the Board determined that the aggregate annual value of chargeable properties in the district and the aggregate value of all other land in the district as at 31st December 2023 for the financial year beginning 1st April 2024 as follows: -

a) Aggregate annual value of chargeable properties	£ 5,253,353
b) Aggregate value of all other land	£ 110,159

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 2024 to 31st March 2025, 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 £6,499 by way of an Occupier's rate of 5.90p 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: -

East Riding of Yorkshire Council	£ 309,948
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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.

ENGINEERS REPORT

2024.14 Pumping Stations – Eng. advised with regards electricity costs that stations were currently on low level sensors. He confirmed that he had just received a quote of £1,400 per unit for digital time clocks in order to assist in converting to night-time pumping. He added that there would be a fitting fee to add but that it was the right direction to proceed in and asked the Board for approval to proceed or if they required another quotation. Clerk asked if the clocks would have an override so that if water reached a certain height then the pumps would activate regardless. Eng. then explained how each clock would work. **Further discussions took place with JRF recommending that a further quotation be obtained with the Chair concurring.** RB proposed that they be put in the two largest stations first as a test. Clerk added that the Eng. should contact the MEICA Engineer of Ancholme IDB who had knowledge of the Board's pumps for a quote.

2024.15 Maintenance – Information noted. Eng advised that a consent had been granted for Siemens to erect a fence but that this had not been erected at 9 metres as consented and in some instances was only 6 to 7 metres from the watercourse. He added that a letter would be sent advising them they were in contravention of consent. However, as a result of that, there had been an instance where the contractor had accidentally hit the fence. Chair stated this was Siemens issue as they had provided insufficient access.

2024.16 LDA 191 Section 23 Breach – Eng. discussed issue as stated in papers then advised that notice had been served on Beal Homes prior to Christmas and that the spoil had now been removed. Eng. explained that it had been timely to achieve this however it's a good position for the Board.

2024.17 East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Eng distributed a supplement to the papers relating to ERYC consent request to erect a cycle path, footpath and road to the north side of the watercourse at Guardian Glass. He said he advised EYRC this was not acceptable as it restricted access to the watercourse however, EYRC had proposed taking over the Board's obligation for maintenance on that section. **Discussions took place with All Members in agreement that the Board will continue to maintain that section of the watercourse and that access was required.**

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

2024.18 Eng. Advised that the contractor had damaged the perimeter fence at New Potter Grange, this had now been rectified and returned to previous condition.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2024.19 BH raised that there had been a potential pollution event at Tom Pudding Way. Eng. Confirmed that he aware of the issue and that the environment agency had been made aware of the issue.

2024.20 NC asked the board if amalgamation had been considered, RW advised that this had been explored previously and at the time there was no appetite from other to do so.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2024.21 18 June 2023, 3.00pm at The Courtyard, Goole.

1.4 Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda

1.5 FOI/Complaints

The Board has received no complaints or FOI requests since the last meeting.