



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 6 November 2024

Member	11.1. 2023	24.5. 2023	1.11. 2023	10.01. 2024	22.05. 2024	6.11. 2024
Mr R Borrill – Chair	A	√	√	√	√	√
Mr B Jackson – Vice Chair			New √	√	√	√
Mr J Akrill JA	√	A	√	√	√	√
Mr J Anyan JAn	√	A	A	√	√	√
Mr J Barton JB	√	A	√	√	-	-
Mr K Bates KB	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr S Buckley SBk	-	A	-	-	Resigned	
Mr S Bunney SB			New √	√	√	√
Mr C Chappell CC						New √
Mr C Day CD	A	√	A	A	√	A
Mr R Douglas RD	A	√	√	-	√	A
Mr I Dowson ID	A	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
Mr R Holloway Rho	√	-	√	√	-	-
Mr J Jackson	-	A Resigned				
Mrs J Jackson JJ	A	√	√	A	√	A
Mr J James JJa	A	√	A	A		√
Mr P Jones PJ	A	√	A - Resigned			
Mrs H Rowson HR	A	√	A	√	√	√
Mr C Sherwood CS	√	√	A	√	√	√
Mr N Sherwood NS	A	√	-	A	√	√
Mr M Storey MS	A	√	√	√	A	A
Mr W Strawson WS	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr J Summers JS	√ Resigned					
Mr T Sutton-Neithorpe 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 D Blake	Finance Officer
	Miss J Parker	Rating Officer
	Miss R Beaumont	Environment Officer

One Member of the Public also present

Election of Chairman

2024.56 The Clerk welcomed all to the meeting and advised that as the current three-year term of office had ended the Board were required to elect a new Chairman. **NS proposed Mr. R. Borrill continue as Chairman, seconded by CS and all Members in agreement.**

Election of Vice Chairman

2024.57 Chair informed Members that Mr A Godfrey had advised he would be standing down as Vice Chair adding that he couldn't have asked for a better Vice Chair, and he was an asset to the Board. He then asked for nominations for a replacement. **TSN proposed BJ, JAn seconded and, after confirming BJ was agreeable to the position, all Members in agreement.**

Declaration of Interest

2024.58 None.

Apologies for Absence

2024.59 Apologies were received from Mr. A. Godfrey, Mr. C. Day, Mr. R. Douglas, Mr. T. Foster, Mr. R. Herring, Mrs J. Jackson, Mr. M. Storey, Mr. H. Williams and, on behalf of the Environment Agency, Mr. M. Adams.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 May 2024

2024.60 Minutes approved as true record by JAn and seconded HR.

Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda

2024.61 Item 2024.31 Chair asked if any updates had been received. Clerk advised nothing further had been received yet.

2024.62 Item 2024.42 FO confirmed that the staff costs in 2022-2023 were as agreed at 55% for this Board but that in 2023-2024, due to the extreme weather circumstances where one employee had spent considerable time pumping at Ravensfleet Station then the split had been reduced to 43% for the Board. He added that the split with Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB was under constant review.

Complaints/FOI/EIR Requests

2024.63 None.

CLERK REPORT

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

2024.64 Environment Agency – Middle River Ancholme Catchment Management Project. Clerk advised that the project was currently stalled due to lack of resources and funding but that the EA were hopeful this would resume later in the new year.

2024.65 ADA – Clerk updated Members with the success of the Storm Recovery Costs under Tranche 1 then advised that a decision was still awaited regarding Tranche 2. He added that following a recent meeting with the ADA Chief Executive, Innes Thompson, this decision was unlikely to be forthcoming before March 2025 and would likely be in July/August 2025. Chair thanked the Clerk and Officers for all their efforts in achieving this. WS asked if any funds had been obtained with regard the Anglian



Water Breach to which the Clerk advised not. TSN queried if the Board had had better success than others. The Clerk responded that some Boards had received less whilst others received more.

2024.66 Membership – Clerk confirmed information in papers then advised of a vacancy due to the resignation of Mr. S. Buckley. Chair advised that Mr. C. Chappell was present and wished to be a member. Clerk confirmed that the Board could co-opt him to fill the vacancy. **BJ proposed and TSN seconded with all in favour. Mr. Chappell was welcomed to the Board.** Clerk advised that Register of Interest Forms would be issued to all Members to update and return.

2024.67 Drainage Rate System – Clerk advised that this system held all the Boards ratepayer information with the RO confirming that support for the system would end in March 2025. A replacement was available but as the current system was over 20 years old the data currently held by the Board needed to be updated to be compatible resulting in a one-off cost to the Board of £1,985. **All Members in agreement to proceed with the update.**

FINANCE REPORT

2024.68 Rating Report – FO advised the outstanding balance was now £83,000 with instalments of £76,000 still awaited and that all the Special Levies had been received.

2024.69 Audit – FO confirmed the External Audit had been received with no issues and Members could view on the Boards website.

2024.70 Electricity Provider Review – Information noted with the FO adding that his contact at NG&P had asked if the Board would consider extending the contract to three or four years. Discussions took place with the decision made that the current two-year agreement would stand.

2024.71 Budget Comparison of the Year Ending 31 March 2025 – FO took Members through the report advising that the Board were exactly where they should be at this time. He added that a lower Foreign Water contribution had been received than initially budgeted due to additional funds received with the Storm Recovery Costs and not wanting to double bid for the money. He advised that the amount in the budget for next year would be reduced and that indications had been received these contributions would likely cease. TSN queried details of the interest arrangements. FO confirmed the Board held a 35-day notice account at 3.25% and a 95-day notice account at 3.75% with its current Bank. FO then handed out additional supplement and discussed adding that a comparison of the KWH analysis currently being undertaken would be provided at the next meeting.

2024.72 Five Year Budget Estimate – Information noted.

2024.73 Schedule of Payments – **approval proposed by TSN and seconded by NS.** TSN then asked if the new electricity provider would supply invoices per station. The FO confirmed they would.

ENGINEER REPORT

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

2024.74 Employees – Eng advised that on Friday the employees reached their third-year anniversary and were progressing really well with successful appraisals year on year.

2024.75 Telemetry – Eng confirmed that a presentation would be given by the Suppliers at the next meeting and that there would be full visibility across all sites over the winter period.

2024.76 Hibaldstow Pumping Station – Eng confirmed the pump had now been lifted and inspected and that the wear to the impeller was only 1-2% so was in very good condition. He advised that the funds received from the Storm Recovery Costs would be utilised to lift all 3 pumps and overhaul as necessary adding that as the structure was also sound following the intrusive survey undertaken this should see a reduction in the expenditure and hopefully avoid spending £45,000 to produce a business case for Grant-In-Aid funding. Moving forward, it was hoped this could be applied to all stations with the intention to do intrusive surveys first.

2024.77 New IDB Fund Storm Recovery and Asset Improvement – Eng advised that in conjunction with Contractors and the EA works were to be undertaken on the Halton Drain Breach repair first confirming that exemption had been granted by the EA so no permit was required but that the design was still awaited. North Kelsey breach repair would be next and a permit was in the process of being obtained followed by the Owersby Catchwater breach repair which was to be built back better with a



pipe, flap valve and penstock to enable water to return to the river on its own. He advised that dates were still to be confirmed for start of the work but this would be as soon as possible and he would keep all informed. TSN asked if there was a number with regards the wear on the impeller that indicated they should start to worry. Eng advised there wasn't any and that the judgement of the Contractor was utilised as also dependent upon other factors such as the pump housing, wear and tear etc.

2024.78 Main River – Information noted.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING

2024.79 Eng advised of a non-reportable accident in another IDB district confirming that it had the potential to be serious or a fatality and that procedures were being improved and lessons learned would be shared with all IDBs.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER REPORT

2024.80 The Clerk introduced Rebekah Beaumont to Members advising she would be taking over the role from Alison Briggs and would be the Boards point of contact moving forwards. The Chair thanked Alison Briggs for all her work over the years with the Board.

2024.81 BAP Implementation – Clerk confirmed the success had in trapping Mink in the district and advised that the WRT had asked for volunteers within the Saxby All Saints and Hibaldstow Bridge areas. Several Members confirmed they were already involved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

2024.82 8th January 2025, 21st May 2025.

Chair closed the meeting and thanked all for attending.

1.4 Matters arising there from not elsewhere on Agenda

1.5 Complaints/FOI/EIR requests

None received.