

# Aire, Don & Ouse Consortium of Drainage Boards

Cowick & Snaith, Rawcliffe, Dempster IDBs

## DEMPSTER INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY – THE WOLDS CENTRE, CHEVIOT AVENUE, GOOLW MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present :**

*Peter Chantry (Chair) (PC)*

*Paul Jacklin (Vice Chair) (PJ)*

*Councillor John Frost (JF)*

*Chris Bradwell (CB)*

*Edward Cowling (EC)*

*Martin Backhouse (MB)*

*Barry Phillipson (BP)*

*Iain Omand Responsible Financial Officer (IO)*

*Mike Ball, Clerk & Engineer (MJB)*

*Richard Syed Hessel, Deputy Clerk & Engineer to the Board (RSH)*

**1567. Apologies for absence:**

Stuart Hall, David Walton and Mark Johnson. MJB introduced Chris Bradwell as a new Nominated member of the Board.

**1568. Declarations of Interest: None**

**1569. To sign and approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016:**

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting. PJ proposed that they be accepted and JF seconded and they were signed off by PC.

**1570. Matters Arising from the minutes:**

None

**1571: Clerk & Engineers Report:** RSH delivered the report.

Martin Backhouse will attend the ADA Northern Annual General Meeting at Cave Castle Hotel on 10 June as the board's representative.

The future financial investment of the board in its infrastructure was discussed. MJB said that a risk register was currently being prepared which will look at what is likely to be needed in the short to medium term. It will then be possible to seek external funding and discussions will be held as to the most advantageous way of doing this, whether as individually or collectively as a consortium.

RSH will contact the windfarm contractor (David Flatley) seeking their future plans for the levelling posts situated in the boards area.

Disappointment was expressed with the insurance companies for their reluctance to reduce premiums for the respective boards within the consortium despite the multiple premiums.

The landfill site, Mytum & Selby was discussed. The discharge from the site has once again being raised as it is felt that the material in it has a damaging effect as it passes through the boards Swang Pump and together with any toxic substances contained within it as it subsequently passes onward into the board's Dutch River. Post Meeting Note: Bothe MJB and RSH have independently contacted the Environment Agency by telephone to report this

situation. Neither has had their enquiry acknowledged or any one get back to them in order to seek more information. RSH will now try the EA's Jenny Gibson having been given this

**1572: Financial Report: Annual Governance Statement:**

The treasurer presented the Annual Return Report. In accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the Board are required to approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements for 2015-16. The Annual Governance Statement must be approved prior to the Accounting Statements and this order of business must be evidenced by the meeting minute references. The Treasurer informed the Board that the all controls referred to in the Annual Return had been undertaken.

The Board Approved the Annual Governance Statement this was proposed by JF and seconded by PJ

**1573: Accounting Statement:**

The Treasurer informed the Board that the Accounting statements must be signed by the Responsible Financial Officer before they are presented to the Board. The total expenditure for 2015-16 was £31,777. Throughout 2015-16 monitoring of expenditure has taken place and this was last reported to the Board on 19 January. This showed an expected year end net position of £30,160. The actual position is £31,177 and is due to increased costs from the Pumping Stations primarily due to increased usage of electricity.

The Board Approved the Accounting Statements this was proposed by MB and seconded by BP.

IO said that during this financial year he would look into the possibility of introducing electronic banking to help with the board's finances.

MB queried a cheque number, 826. RSH pointed out that this cheque had been cancelled.

It was proposed by PJ and seconded by EC that the cheques presented be passed for payment.

**1574: Any Other Business:**

PC asked MJB to provide him with a copy of the condition survey report prepared by the Environment Agency in relation to Swang Pumping Station, prior to them commencing piling works to the Dutch Riverside.

**1575: Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Swinefleet Village Hall