



Reedness & Swinefleet Internal Drainage Board

MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH JUNE 2021 AT CASTLE VIEW FARM, DN14 8DY

PRESENT:

Elected Members: Mr I Backhouse (VC) Mr J Cowling Mr G Cowling Mr J Drury Mr T Reed

Appointed Members:

APOLOGIES:

Ratepayer Members: Mr M Barker

Appointed Members: Cllr L Sargeantson

ABSENT:

Ratepayer Members: Mr W Gagg

Appointed Members:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Mr McLachlan – Chief Executive
Mr Towse – Operational & Technical Manager
Miss Smith – Board Secretary (Minutes)

Others:

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134. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

134.1. The Vice Chair welcomed Members and Officers to the Board noting apologies from The Chair and Cllr Sargeantson.

134.2. The Vice Chair welcomed new members, Mr J Cowling, and Mr J Drury, to the Board.

135. Revised Standing Orders

135.1. The CEO advised of the revised Standing Orders, sent by ADA on behalf of Defra and explained the amendments highlighted at Appendix A.

135.2. It was PROPOSED by MR G COWLING and SECONDED by MR DRURY and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board adopt these Standing Orders and submit for ministerial approval.

136. Declarations of Interest

136.1. None

137. Health and Safety

137.1. None

138. Additional Agenda Items

138.1. None

139. Minutes from Previous Board Meeting

139.1. The Vice Chair drew attention to minutes from the previous Board meeting and asked the Board to consider if these minutes were an accurate record of that meeting.

139.2. The Vice Chair highlighted that minute 132.26 had been incorrectly transposed and requested an amendment.

139.3. It was PROPOSED by the VICE CHAIR and SECONDED by MR G COWLING and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board adopt these minutes are a true record of that meeting subject to the above amendment.

140. Matters Arising

140.1. The OTM advised that minute 132.11 remained outstanding.

140.2. The CEO advised that Dempster and Black Drain IDBs are still considering strategic opportunities.

141. Risk Register Review

- 141.1. The CEO confirmed a review of the Boards adopted risk register had been completed, comparing risks against the previous year.
- 141.2. The CEO highlighted the Boards reserves position, advising significant flooding events or structural failures could significantly compromise the Boards finances.
- 141.3. He went on to inform the Board of the latest tax reforms which will prohibit IDB use of red diesel, explaining the significant detrimental effect on Board expenditure. The Board discussed the impact and the possibility that this will force an increase in rate payable to the Board.
- 141.4. It was PROPOSED by MR G COWLING and SECONDED by MR T REED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board approve the revised risk register for 2021.

142. Accounting Statements and Annual Return

- 142.1. The CEO explained the external audit process for the benefit of new members and proceeded to read the eight annual governance statements to the Board.
- 142.2. It was PROPOSED by MR G COWLING and SECONDED by MR T REED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21.
- 142.3. The CEO went on to explain the accounts, explaining each line and highlighting that the Board fell slightly under budget by £4.5k at year ending 31st March 2021.
- 142.4. At this point, the Vice Chair queried the provisions for Natural England to increase the capacity of water released into the Boards district to which the CEO advised discussions are to be held with Natural England regarding this matter.
- 142.5. It was PROPOSED by MR G COWLING and SECONDED by MR T REED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board approve the Accounting Statements for 2020/21.

143. Invoices Paid and Accounts Settled

- 143.1. The Vice Chair drew attention to invoices paid and accounts settled for the fourth financial quarter of 2020/21.
- 143.2. It was PROPOSED by the VICE CHAIR and SECONDED by MR T REED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board approve the schedule of invoices paid and accounts settled for Q4 2020/21, totalling £43,029.07 (net).

144. Planning and Development Control

- 144.1. The CEO informed Members of the Senior Development Control Officer's responsibilities and how he will be liaising with planning departments across councils.

144.2. The CEO advised of the Hydrology survey currently being undertaken by Natural England which includes an assessment of water levels on agricultural land to the North of the Moors. The CEO advised the SDCO will liaise with Natural England regarding this work.

145. Maintenance Programme & Capital Programme

145.1. The OTM explained the proposed maintenance programme to Members and distributed a paper copy of the 2020/21 programme.

145.2. He informed Members that this year's will be a reversal of works completed last year and that all watercourses would be flailed. He invited comments and suggestions from Members.

145.3. The Vice Chair recommended that works begin at the Drain Head.

145.4. Mr Cowling requesting de-silting at Rushcroft Dike.

145.5. Discussions ensued regarding the possibility of de-silting all watercourses. This was decided against; however, the Vice Chair suggested the OTM investigate significant areas alongside the Chair on his return.

145.6. The increase in cost for de-silting significant areas was estimated with a PROPOSAL from MR J COWLING subsequently SECONDED by MR T REED and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the Board to set aside £2.5k from the reserves for maintenance works.

145.7. The OTM advised that he will be investigating repairs to the Black Dike West outfall into the Swinefleet Warping Drain along with the Chair.

146. Policies

146.1. The CEO highlighted the amendments to the Financial Regulations.

146.2. He then explained the purpose and reason behind the introduction of a Board Fly Tipping Policy.

146.3. It was PROPOSED by MR J COWLING and SECONDED by MR G COWLING and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board adopt the revised Financial Regulations and the new Fly Tipping Policy.

147. Future Board Meetings

147.1. The Vice Chair advised the ADOC Consortium Meeting is due to be held on 19 November 2021 and the Annual General Meeting is to be held on 24 January 2022.