



Dempster Internal Drainage Board

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

PRESENT:

Elected Members: Mr Johnson Mr Backhouse Mr Phillipson Mr Jacklin (C) Mr J Cowling

Appointed Members: Mr Frost

APOLOGIES:

Ratepayer Members: Mr P Chantry Mr D Walton

Appointed Members: Cllr L Sargeantson

ABSENT:

Ratepayer Members:

Appointed Members:

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Others:

Andrew McLachlan
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1760. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

1760.1. The Chair welcomed Members and Officers to the Board noting apologies from Mr P Chantry, Mr D Walton, and Cllr L Sargeantson.

1761. Revised Standing Orders

1761.1. The CEO advised of the revised Standing Orders, sent by ADA on behalf of Defra and explained the amendments highlighted at Appendix A.

1761.2. It was PROPOSED by MR BACKHOUSE and SECONDED by MR PHILLIPSON and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board adopt these Standing Orders and submit for ministerial approval.

1762. Declarations of Interest

1762.1. None

1763. Health and Safety

1763.1. None

1764. Additional Agenda Items

1764.1. None

1765. Minutes from Previous Board Meeting

1765.1. The 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.

1765.2. It was PROPOSED by the CHAIR and SECONDED by MR COWLING and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board adopt these minutes as a true record of that meeting.

1766. Matters Arising

1766.1. The CEO advised of outstanding matters yet to be resolved.

1767. Risk Register Review

1767.1. The CEO confirmed a review of the Boards adopted risk register had been completed, comparing risks against the previous year.

1767.2. The CEO highlighted the Boards reserves position, advising significant events could significantly compromise the Board financial position.

1767.3. The CEO informed the Board of the latest tax reforms which will prohibit IDB use of red diesel, explaining the significant detrimental effect on Board expenditure. The OTM

expanded, advising this could pose issues with sourcing contractors. The Board discussed the impact and the possibility that this will force an increase in rate payable to the Board.

1767.4. It was PROPOSED by MR FROST and SECONDED by MR BACKHOUSE and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board approve the revised risk register for 2021.

1768. Accounting Statements and Annual Return

1768.1. The CEO explained the external audit process and proceeded to read the eight annual governance statements to the Board.

1768.2. It was PROPOSED by MR COWLING and SECONDED by the CHAIR and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21.

1768.3. The CEO went on to explain the accounts and invited questions from the Board.

1768.4. The Chair queried the decrease in the precept payment.

1768.5. The CEO advised he would request an explanatory note from the Board's Accountant.
ACTION CEO.

1768.6. The CEO highlighted the Board's reserves position as a concern, advising failure of assets or significant flooding incidents could quickly and significantly diminish the Boards finances.

1768.7. A discussion arose regarding the possibility of purchasing pumps in need of refurbishment if needed to reduce costs to the Board.

1768.8. It was PROPOSED by MR BACKHOUSE and SECONDED by MR JOHNSON and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board approve the Accounting Statements for 2020/21.

1769. Invoices Paid and Accounts Settled

1769.1. The Chair drew attention to invoices paid and accounts settled for the fourth financial quarter of 2020/21.

1769.2. It was PROPOSED by MR FROST and SECONDED by MR COWLING and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board approve the schedule of invoices paid and accounts settled for Q4 2020/21, totalling £11,247.73 (net).

1770. Maintenance Programme & Capital Programme

1770.1. The CEO advised that the National Investment Programme commenced in April and that there may be funding opportunities.

1770.2. The OTM explained the proposed maintenance programme to Members and distributed a paper copy of the 2020/21 programme and invited comments and suggestions from Members.

1770.3. Mr Cowling informed the Board that the chemical spraying completed last year had been successful. Mr Phillipson advised this had been of benefit to dikes on his land when applied last April.

1770.4. Recommendations were presented to the OTM who advised he would devise a maintenance plan.

1771. Planning & Development Control

1771.1. The OTM advised there were no notable developments in the district.

1771.2. The CEO reiterated the importance of the Byelaws, recapping the importance of ensuring any obstruction or permanent planting within 9m of a watercourse is an offence.

1771.3. The Board discussed allotments within the area and erection of sheds which could be in contravention of these byelaws. The CEO advised the SDCO would liaise with Goole Town Council regarding this matter. **Action SDCO.**

1772. Policies

1772.1. The CEO highlighted the amendments to the Financial Regulations.

1772.2. He then explained the purpose and reason behind the introduction of a Board Fly Tipping Policy.

1772.3. It was PROPOSED by the CHAIR and SECONDED by MR PHILLIPSON and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board adopt the revised Financial Regulations and the new Fly Tipping Policy.

1773. Future Board Meetings

1773.1. The 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.