

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Feldale Internal Drainage Board held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at The Falcon Hotel, 1 London Street, Whittlesey at 6.30pm**

**Present:** P D Band (Chairman), M W Dales, M Sweet, R L Price (CEO), R J Stevenson, O Wheatley, Cllr D Laws, Cllr K Mayor, Cllr A Miscandlon, Cllr H Nawaz, R Wright, B Wicks.

**Apologies for Absence:** J Fountain.

**Prior to the meeting starting a meal and presentation was held for outgoing Chairman Peter Band to thank him for his years of service.**

**1/23 Confirmation of Minutes – RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were recorded correctly and that they be signed as being a true and accurate record.

### **2/23 Pumping Station**

The CEO reported that the telemetry installation by Lee Dickens Ltd had been completed and was fully operational. The Digital Syphon Valve had been proven to be working and now would be upgraded to a more substantial stainless-steel unit.

### **3/23 Pension Cessation**

The CEO reported that the pension cessation fee was being paid on schedule.

### **4/23 Planning – Appointing a Consulting Engineer**

The board voted and passed a motion to appoint North Level Internal Drainage Board as Consultant Engineers. North Level IDB would draw up a planning policy for the Board and act on the Boards behalf on all future planning matters.

### **5/23 District Officer**

MD reported that the entire district would be flail mowed and basket cut in this year's drainage maintenance scheme.

### **General Matters-**

#### **6/23 a) Risk Management and Health & Safety**

The CEO reported that a Health and Safety Audit was still to be arranged.

#### **7/23 b) ADA and EA**

The CEO reported that the ADA were in talks with Defra and are still speaking to Ofgem to discuss whether the increases in standing charges that IDBs face are lawful.

### 8/23 Estimates of Income and Expenditure 2023/24

R Price presented the Board with expenditure 2022-23 Vouchers [19 – 22] totalling £3,819.03.

The Board approved the payments.

No payments for 2023/24 had been made at the time of meeting.

07-Feb-23	NORTH LEVEL	AM06	100446	19	4610	£ 164.50	£ 32.90	£ 197.40
28-Mar-23	NFU INSURANCE WDIDB	AM07	100450	20		£ 1,599.23		£ 1,599.23
30-Mar-23	EA PRECEPT	AM11	100448	21	223747	£ 266.50		£ 266.50
30-Mar-23	R J DALE	DM01	100449	22	F225-23	£ 1,463.25	£ 292.65	£ 1,755.90

### 9/23 Annual Accounts 2023/2024

a) The Board approved the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement for 2022/2023 and signed the Certificate of exemption as the Boards turnover did not exceed £25,000.

b) Audit Arrangements – External Audit – Littlejohn LLP have been appointed as external auditor.

The 2022/2023 audit has been advertised with inspection of accounts from Monday 13th July to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. 3 Internal audit arrangements – Ivan Cooper an ex-Finance Officer with Fenland District Council has undertaken the internal examination for the 2022/2023 accounts. The Board noted the internal auditors report on 2022/2023 financial years accounts.

### 10/23 Date of next Meeting – tbc