

## NORTH EAST LINDSEY DRAINAGE BOARD

### Minutes of a meeting of North East Lindsey Drainage Board, held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at The Amethyst Hotel, East Halton, North Lincolnshire, DN40 3NS at 2pm.

Present: Mr. M. Archer  
Cllr. P. Clark  
Alderman I. Colquhoun  
Mr. J. Finch.  
Mr. J. Fussey.  
Mr. L. Grooby **Vice Chairman**  
Cllr. S Harness  
Mr. J. F. D. Hargreaves  
Mr. P. J. Hoyes **Chairman**  
Mr. R. Kirk.  
Alderman P. Mills  
Cllr. D. Wells.  
Mr. P. Wilkins.

In Attendance: Miss J. Flower, Executive Assistant  
Mrs. J. Froggatt, Chief Executive  
Mr. G. Hird, Engineering Services Officer  
Mr. S. Larter Finance Consultant  
Mr. M. Shilling, Director of Operations & Engineering

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. S. Bedford, Cllr. M. Green, Cllr. R. Hannigan, Cllr. L. Nici, Cllr. B. Parkinson, Cllr. M. Patrick, Mr. S. Shepherd and Cllr. G. Sheridan.

#### **2. Declaration of Members' interests.**

Members nominated by North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Councils declared interests relating to their respective Councils. Mr Philip Hoyes declared an interest in the flooding matters relating to Old Fleet Drain and did not take part in the discussion.

#### **3. Outgoing Chairman's Announcements.**

At the September Board meeting Julian Hargreaves announced that he would officially step down as Chairman at the November Board meeting. However, he will remain a member of the Board.

He gave thanks to all members and officers, past and present, for their support during his five year term of office as Chairman. He was stepping down from his role reassured that the Board was working effectively and efficiently. Investments that the Board had made in the maintenance programme could clearly be seen to be justified and relationship building with Flood Risk Management partners was now coming to fruition.

Led by Lionel Grooby, members thanked the Chairman for his service to and leadership of the Board and presented Julian with a small gift as appreciation.

#### **4. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.**

Julian Hargreaves proposed Philip Hoyes as Chairman for the ensuing year and Lionel Grooby as Vice Chairman. There being no further nominations, they were duly elected, this being unanimously AGREED by members.

#### **5. Chairman's Announcements.**

Philip Hoyes welcomed everyone to the November meeting of the Board and thanked members for electing him as Chairman. He hoped to serve the Board well and to represent the views of the Board in working with our Flood Risk Management Authority partners, like the EA, the Councils, other IDBs and indeed ADA our membership body.

He went on to echo the words from Lionel and thanked Julian Hargreaves, both personally and on behalf of Board members past and present, for his service to the Board as Chairman for the past five years. Julian led the Board through strengthening the relationship with the EA, such that the Board now undertake approximately £95,000 worth of PSCA maintenance work on Environment Agency main river systems, to the greater good of these systems.

Julian was also at the helm when in 2017 the Board saw the previous Chief Executive retire, the part time Engineer, Ratings Officer / Secretary and also the works contractor of over 20 years retire.

He and Trevor Vessey led discussions to determine the future options for the Board and steered the Board towards the joint service arrangements we now have in place as a partner member of the Witham and Humber Drainage Boards group of four IDBs. Under Julian's leadership, the Board now has a team of officers supporting the Board, has achieved financial savings for the Board, an annual maintenance programme which sees Board maintained watercourses maintained each and every year and has also invested in a pumps and motors plus control panel modernisation programme.

Finally, the Chairman stated, in taking on the role of Chairman, he felt reassured and able to do so in the knowledge that Lionel was willing to provide that continuity and support as his Vice Chairman.

He looked forward to working with members and officers alike during the forthcoming year.

#### **6. Election of 3 members to the Joint Services Committee.**

Three members were proposed, seconded and there being no further proposals, were elected to membership of the Joint Services Committee for the forthcoming year. These were the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr. Julian Hargreaves.

#### **7. Proposed Calendar of 2020 Board meetings.**

Members APPROVED the following meeting dates for 2020:

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September.

- Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November (+APM).

It was also NOTED that the four IDBs' joint Annual Inspection was planned for Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## 8. Register of Members' Interests.

A copy of the Register of Members' Interests form had been circulated with the agenda. Members were requested to complete this and return it to Officers present at the meeting or to Witham House, so that an up-to-date Register for November 2019 to October 2020 was maintained. Members were advised of the importance of this being an accurate record. The information in the Register may be subject, for example, to an FOI request and public disclosure and the Register serves as both protection for the Board and for individual members.

## 9. Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 17.09.19.

The minutes of the Board's previous meeting held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were proposed, seconded and were APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

*MATTERS ARISING:*

There were no matters arising, all items being covered by the agenda.

## 10. Chief Executive's Report.

The Chief Executive's report had been circulated with the agenda and issues highlighted included:

### 10.1 Electricity Costs Summary.

Electricity at Pumping Stations is one of the big cost drivers for IDBs and we do see a correlation between high rainfall, pumped hours and electricity costs. October 2019 was a high cost month.

A detailed breakdown of electricity costs by Pumping Station, by Board, by month for the last 3 years to October 2019 has been undertaken (this is separately available).

Some headlines include:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Oct 2019 Costs</u>	<u>Cumulative Costs 7 months April to Oct 2019</u>	<u>Budget 2019/20</u>	<u>Oct-18</u>
W1st	£ 44,633.22	£ 77,121.80	£ 56,485.00	£ 2,366.48
W3rd	£ 14,343.73	£ 42,186.56	£ 60,000.00	£ 2,481.77
NELDB	£ 7,542.25	£ 17,206.44	£ 13,000.00	£ 467.49
UW	£ 8,603.65	£ 27,114.29	£ 41,000.00	£ 2,743.35

Costs in Witham First DIDB for October 2019 stand out as an outlier. This is in part the many more hours than usual pumped, the lack of a gravity alternative (contrast say, with NELDB) and the additional water feeding into the Board's systems and Pumping Stations from breaches / overtopping of the EA's main river systems. A list of additional pumping is being maintained to calculate the additional cost impact and an invoice will be submitted to the EA. However, it was noted that in NELDB the

2019/20 annual budget of £13,000 had already been exceeded at £17,206.44 to 31.10.19.

## 10.2 Proposed Pay Settlement 2020/21.

Cllr Lance Pennell, Upper Witham Board member, represents the 4 IDBs on the ADA Lincolnshire Branch Pay & Conditions Committee. He and the Chief Executive attended the last meeting on 08.10.19 (he chaired the meeting). Management and staff side discussed the pay settlement for 2020/21 (to resolve this for inclusion in January budgets setting).

After discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend to the ADA Lincolnshire Branch and to Unison for a staff consultative ballot, a pay settlement of 3.7% for 2020/21 and the introduction of a pay formula on the same basis for 3 years from 2020/21. The exact wording of the agreement being:

### “Proposal 1

As per the Office for National Statistics EARN01 Average Weekly Earnings – Total pay, Great Britain (Seasonally adjusted)  
Provisional July figure, published in September, for the Public Sector, 3 month average (KAC9), % change year on year.  
For the financial year 2020/21 this is 3.7%

### Proposal 2

As per proposal 1 for three years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 and carrying on beyond that unless 12 months’ notice given by either party (Employers or employees) to re-enter negotiations.

All subject to any national legislation being introduced.”

The ADA Lincolnshire Branch met on 17.10.19 and agreed the Committee’s recommended proposals for a pay settlement. This will form the basis of ADA White Book pay scales from 01.04.20.

However, it is for each IDB’s Board to determine whether or not it accepts the ADA Lincolnshire Branch pay settlement or whether it sets a different settlement.

Cllr Wells proposed the acceptance and Alderman Peter Mills seconded this. Members unanimously AGREED to accept the ADA Lincolnshire Branch pay settlement for 2020/21 and the pay formula as set out.

The Chief Executive’s report was received and noted.

## 11. Schedule of Expenditure for the period 01.09.19 to 31.10.19.

The schedule of expenditure for the two months ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 had been circulated with the agenda and was presented to the meeting by the Director of Finance. The schedule is of invoices paid in the period and therefore expenditure incurred in the two months period may be excluded (e.g. October Pumping Station electricity costs, paid in November).

Items highlighted to or by members included:

- Items 21 to 68: various payments all to Eric Carnaby & Son Ltd for maintenance works and also PSCA works, which were recharged to the EA. It was confirmed that 47

individual invoices were not received, but payments were displayed in this format for ease of reference.

- **Item 100:** £500 (net) to University of Hull for the Eel & Pumping Station Project. Cllr Peter Clarke queries this project. It was explained that this payment was a contribution to the research on understanding the spatial distribution of fish and eels in pumped catchments, the processes that lead to entrainment and the effectiveness of altered operating regimes, fish-friendly pumps, and novel downstream bypass channels for minimising entrainment. It is seen as a worthwhile contribution rather than individual IDBs conducting their own costly works to understand what adaptations may be necessary to comply with eel regulations.

There was general discussion on the Pumping Station electricity charges and payments. What is not shown yet are the costs of the October invoices which are likely to be around £7.5k. This is against a total annual budget for electricity of £13k. Cllr Wells asked if this was power usage or price increases and it was confirmed that it is purely down to usage. Through the ESPO framework contract the rates are fixed so will not increase for the duration of the contract.

Members noted the schedule of expenditure incurred for the 7 months to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, which totalled £207,880.18 gross or £175,301.55 net of £32,578.63 VAT. Of this, £53,004.25 was recharged to other bodies.

## 12. Financial Performance Report to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, month 7 of 2019/20.

The Financial Performance Report to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, had been circulated with the agenda and the Finance Consultant presented the position, summarised as:

	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>
	<b>2019/20 Estimate</b>		<b>Profiled Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>		<b>Variance</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Income	(617,352)		(607,715)		(702,279)		(94,564)
Board & General Admin	36,100		18,920		13,269		(5,651)
One Off Schemes	185,000		0		73,489		73,489
Conservation	2,500		1,317		939		(378)
Depot	6,540		3,826		5,870		2,044
Drains	138,420		92,173		106,414		14,241
Pumping Stations	67,915		19,462		19,325		(137)
Staffing & Joint Admin	70,001		36,615		40,863		4,248
Consents & Enforcement							0
Engineers & Works Supervisor	133,246		72,025		75,984		3,959
Contribution to/(from) Reserves	(185,000)		0		(73,489)		(73,489)
PWLB							0
Rechargeable Works	0		0		70,451		70,451
EA Precept	162,630		81,315		80,510		(806)
FRS17 Pension Adjustment (net)							0
Wages & Plant Holding Account							0
<b>(Surplus)/Deficit</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>(282,062)</b>		<b>(288,656)</b>		<b>(6,594)</b>

Whilst the Board was showing a very slight positive variance of (£6,594) against the budget profile, with an actual surplus position of (£288,656) as at 31.10.19, members were advised that the recent high rainfall and ongoing flood events would lead to additional electricity and

overtime costs which would feed through into the next financial monitoring report to 31.12.19 which will come to the Board in January.

On income, Special Levy payments by the 3 councils had been received in full. Drainage Rates invoices for 2019/20 had been posted out in April 2019, albeit historical land queries are still being resolved. The collection rate for drainage rates income as at 31.10.19 was 87.1% (compared with 67.8% at the same point in 2018). A court date for outstanding account holders, having been set for 22.11.19, was cancelled as all bills were now paid or in query.

Also on income, Highland Water claims have been paid by the Environment Agency for the balance of 2018/19 actual claim (£29,339) and for 80% (£61,600) of the 2019/20 estimated total claim for 2019/20 (£77,000). The balance adjusted for actual 2019/20 spend will be payable in September 2020.

Corresponding to PSCA works undertaken for the EA on their main river systems, the Board had now invoiced the EA for (£15k). Further PSCA works had been undertaken which would be recharged to the EA. It was noted that the estimated quantum of PSCA works for the EA in 2019/20 is £106k.

On expenditure, following on from the Schedule of Expenditure, net expenditure of £175,301.55 to 31.10.19, the variations between budget profile and actual expenditure incurred were detailed. Of note:

- Savings on insurance renewal costs (April 2019) of (£1.5k).
- In one-off schemes, a topographical survey of Middle Drain at £4k variance.
- Also in one-off schemes, the replacement MCC (pumps motor control panel) at £61k and a full rewire at £7k were additional costs at Middle Drain Pumping Station and will be met from previously received Developer Contributions fund.
- Variation of £2k expenditure on the New Holland Depot, with £525 for the purchase of a new brush cutter and installation of a fresh air fan to meet Building Regulations requirements at £340 plus electricity costs of £1k.
- On drains maintenance, as at 31.10.19 £99k of the summer works programme had been paid to Eric Carnaby & Son Ltd, compared to a £86k budget profile (so, adverse variance of £13k).

The bank balances as at 01st November 2019 were set out as follows:

<b><u>Barclays Bank plc</u></b>	
Payments Account	£ 5,518.17
Receipts Account	£ 1,286.58
General Deposit Account	£ 370,000.00
Developer Contributions Account	£ 131,557.82
Nationwide Instant Access (Dev Cont's)	£ 151,119.40
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 659,481.97</u></b>

Members noted the financial performance for 01<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, the first 7 months of 2019/20.

### **13. Health and Safety Update.**

An update on Health and Safety, prepared by the Operations Manager, across the group of four IDBs had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Operations and Engineering.

Training continues for employees from all four Boards and Carnaby's Contractors. Overhead cable Avoidance for all Operatives is completed and Carnaby's now have five of their Operatives trained. Training is booked for safe operation of the Robo Mower.

The first Health and Safety meeting with newly appointed representatives had taken place. There were several issues raised at this meeting, the biggest of those being lone working. The Operations Manager will provide a more detailed report on these upon completion of his investigations.

Members received and noted the update on Health and Safety issues.

#### **14. Environment Report**

A report had been provided by the Environment and GIS Technician, Fiona Scott, and was circulated with the agenda. It was introduced by the Director of Operations and Engineering.

Every box checked in the district contained barn owl (*Tyto alba*), kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) or both. A total of 25 successful barn owl chicks were counted and 16 successful kestrel chicks. A box at Rosper Road Pits has had a second brood of 4 chicks, all of which have fledged successfully.

Mawmbridge PS wildflower meadow was successful this year and has been topped up with seed in preparation for spring/summer 2020. A small meadow was also planted at Rosper Road Pits and some species had grown through, such as cornflower (*Centaurea cyanus*) and common poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) before being topped in late summer. It is expected that the full bloom will appear in summer 2020. Lionel Grooby noted that these species were actually more arable weeds and although beneficial, it would be interesting to sow more wet grassland species such as marsh marigold that are most suited to a site such as Rosper Road Pits.

The bird species at Rosper Road Pits continue to be monitored and species such as black-headed gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*), lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*), coot (*Fulica atra*) and mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), among others.

The Rosper Road Pits site remains an important site for NELDB. The land adjacent, owned by the Environment Agency, is part of an upcoming 'Humber Habitat Project' and is just one of the sites included within the project. The Board's officers have been assured that, whilst there have been great delays in implementing the project, it is still ongoing and that the delays have been due to complex legal issues regarding another area of land. The EA have given a timescale of early December 2019 at which point they will come to NELDB with a proposal to form a framework.

Lionel Grooby was pleased to advise members that two very important species had been identified breeding at the Rosper Road site: one pair of Lapwing and six pairs of Avocet had been recorded. He further suggested that the raising of the islands to prevent the drowning of nesting birds during the May breeding season should be considered. He would like to see water control measures enforced in this particular area too.

Members received and noted the Environment update.

## **15. Immingham Motorcycle Track**

A briefing note had been provided with the agenda and was introduced by the Chief Executive.

The Board approved the interest from North East Lincolnshire Council's Immingham Motorcycle Project (IMP) to re-start the project on the land, under the provision that the project undertakes all required work and maintenance required to return the land to its original state. The Board would charge a peppercorn rent for the land. This news was received well by the ASB Co-ordinator for NELC, Steve Lynn.

In September, Steve had enquired as to whether the Board would agree to a new lease, based on current land use, directly with Immingham Town Council instead of North East Lincolnshire Council. This would result in NELC surrendering the existing lease, and a new one would be drawn up between North East Lindsey Internal Drainage Board and Immingham Town Council. It was decided that there are no issues with this, providing that this incurs no cost to the Board.

Members were advised that Brocklesby Estate had registered their interest in the land. They have advised the Board that Brocklesby Estate sold the land to the Board (along with many other parcels to various organisations) in 1963, for the provision of a pumping station. They would be interested in bringing the land parcel back into their estate should the Board declare it surplus to requirements.

Members noted the update and the progress on the project.

## **16. Director of Operations & Engineering Services' Report.**

The Director of Operations and Engineering Services' Report had been circulated with the agenda. Due to the serious nature of the recent continuous flood and high rainfall events a joint report covering all four Boards that combined all issues was presented by the Director of Operations and Engineering Services.

### **High Rainfall Event September - October 2019**

- General Catchment Conditions

The 'Monthly water situation report', generated by the Environment Agency on a monthly basis, provides a factual description of catchment conditions and Septembers report confirms our experiences and fears. Its summary states that:

- i) September saw above average rainfall across the county with the majority falling within the last two weeks of the month
- ii) The majority of catchments saw around 200% of the long-term average for the time of year
- iii) River flows are all above the normal range
- iv) Ground water levels in the northern limestone aquifer shows increased levels
- v) Soil moisture deficit continues to fall and is now 'extremely' low for this time of year.



In particular:

- i) Rainfall for the catchment Witham to Chapel Hill was exceptionally high with a total of 106mm, 219% of long term average
- ii) Rainfall for the Witham to Chapel Hill since June is considered to be 'above normal'.
- iii) Soil Moisture Deficits have varied between 'notably low' in June to 'exceptionally low' in September
- iv) River flows at Barlings Eau, Langworth are considered 'exceptionally high'
- v) Groundwater level in the central Limestone area are 'exceptionally high' for the time of year

The figures for October will be worse as it was relatively dry for the first two weeks of September and much of the water took several days to appear at the various gauging stations and recoding points. Despite this time lag, the figures demonstrated the very wet conditions experienced across our 4 districts and catchments.

He was relieved to report that North East Lindsey district had seen much less rainfall than experienced by those to the south.

The planned summer maintenance programme was substantially complete. Any outstanding work was reliant upon fields containing root crops being harvested, when conditions allowed, and the completion of some short reaches of hand work.

- **Mawmbridge Pumping Station**

This station suffered damage to its MCC when several wires (a relay) burnt out and caused the failure of all pumps on the site. During this time, the catchment relied upon the gravity discharge alone. The fault was remedied and the station's capacity was reinstated.

- **Middle Drain Pumping Station**

Having been an issue now for almost a year, the new flapvalve, serving the gravity outfall at this site, has been installed by the Environment Agency's contractor. This work was carried by during the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> October which was the second attempt to complete the works.

- **Buttforth Drain, Goxhill**

The Board received complaints following completion of maintenance work to this watercourse. The Board had re-sectioned the channel to reinstate its original dimensions and removed obstructions along in length between Goxhill Road and College Road. It also installed gates to reinstate a maintenance access route through a number of properties.

The drain was being reformed, back to its original profile. As this watercourse had not received a regular programme of maintenance previously, upon completion of the works the difference was very noticeable to the adjacent landowners.

There was also a complaint that the work had been completed without prior consultation and consent from the landowner. Following numerous communications between the Board's officers and the complainants, an acceptable compromise has been found that satisfies the riparian owners and allows the Board reasonable access to complete maintenance work.

A further complaint had been received regarding Butts Road Drain on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, specifically relating to the condition and lack of maintenance. As it is an EA responsibility the complaint will be redirected to the EA.

- **Oldfleet Drain, Healing**

Following heavy rainfall in the area, fields adjacent to the Oldfleet Drain experienced flooding caused by the overtopping of the embankment to this reach of Environment Agency main river. The cause was temporary works downstream of the A180, installed as part of the construction of a new road crossing. Bunds had been installed to almost the full width of the channel to allow the construction of the new crossing in dry conditions. Flow within the Oldfleet Drain was to be maintained by the use of mobile pumps. These were completely inadequate in times of anything higher than normal base flows. The Environment Agency was notified of the complaint and the nature of the works, as was North East Lincolnshire Council who had commissioned the works. Following this notification, the temporary works have been amended to reflect the Permit issued by the Environment Agency.

- **Telemetry**

During this period, telemetry connections to the Board's stations and rainfall gauges had been lost. As previously reported to the Board, the company providing the system, Controlstar, has gone into liquidation. Ancholme Drainage Board has purchased the assets of the company, with another (Welland and Deeping IDB), recruiting an employee who was made redundant as a result. Ancholme IDB have offered short term access to the resources. The Board will agree to this, but only on a short term agreement until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, as the support systems are not sufficient for a longer term. In future years, it would be prudent to migrate all the Board's stations on to the more robust system installed at Middle Drain PS earlier in the year.

- **Public Service Cooperation Agreement [PSCA]**

On 01<sup>st</sup> November, all Drainage Boards undertaking work on behalf of the EA under the PSCA were instructed to cease work. This instruction was issued due to damage being caused to raised embankment by machine working on them whilst they were saturated.

This is an illustration of the very wet and saturated conditions being experienced by all those working on the drain and river sides over the last few weeks and months.

- **Main River**

Since September, there have been numerous reports of seepage through the raised earth embankments, over topping and breaching of the main river system.

- Oldfleet Drain, left hand bank overtopping
- East Halton Skitter Beck, left and right hand bank overtopping

- **Pasture Road South, Barton**

This system has been under extreme pressure due to groundwater and surface water. Wren Kitchens have constructed a dam and are overpumping to keep their system flowing. An access culvert was removed to allow passage of water and this revealed an 8" gas main that

fed Burton. Fortunately on this occasion there was no damage. Members were reminded that this is not a Board watercourse but it does feed into maintained watercourses.

- **Marsh Lane, New Holland**

New Holland outfall at the point before the gravity outfall was overtopping into the adjacent lagoon. At the outfall the system works as well as it can. The New Holland Pumping Station does more work than it should as a consequence of the gravity outfall.

Cllr. Wells noted that the Skitter Beck had overtopped. Martin Shilling advised that is was on the list of priorities as it requires work to increase its capacity. This is planned for February / March, weather permitting.

Operatives had been working very long hours, including weekends and evenings, since the beginning of September. It was acknowledged that the Boards are not resourced to deal with such a prolonged, chronic rainfall event and the conditions generated by such saturated catchment conditions.

It must also be remembered that the maintained systems and their outfalls, both pumped and gravity, are not designed to deal with such excess flows, especially not for such extended periods. Much of this excess has been generated from systems outside of the responsibility of the Board and riparian owners.

Officers will review, all aspects of the operations and maintenance activities, including programmes and levels of resource. Whilst the current levels are generated through previous experience and current needs, we must not be complacent and recognise the challenges provided by such events and how the nature of them may change in the future.

It is always the intention to find the balance between need and affordability, measure against reasonableness and desirability with the aim that we will provide to all rate payers, an appropriate standard of protection in an affordable and sustainable manner.

Members received and noted the report and presentation.

**17. Engineering Services Report.**

A report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Engineering Services Officer. The report provided information on the planning applications received by the Board and detail of the comments submitted to the relevant Local Planning Authority (LPA).

There were no particular issues to highlight to members.

Members received and noted the report.

**18. Consents and Enforcements Report.**

A report had been prepared by the Consents and Enforcements Officers, circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Operations and Engineering, as follows:

Section 23 Land Drainage Act Consent Applications – District

Reference	Location	Applicant	Details	Date
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ND-4627-2019-CON	Humber Bank Link Road	North East Lincolnshire Council	6no. V notch plate flow control outfalls from storage ditches	25-09-19
ND-4628-2019-CON	Humber Bank Link Road	North East Lincolnshire Council	600mm dia culverts:- 6no. extensions and 3no. new	25-09-19
ND-4629-2019-CON	Humber Bank Link Road	North East Lincolnshire Council	900mm dia culvert for protection of gas main	25-09-19
ND-4834-2019-CON	Cheapside Road / Golf Course Lane, Waltham	M F Strawson Ltd / Carr and Carr (Builders) Ltd	3no. attenuated discharges into watercourse	26-09-19

Members received and NOTED the report on consents and enforcement cases.

**19. Any other Business.**

19.1 Lionel Grooby provided an update on the ADA Conference and AGM, held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in London.

The event was well attended by all four Boards. Due to the impending election on 12.12.19 no MPs or Government representatives were able to attend. However, the content of speakers presentations that were available, such as Mr Price of Water Resources East, was excellent, very informative and interesting. There had been much discussion on challenges faced and the need for better water storage, better connectivity as there is a shift change and general acceptance now of climate change. Organisations and professionals within the water and land drainage industry will need to prepare and adapt accordingly.

There were no further items of business and the meeting closed at 16:30.

**20. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Board was confirmed for Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at The Amethyst Hotel, East Halton. It will commence at 2.00pm.

.....Chairman.....Date

NEL BM 19.11.19.