

# RECORD OF MEETING



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JBA Project Code 2011s5031  
Contract Thorne, Crowle and Goole Moors WLMP Implementation  
Client Tween Bridge Internal Drainage Board  
Day, Date and Time 22/08/2011  
Meeting Thorne, Crowle and Goole Moors WLMP Steering Group Meeting  
Venue JBA Consulting Office - Denison House

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Attending	Leslie Lomas	Tween Bridge Internal Drainage Board	LL (TBIDB)
	Helen Kirk	Thorne and Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum	HK (THMCF)
	Matthew Blisset	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	CS (LWT)
	Nadine Senior	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	NS (ERYC)
	Melissa Massarella	Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	MM (DMBC)
	P Chantry	Dempster Internal Drainage Board	PC (DIDB)
	Rowland Backhouse	Reedness and Swinefleet Internal Drainage Board	RB (RSIDB)
	Jim Johnson	Dempster Internal Drainage Board	JJ (DIDB)
	Kieran Sheehan	JBA Consulting	KS (JBA)
	Rebecca Barker	JBA Consulting	RB (JBA)

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### 1 Apologies

- 1.1 Received in advance of the meeting from Tim Kohler at Natural England, Michael Townend from Thorntree IDB and Michael Dougherty from Goole Fields Internal Drainage Board.  
Sam Longthorpe from Black Drain IDB did not attend the meeting.

### 2 Matters Arising / Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1 RB raised the issue of Crowle IDB who have opted out of involvement in the WLMP process and wondered why other boards were not able to also opt out.  
KS explained that this was because Crowle IDB do not border the moors and will not be taking any drainage from the SSSI. Therefore they are not the Competent Authority and have no direct duty to the biodiversity of Thorne Moors. They have been consulted about the plan as part of the Isle of Axholme study.
- 2.2 RB and JJ were concerned about the volume of runoff through the drainage districts as a result of implementing the plan.  
KS reported that Duncan Faulkner from JBA was undertaking studies which would identify the water balance and give indications of additional run off to each of the boards. It was highlighted that Dempster IDB would not receive any additional water as a result of the plan.
- 2.3 RB stated that we should put a big bund/sheet piling around the Moors and allow it to restore itself. KS said that this would take too long as was not acceptable politically although he agreed this probably would work. JJ said that 300 years wasn't all that long.
- 2.4 RB said that he believed the boards were only concerned about what happened around the moors, not the moors themselves, i.e. they were only interested in land drainage and flooding.  
KS reminded the Steering Group of the Drainage Boards duty to further biodiversity interest under 1994 Land Drainage Act. The full wording of the Act is detailed as a footnote to this document.
- 2.5 RB was concerned about the size of the pumps to be installed on the Swinefleet Warping Drain and the effects these could have on flooding land and property in the area. In addition, priority should not be given to restoring the moors under flood conditions at the cost of farmland and property.  
KS stated that the pump would not be used beyond the agreed capacity. In the event of

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flooding water could be held on the moors as a potential flood storage area for up to seven days without having detrimental affects and alleviating the pressure on the surrounding drainage system. This was confirmed by HK.

2.6 JJ was unsure how Dempster IDB could help in the restoration of the moor without compromising the needs of the IDB.  
LL said that Dempster would be able to help by attending steering group meetings. In addition the IDB would be required to consent work in their board area even though they will be receiving no drainage from the scheme.

2.7 PC asked who would be doing the works on the ground.  
KS said that Tween Bridge IDB are project managers and are responsible for controlling the finances. The board would appoint sub-contractors for the works on site as appropriate.

LL confirmed that Doncaster East Drainage Board would take control following amalgamation however the current steering group for this project would remain.

2.8 PC asked when work on the site was due to start.  
KS stated that start dates were to be fluid given that legal and environmental concerns needed to be addressed in some areas of the site.

2.9 PC asked who was making the decisions about the works at present.  
KS confirmed that decisions are made by JBA at present and agreed by Tween Bridge IDB.

PC asked if the steering group were able to take strategic decisions from now on: operational decisions would be taken by the Project Manager.

This was confirmed by LL and KS.

### 3 Progress to Date – presentation by KS

- 3.1 Statutory Authorities have agreed that the project is exempt from planning.
- 3.2 Tween Bridge IDB required to produce an EIA.
- 3.3 Initial EIA consultation completed.
- 3.4 EIA scoping report completed.
- 3.5 Consultation on the above complete.
- 3.6 Planning meetings with stakeholders are ongoing.
- 3.7 Monies claimed to agreed schedule with the EA.
- 3.8 Work ongoing on project website to publicise the project and aid the consultation process.

### 4 Information Required

- 4.1 From JBA  
KS to provide each drainage board with an indicative figure regarding the additional level of run off each board could expect within their district.

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KS to provide each drainage board with an indication of what may be required from them as part of the plan implementation process.

KS to provide a plan highlighting which woodlands are to be felled and which are to be preserved.

4.2 From Third Parties

Steering group to think about terms of reference before the next meeting.

Steering group to consider what they would like to be included on the website, for example, the make up of the Steering Group.

Steering group to consider if they think there should be any additional members on the steering group.

## 5 Programme

5.1 A rough timetable for works was presented to the steering group:

2011: N Goole Moors – Scrub clearance. (land owner agreement required)

2011: EIA – working on at present.

2011: Investigative works at discharge points: installation.

2012: Crowle – Peat re-profiling.

2012: Scrub clearance – Crowle, S Thorne.

2013: Installation of weir on S Boundary Drain.

2014: Peat re-profiling elsewhere on the moor.

2014: Installation of telemetry system

2014: Construction of new pumping station

2015: Installing the remaining weirs.

2016: Lagg fen creation. (land owner agreement required)

## 6 Budget and Invoicing

6.1 Current financial breakdown presented to the group.

6.2 NS asked where funding was coming from for mitigation as part of the EIA.

KS stated that this would need to come out of the project budget.

## 7 Environment

7.1 Scoping report complete.

Scoping consultation complete.

Survey work to be undertaken next year via the good auspices of THMCF and Natural England.

FAS Heritage have been appointed to undertake an archaeological appraisal of the moors.

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<b>8</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
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| 8.1 | NS asked if an archaeologist should be appointed to the steering group. HK replied that this was available through the good offices of the Forum who could attend when necessary.<br>KS stated that works are being undertaken in consultation with Field Archaeology Specialists. |
| 8.2 | JJ asked if an ornithologist should be appointed to the steering group.<br>HK confirmed that THMCF had expertise in this area in addition to those already provided by JBA.  |

<b>9</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>
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| 9.1 | Site meeting – tour of the northern side of the moor incorporating Dempster, Goolefields, Thornetree and Reedness and Swinefleet Internal Drainage Board Districts.<br>Meeting Scheduled for 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2011. |
| 9.2 | The next steering group meeting will be called once sufficient advancement with the project has been made. As agreed by the steering group,   |

## Footnote

LDA 1994 amendment to LDA 1991 Wording:

### Section 61A

*It shall be the duty of an Internal Drainage Board, in formulating or considering any proposals relating to any functions of such a board - so far as may be consistent – with the purposes of any enactment relating to the functions of such a board....so as to exercise any power conferred with respect to the proposals on the Board....as to further the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty and the conservation of flora, fauna and geological or geographical features of special interest....and to take into account any effect which the proposals would have on the beauty or amenity of any rural or urban area or any such flora, fauna, features, buildings, sites or objects.*