

# RECORD OF MEETING

JBA Project Code  
2011s5031

Doncaster East IDB  
17-3-2013  
Thorne Crowle and  
Goole Moors WLMP  
Steering Group.  
Denison House



Attending Roland Backhouse, Reedness and Swinefleet IDB (RB)  
David Hinchliffe, Thornetree IDB (DH)  
Helen Kirk, THMCF (HK)  
Tim Kohler, NE (TK)  
Ken Knight, Doncaster East IDB (KK)  
Helen Markland, Doncaster Council (HM)  
Darren Whitaker, JBA Consulting (DW)

## Apologies

Bob Dawson, North Lincolnshire Council  
Matthew Blissett, LWT  
Kieran Sheehan, JBA  
Sam Longthorpe, Black Drain  
Peter Chantry, Dempster IDB

## 1 Matters Arising / Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 KK volunteered to Chair the meeting, all in agreement
- 1.2 KK reported that the East Board were in agreement that the plan should go ahead
- 1.3 RB there is no guaranteed route for water from the moors to pass through Reedness and Swinefleet IDB District.

## 2 Health & Safety

- 2.1 DH, reported that a contractor had been hurt, when he fell on ice and that it had taken 4 hours for him to be airlifted to hospital. There has been a problem with the emergency services accessing site.
- 2.2 TK, explained that there is an emergency plan in place, but this needs reviewing.
- 2.3 DW reported that Julian Small is planning to hold a meeting to discuss the emergency plan, all interested groups will be invited to attend. DW will report back on the outcomes from this meeting at the next steering group meeting.
- 2.4 DW reported that he has produced a map illustrating all the site entrances with grid references and nearest postcodes, this will be supplied to all contractors working on behalf of the project to incorporate into their safety and emergency plans. NE has been sent to copy of the map.
- 2.5 KK asked DW about Health and Safety reporting, DW will record number of accident free contractors hours on site.

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## 3 Progress to Date

- 3.1 KK, The tender for the work at Southern Boundary Drain has been approved by the Board.
- 3.2 The Doncaster East Board has had a meeting with presentations and the WLMP has been ratified.
- 3.3 KK, Why do we need to pump water off site as the WLMP is to keep water on site?
- 3.4 TK, Due to the topography of the site.
- 3.5 DH, Water control is fundamental to delivering the plan, pump system is priority.
- 3.6 HK, Spend needs to be to budget headings.
- 3.7 RB, This project is all about conservation, and not agriculture
- 3.8 HK, Must work to prioritise money that has been granted for restoration on the Moors.
- 3.9 KK, Some money from the project has been used to do some survey work in the Reedness and Swinefleet district.
- 3.10 RB, Is this work completed?
- 3.11 DW, work almost complete, probably one more day to survey deep drains using a boat.
- 3.12 TK, The amount of water leaving down Swinefleet Warping Drain will be reduced, pumping into warping drain is expensive.
- 3.13 KK, Will water still need to be pumped off once the project is completed?
- 3.14 TK, Yes but in a smaller capacity.
- 3.15 DH How much water will need to be pumped off the moors once the project is complete?
- 3.16 TK, There is currently a report being compiled by JBA.
- 3.17 DW will ask about the progress and report back.

## 4 Terms of Reference/ Governance

- 4.1 KK, In light of Caldecott report, the future for IDB's is not rosy, need for good governance and terms of reference.
- 4.2 HK, Circulated some suggested terms of reference prior to last meeting, not quite suitable for the job, more as a set of discussion points.
- 4.3 TK, We need a clear statement of intent and purpose.
- 4.4 DH, Land Owners and IDB's should make the final decision as they have the statutory rights and duties. Doncaster East has a small area, TK for Natural England with the chair of each IDB to ensure best possible condition and not impact surrounding land and people.
- 4.5 DH, Being totally independent and using own engineers for work within their own area.
- 4.6 TK, We need to make sure the money is spent appropriately in a transparent and above board way. IDB's are represented and can express their views.
- 4.7 DH, Formal control should be by Landowners as they have statutory duties under the Land Drainage Act and other European Legislation to ensure the moors reach favourable condition.
- 4.8 HK, Can everyone supply ideas for terms of reference and vision statement .

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- 4.9 KK, A subcommittee should form to take this forward.
- 4.10 RB, Nominated DH to represent the landowners on this committee .
- 4.11 HM, Are there any terms for the group.
- 4.12 DH, Original Terms date back to Tween Bridge these are now outdated.
- 4.13 TK, We need to be clear of what is required by the funder for the committee to oversee the expenditure.
- 4.14 DH, IDB's and NE are the only ones with the statutory duty to carry out the plan.
- 4.15 HK, Public transparency is needed.
- 4.16 DH, The people with the statutory duties should be advised by the wider steering group then the statutory people will make the final decision.
- 4.17 KK, Read out HK's term of reference bullet points.
- 4.18 DH, Good terms of reference template.
- 4.19 DH, The current terms date back 2-3 years, need to call a meeting between the representatives of the 6 IDB's and LWT.
- 4.20 TK, Will arrange this meeting.
- 4.21 HK, Will this meeting be open to outside scrutiny
- 4.22 TK, It will be open to observers.
- 4.23 DH, There has been a lot of water under the bridge, there is no problem with having non landowners to provide advice and for transparency, but not to make decisions. IDB's and landowners should decide where the money is spent.
- 4.24 TK, Need to see EA and Defra are expecting.
- 4.25 RB, JBA are just feathering their own nest.
- 4.26 DH, Some of the IDB's would like to take control again.
- 4.27 RB, We should remember that the drainage commissioners work for the rate payers of the area.
- 4.28 HK, We should have respect for all parties, lines can get a bit dimmed.

## 5 Work Programme

- 5.1 DW, Reported that this year's work programme is underway, now that the board have ratified the WLMP. Works on Southern Boundary Drain will commence at the beginning of March. The works on the North Lincs Council land at Crowle has gone out for tender. The tender for the site investigation is currently out and is due back in next Friday (25th January). Weather permitting; these three projects should be completed within this financial year.

## 6 Budget and Invoicing

- 6.1 DW, Passed round a copy of the latest progress report and spend profile.

## 7 Any Other Business

- 7.1 RB, Issue of discharging water into Swinefleet Warming Drain as it is not a guaranteed route for water from Thorne Moors.
- 7.2 DW Will send out copies of the progress report and spend profile with the minutes to people who gave their apologies.

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## 8 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was planned to take place in April, after the meeting of Landowners, IDB Representatives and NE Item 4.20). This meeting has not taken place yet, so the proposed new meeting date is now 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Subject to the above meeting having taken place.

