

# TRENT VALLEY INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board held at Winthorpe Community Centre and via Microsoft Teams and MS Teams on Thursday, 21st March 2024 at 10.00am.

## Elected Members

- \* Messrs J. Miller (Chairman)
- \* T.H. Farr (Vice-Chairman)
- \* A. Bradley
- \* A. Arden
- \* W.J. Staunton
- \* N.J. Greenhalgh
- \* T. Hawthorne
- \* R.J. Jackson
- \* D. Loates
- \* D. Gash
- \* J. B Ashworth
- \* R. Holt

## Nominated Members

### Bassetlaw District Council

- \* Cllrs Mrs S. Shaw
- J. Slater
- J. Naish

### Newark and Sherwood District Council

- \* Cllrs Mrs S. Michael
- A. Freeman
- K. Melton
- \* Mrs L. Dales

### Rushcliffe Borough Council

- \* Cllrs Mrs T. Combellack
- J. Billin
- G. Fletcher
- T. Wells

### Gedling/Melton Borough Councils

- Mr J. Evens

### West Lindsey/North Kesteven District Councils

- \* Cllr D. Dobbie

\* Present

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## Staff

- v Mr A. McGill (Chief Executive)
- \* Dr D. Hickman (Executive Officer)
- \* Messrs M.S. Everett (Operations Manager)
- \* A.J. Malin (Senior Operations Manager)
- \* R. Brown (Senior Engineer)
- \* Mesdames N. Hind (Finance Manager)
- \* C.B. Davies (Corporate Services Manager)
- \* N. Sutton (IDB Liaison Officer, Environment Agency)

\* In attendance

The Chairman welcomed Mr R. Holt new member for the Fosse Sub DRO district to the Board. He also confirmed that Mr N. Sutton from the Environment Agency would be joining the meeting later.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Billin, K. Melton, A. Freeman and Mr R. J. Jackson.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

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## 3. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

**4. BOARD MINUTES (Pages 610 to 623)**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 25th January 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

**5:1 Minute 1 - Flood Event (Emergency Event Volunteers)**

The Corporate Services Manager reported that there had been a good response from volunteers and although several of these were already flood wardens and may not be able to practically help during an event, it would give the Board a contact in the local areas to feedback the situation on the ground. The Chairman encouraged the farmer members to attend as they were familiar with their local areas and had equipment that may be useful during an event. The training which would take place between 16th and 18th April would be held at one of the Board's pumping stations and include a general health and safety induction. Additional training may be held later in the year if necessary.

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**5:2 Minute 5:2, Page 611 - Members Training and Tour**

Due to the lack of availability of members, it had been decided not to proceed with the tour after the Board meeting. New members would be contacted individually regarding arrangements for a suitable date for them to be shown around the Board's area, existing members would also be welcome.

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**5:3 Minute 6, Page 612 - Operations Report**

The Chairman confirmed that that the use of contractors for the 2024/25 summer works would be discussed under the Operations Report (agenda item 9). He highlighted the importance of completing the maintenance programme which had been delayed by additional work required following the recent storms and staff shortages.

**5:4 Minute 11(i), Page 617 - Natural Flood Management, Bleasby Village**

The Executive Officer confirmed that the proposed meeting on the 26th February had not taken place.

Mr T.H. Farr understood that natural flood management was being considered as an option to reduce the risk of flooding by parish groups and local flood forums. It was noted that the Operations Manager had attended several meetings with local flood forums and individuals since October.

**5:5 Minute 14:3, Page 618 - Planning Applications**

The Executive Officer reported that becoming a statutory consultee on planning would increase the workload tremendously, however, he stated that the planning authorities should be encouraged to bring to the Board's attention any applications where there was concern regarding surface water drainage. He encouraged those members of the Board who sat on planning committees to help with this engagement. The Executive

Officer confirmed that the Board's Officers did review the planning lists but occasionally applications were missed.

Councillor T. Combellack highlighted that the planners tended to look at the application alone rather than considering the impact on the surrounding area and she would like to see the Board highlight this, in particular with regard to large developments. Cllr Mrs L. Dales confirmed that the Newark and Sherwood representatives brought to officers' attention any applications within their area which required more input from the Board. She agreed that the planning committees were required to deal with the applications before them, referring to sequential flood tests within the planning framework which were possibly no longer quite as relevant. Cllr Dales felt that greater interaction with the Board at a statutory level would help.

The Senior Engineer reported that the LM Board had agreed to approach the councils for inclusion of a standing paragraph on all planning permissions granted to remind applicants that they made need permission under the Land Drainage Act similar to the clauses that went under the Highways Act in the hope that this would encourage people to engage with the Board.

5:6 Minute 16, Page 619 - Staffing

The Operations Manager reported that disappointingly the two applicants offered the position of land drainage operative had withdrawn at the last minute. The positions were being readvertised and a review of the recruitment process would be undertaken to ensure everything was being done to attract suitable candidates.

In response to Mr R. Holt, Officers confirmed that there had been little success with apprenticeships across the Consortium and that the nature of the land drainage operative role did not easily lend itself to this.

5:7 Minute 17, Page 619 - December Flood Event

Following the recent flood events, Officers had prepared a list of areas that were badly affected, detailing remedial action undertaken and any future works required. This would be reviewed, prioritised, costed and, if agreed by the Board, planned into the works programme. A full report would be presented to the Board later in the year.

Regarding the insurance claim at Torksey, the Executive Officer confirmed that all relevant information had been provided to the loss adjuster.

5:8 Minute 18, Page 621 - Renewable Energy

The issue of renewable energy was raised at the last Board meeting and came up periodically at board and committee meetings across the Consortium. Officers highlighted that to review this properly would require input from the Senior Engineer and bearing in mind the number of projects to be delivered over the next six months, it was suggested that this be reviewed properly in 2025/26 and a report presented to the Consortium's Conservation Advisory Group for consideration.

5:9 Minute 9.6, Page 614 - Thurgarton and Sutton on Trent Flood Alleviation Schemes

In response to Mr W.J. Staunton, the Senior Engineer stated that the local levy application had not yet been made but he would circulate a copy once it had been prepared.

Councillor D. Dobbie reported that he had written to Nottinghamshire County Council and had received a response to say it was the fault of the Environment Agency that the A631 road between Gainsborough and Beckingham had flooded. He enquired who at the Environment Agency he should take this up with. The Executive Officer suggested he should speak to Mr N. Sutton after the meeting.

#### 6. CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that there were still some snags with the telemetry system which were being fixed by the Board's Mechanical and Electrical Engineer.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Senior Engineer explained the benefits of fitting magnetic resonance devices to pumps. On new pumping station installations variable speed drives were installed; these could alter the speed of the pump dependant on the incoming flow within the channel - a more consistent draw through the channel meant better water level management, rather than something that was starting and stopping. To be able to do that, the variable speed drive took the incoming alternating current, changed it to direct current, profiled it and chopped it up and in that process created magnetic pulses. On small pumps this was not too much of an issue, but on larger pumps this magnetic pulse could start to damage the top motor bearing. The magnetic resonance device was a common mode filter (a small loop installed around the cables on the underside of the variable speed drive) which removed this problem. It was common practice in Europe to fit these as standard on all pumps but in the UK they were only recommended on larger motors, however, there had been an instance in the LM area where damage had been caused on a smaller pump. The cost of fitting such a device was £500 which was good insurance on a pump and motor worth £200,000.

Cllr Mrs S. Shaw asked a question in respect of Minute 5 Flooding Issues, and whether the proposed case study for the flooding at Retford was going ahead. The Executive Officer confirmed that a large amount of data had been passed to ADA. There had also been an announcement from the Prime Minister of extra funding for IDB's and this would be covered later in the meeting.

The Chairman reported that the Chief Executive and he were due to meet with the NFU Regional Advisor on 18th April 2024. The Chairman welcomed a joint approach with the NFU to lobby and get the message across to Westminster regarding the importance of maintenance and funding.

#### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Consortium Committee held on the 13th February 2024 be adopted.

#### 7. CONSORTIUM CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

The Chairman referred to the Minute 2 which set out the environmental legislation affecting the Board's activities and stated that having an inhouse Environmental Officer helped to ensure compliance.

Cllr Mrs T. Combellack reported that the councils were looking at how they could help with the attenuation of water when it came to flooding by helping farmers to reinstate old ponds in fields and ditches etc to help with the flow of water coming down into villages.

#### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Conservation Advisory Group held on the 5th March 20245 be adopted.

#### 8. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

The Senior Operations Manager reported that there had been no new changes to Health and Safety legislation since the last Board meeting.

The Senior Operations Manager reported on three incidents and three near misses across the Consortium since the last meeting. In respect of TV there had been one incident where an employee had suffered a cut to his thumb whilst using a handsaw. The injuries were minor and first aid treatment was applied, there had been no absence from work.

It was reported that new Safe Systems of Work had been introduced into the Consortiums suite of Health and Safety documentation for Working with Concrete, Refuelling using a Towable Bowser, Working within the Operating Radius of Plant and Machinery and River Abstraction Recording Process.

In response to the Chairman, the Senior Operations Manager confirmed that the coping stones (raised at the last meeting) would be put back at Torksey shortly.

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#### 9. OPERATIONS REPORT

The Operation Manager reported that weather and ground conditions continued to hamper planned winter works. The DLO had spent considerable time on reactive works, clearing blockages and fallen trees. Winter works had been undertaken on the Kingston and Fairham Brooks. Essential bank repairs had been undertaken on the Fairham Brook along with tree and bush work and de-silting. Bank slips on Rampton Beck 1 had been repaired along Torksey Street, Rampton. Outstanding works for 2023/24 would be deferred until the start of the 2024/25 season.

Assessment of ground conditions/access was being undertaken for mitigation works due to be completed before 15th April. It was reported that some of this work would have to be delayed until the next period in October.

The remaining 40% of the 2023/24 outstanding summer weedcutting works had been assessed. The Besthorpe Moor Drain, Collingham Fleet, Harby Road Feeder, North Field Dyke, Newon Sewer and Sodbridge Drain had been identified as requiring completion before the end of March, should ground conditions allow. Any outstanding works would be incorporated into the 2024/25 summer weedcutting programme.

Servicing of the Board's plant and machinery would be undertaken ahead of the summer cutting season. Strategic ordinary watercourses across the Board's area would be regularly monitored to ensure the continued conveyance of water and where necessary early weed removal would be undertaken in consultation with the Board's Environmental Officer. The spraying programme would begin in April/May, approximately 50 watercourses/sites being identified as requiring spraying. There were four watercourses where Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed had been identified, these were regularly maintained and monitored.

The installation of gates and levelling of bank tops to improve access for the Board's machinery was ongoing and installation of access culverts/repairs was due to start in April.

Officers reported that all planned plant purchases for 2023/24 had been made with the exception of the excavator mulching head. The 2024/25 planned replacement of the Southwell tracked excavator was being investigated.

The Chairman queried whether riparian owners were asked to remove trees if they were obstructing a watercourse. In response, the Operations Manager confirmed that they did try but it was quicker and easier for the Board to deal with this. He stated that it was time consuming to find out who owned the land and the tenant/landowner may not have the resources to remove the blockage, meaning it could be months before it was removed. The Chairman suggested that riparian owners needed to be reminded of their responsibility. Cllr Mrs L. Dales reported that there had been issues within her ward as riparian owners were not always aware of their responsibilities. She suggested that it was not always clear who was responsible for what and a map showing watercourses and the roles and responsibilities of the different agencies would be useful. The Operations Manager reported that although they were the landowner's responsibility it had always been the Board's policy to remove fallen trees from watercourses but he suggested that a conversation on this at a later date may be useful to clarify the Board's position. Cllr L. Dales suggested that the Board could continue to do the work but invoice the landowner. Mr T.H. Farr stated that if the Board was to change its policy in the future, this must be communicated clearly to the ratepayers. The Operations Manager reported that there was generally a lot of vegetation (hedges and trees) alongside watercourses and these needed to be flailed regularly to ensure access, much of this was in gardens and landowners did not always have the access or machinery to maintain them from the bankside.

It was noted that reports of blockages and slips etc. were still being received following the flooding and these were being prioritised and would be included in the works programme. The Operations Manager gave a presentation on some of the emergency works undertaken. Mr T.H. Farr was pleased to see that there seemed to be an increased willingness from the EA to return to PSCA work. The Senior Operations Manager confirmed that he would be meeting with the EA shortly and, in response to the Chairman who asked whether work on the Devon was planned, he confirmed that the Board would undertake as much PSCA work as possible.

Cllr Mrs T. Combellack queried why Dalby Brook was not included in the report. The Operations Manager reported that the watercourse had been inspected and was now running clear, there was one slip to be repaired which would be discussed after the meeting.

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## 10. COMPENSATION

The Senior Operation Manager presented the 2024/25 compensation rates which had been calculated in line with the Board's policy using the AHDB (Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board), John Nix Handbook and Knight Frank Land Index.

Mr J.B. Ashworth queried whether the policy should be broadened given the move towards more environmental schemes, for example SFI (Sustainable Farming Incentive) land. The Senior Operations Manager understood that the Environmental Officer was looking into the new wildflower meadow stewardship schemes but would need to discuss this with him. Mr Ashworth reported that the environmental schemes were becoming a larger part of farmers' income. Mr T.H. Farr stated that clarification as to whether the Board's work would affect payment of environmental schemes was needed.

Cllr Mrs T. Combellack queried whether claims for compensation in respect of flooding of agricultural land were being received. The Senior Engineer stated that Internal Drainage Boards had permissive powers to protect against flooding and to carry out water

management works, however, this was not a legal obligation. This meant that they had the 'power to' carry out works but were not duty bound to do so and would not be liable for the failure to exercise those powers.

Cllr Mrs S. Michael confirmed that farms were able to apply for up to £25,000 compensation through the Farming Recovery Fund administered by DEFRA for flood damage. Regarding the SFI, she suggested that there may be an issue if there was a timescale for reinstatement of the land.

In response to Cllr Mrs S. Shaw, the Operations Manager confirmed that compensation was only paid for planned maintenance work and would not be paid for emergency work, for example to remove a blockage from a watercourse.

It was noted that the Board did not have to pay compensation and where possible worked around crops, however, when it was in the interest of efficiency to travel through standing crops, compensation could be offered. The Finance Manager confirmed that to date compensation paid in respect of summer maintenance work totalled £3,200.00.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the attached compensation rates for 2024/25 be approved.
- (b) That Officers seek clarification on whether the Board's work would impact landowners' payment for environmental schemes.

11. ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT PROJECTS

11:1 NICEIC Electrical Installation Inspections at Pumping Stations and Depots.

Inter-Lec Limited had been instructed to undertake electrical installations at the Board's Pumping stations and depots. This work was nearing completion and some remedial work had been identified. This would be reported to the next meeting.

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11:2 Moor Lane Pumping Station - Pump Refurbishment/Replacement (TV19300)

The pump that had failed during the recent flood event had been refurbished and reinstated and was working well. Pump 2 had been due to be lifted and refurbished when the weather improved, however, this had failed in March and work was therefore brought forward. Both pumps were now reinstalled and operating. The cost for the refurbishment of both pumps was £14,410.00 to date, however, there would be some additional costs such as a new lifting chain, which would be reported at the next Board meeting. The work would be within the overall budget of £30,000.

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11:3 Torksey Pumping Station - Emergency Repairs (TV23302)

Following the removal of Pump 2 at the beginning of the year, new cables had been ordered and fitted to replace the damaged set. From inspection it was believed that a foreign body had become jammed in the pump causing the anti-rotation lug to be sheared off leading to damage to the chain and cable. No further damage was found to the pump itself. The pump would be refitted before the end of March.

During the flood event both penstocks and outfall flaps had been damaged. Quotations for the refurbishment/replacement of these had been sought from suitable suppliers. Members were asked to consider delegating authority to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive to place the order following tender adjudication. Work was expected to be in the region of £115,000 to £130,000. Costs to date were £126,000 and to bring the pumping station back into full working order was expected to be in the region of £250,000 to £300,000.

In response to members as to how the damage had occurred, the Senior Engineer explained that when the pumps were running at full speed, depending on the levels in the River Trent, the outfall flaps had a torsional component which caused them to sheer, one was jettisoned into the river, the other lost connectivity on one side. With the outfall flaps missing, when the pumps were turned off, the water from the river could come back through which meant that the penstocks had to be used to start the pumps. To be able to operate the catchment with the exceptional water levels in the river and get the pumps started, the pump had to start whilst the penstock was opening otherwise the pump could not overcome the head of water. Officers were investigating replacement with a butterfly or gate valve (both fish and eel compliant). Mr A. Arden suggested approaching a company in Rampton for the penstocks as they were manufacturing a heavier duty penstock. He recommended purchasing the best/strongest rather than the cheapest. The Senior Engineer confirmed that the company he referred to had been invited to tender. He stated that alterations would also be made to the outfall flap, rather than dual bar arrangement that allowed the flap to rotate, it would be a single piece with an anti-rotation which prevented it from flipping over on itself.

In response to Cllr D. Dobbie, the Senior Engineer confirmed that this would mean there would be two lines of defence for any failures to the penstocks or flap valves in the future.

RESOLVED

That authority be delegated to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive and Senior Engineer to award the contract for the repairs to the penstocks and replacement of the outfall flap valves.

11:4 Sutton on Trent Flood Alleviation scheme (TV21310)

Officers reported that it had been observed during the October flood event and subsequently that the modifications carried out to date on the Cuckstool Dyke had been largely successful in managing excess water flows in the north of Sutton on Trent. However, a clear flow path had been observed running north eastwards from the south. Officers would be meeting with the landowner as reported previously but would also consider additional measures within the village and catchment to address water movements which had previously been less evident. Significant modelling had been completed to enable a rapid assessment of this new information and to inform plans for alleviation work in and around the town. Officers would be reviewing all the information available after the Board meeting to determine the most effective solution for delivery in 2025.

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11:5 Thurgarton Beck Flood Alleviation (TV20505)

The target delivery date for this scheme remained October 2024.

Officers would be meeting with landowners to discuss the planned scheme outline, so that planning permission could be applied for and progressed in parallel with completing the necessary archaeological test trail trench which would proceed as soon as ground conditions were suitable. Detailed design quotes had been requested and the scheme continued to progress as planned.

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11:6 WMC Capital Works Programme Update

It was reported that nineteen projects had been completed across the Consortium in the financial year 2023/24, two in the TV area. Projects in delivery included Bole Ings and Moor Lane as reported above. The Engineer presented the attached schedule detailing planned projects.

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11:7 Egmanton Flood Storage Area, North Scarle

The Chairman queried how well the flood storage area had performed this winter. The Operations Manager confirmed that this had worked well and he was not aware of any issues regarding this area of the village, although North Scarle had suffered flooding from the main watercourse that ran through it. Cllr Mrs L. Dales stated that anything that impacted on North Scarle also affected Girton and asked Officers to bear in mind any impacts on the wider catchment.

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11:8 Beckingham Pumping Station

In response to Cllr D. Dobbie, the Senior Engineer confirmed that the pumps were operating but it may be necessary to bring forward the refurbishment due to the excessive pumping this year. The Finance Manager confirmed that electricity costs for January were just over £25,000, usually these were in the region of £1,500 per month.

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12. FINANCE

12:1 Management Account for the Period Ending 31st January 2024

The Finance Manager presented the Management Accounts up to the 31st January 2024 together with the Income and Expenditure accounts detailing the variance of actual income and costs to estimates. It was confirmed that any income/expenditure relating to engineering schemes had been removed and would be reported separately.

The Finance Manager reported a positive variance of £25,708.84 for the period. The Outturn report indicated that, after allowing for the noted overspends and savings, the previous forecast surplus budget of £292,693 would decrease to £185,159.53. The overspend was mainly in respect of increased electricity usage. Any outturn surplus would boost the General Reserves.

Reports on the Plant Reserves, Engineering Scheme and Capital Receipts Unapplied Reserves were presented.

It was reported that the predicted outturn for the Surplus Cash as at 31st March 2024 would be £607,014.98. The Finance Manager commented that this surplus would equate to 21.78% of the net operating costs. The Board's Policy was to hold a reserve of 30% of net operating costs.

RESOLVED

That the Management Accounts for the period ending 31st January 2024 be approved.

#### 12:2 Changes to Bank Account Mandates

The Finance Manager reported that changes were required by the NatWest to administer the Board's current account. All administrators must also be a signatory on the account. It was proposed that her deputy, Mrs L. Parker be added to the bank account signatories. It was also proposed that Mr W.J. Staunton be removed from the banks mandate and that Mr J. Miller and Mr T.H Farr be added.

Officers asked the Board for approval of the following statement which would be agreed to by administrators when updating the online mandate:

*We resolve that if we add or remove Authorised Signatories in the "Add or Remove Authorised Signatories" section on the NatWest Bank "About your request" page of this form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in the forms "About your business section" of this form.*

RESOLVED

- (a) That Mrs L. Parker (Deputy Finance Manager), Mr J. Miller (Chairman) and Mr T.H. Farr (Vice-Chairman) be added to the bank mandate and that Mr W.J. Staunton (former Chairman) be removed.
- (b) That the Board approve the online declaration above in respect of mandate amendments.

#### 12:3 Cash Balances and Borrowings

It was reported that the Board currently had five accounts with a total balance of £2,434,319.81.

The Board had one loan outstanding to the value of £494,320.33.

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#### 12:4 Payments over £500

A schedule of payments over £500 totalling £247,021.75 was presented for Board approval.

RESOLVED

That the attached schedule of payments over £500 be approved.

### 13. INVESTMENTS

The Finance Manager confirmed that the Skipton Building Society investment had been deposited on the 6th March 2024 for a six month period at an interest rate of 5.15% attracting interest of £6,490.41 over the period.

It was noted that the opening of a Business Instant Access Saver Account with the Nationwide Building Society should be completed before the end of the month and funds transferred.

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### 14. DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

The Finance Manager reported that drainage rates and special levies collected at the 31st January 2024 totalled 97.81%. She confirmed a further £1,898.84 had been collected in arrears since the 31st March 2023. A total of 14 summonses had been obtained at court and four cases had been passed to the bailiffs totalling £1,158.53.

A table of proposed write offs/irrecoverable amounts was presented to the Board for approval totalling £1,158.53.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the rate collection be noted.
- (b) That the write off of 13 write-offs totalling £1,158.53 be approved.

### 15. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting on the following:

(a) Mink

Project Officers and partners of the Waterlife Recovery Trust had caught over 200 mink in the counties that made up the project area since it started on the 1st August 2023. Eradication of invasive American mink on a landscape scale was not feasible but could be achieved in a shorter time and less expensively than might have been predicted. Better still, the recovery of water voles, moorhens, reed buntings and other former mink prey species was rapid.

(b) ADA Environment Day Takeaways

IDB areas, particularly in the Isle of Axholme, Doncaster East and Humberhead Levels, were heavily linked with proposals of a UNESCO Biosphere, paludiculture, rewetting of land and carbon sequestration. Incentives of involvement for farmers and landowners in the region included high per hectare payments on offer from Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) and Countryside Stewardship (CS) agreements. Reassurance was given that operations would not be impeded by greater focus from SFI on buffer strips etc. Communication from landowners and farmers would be required with Operations Managers to ensure compliance with schemes and maintenance. Other topics on the day included, renewed focus on Water Level Management Plans for protected sites, exploring how IDBs could contribute to lowland water quality monitoring, reflection on wildlife law and policies, invasive floating pennywort, Local Nature Recovery Strategies and Biodiversity Net Gain updates.

(c) Updating of the Board's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)

A DRAFT BAP was presented to the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAG) for review and comment. The consortium had set a target for delivery of a new BAP by 1st January 2024 in line with the Government guidelines. On reviewing the guidelines, this date was only significant to local authorities that did not have a BAP/LNRS in place. The consortium had an existing BAP which continued to comply with legislation. This would allow the consortium time to consider input from the CAG when producing a new document. Once completed the BAP would be placed on the WMC website as an interactive document.

(d) University Visit

The Environment Officer's January visit to Bishop Burton College during 'Careers Week' received positive feedback from the environment, conservation, and ecology students. Discussions had included how the WMC carried out its operations in line with environmental legislation and mitigation, our GIS and biological recording system, conservation targets and general careers advice.

(e) Legislation Crib Sheet

A new crib sheet had been designed and delivered to Operations Managers to help identify key dates relating to activities requiring wildlife mitigation and licensable activities. This would ensure compliance with the licences regulations and improve the yearly licence return process.

(f) Electronic Recording

Recording had been typically low, coinciding with the shift to the winter works programme. Sightings from walkovers of drains had been recorded by the Environment Officer, including UKBAP species, reed bunting, water vole, skylark and lapwing. Incidental sightings of barn owl, new badger setts and mink sightings had also been recorded.

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## 16. ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY AND PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed Mr N. Sutton, Asset Management Lead (North) for the Environment Agency and new IDB Liaison Officer, to the meeting. Mr Sutton had been liaising with the Chief Executive on quite a few projects in the Board's district and would report on where the £182,000 precept money was being spent.

Mr Sutton introduced himself, he had been working for the EA for 24 years and in the northern patch for about five years. He explained that the EA had also to bid for funding to undertake work based on flood risk to people and property and highlighted the difficulty obtaining funding for work in low-lying agricultural areas. He had been working with the Board's Chief Executive over the last 12 months in his new role overseeing the redirection of precept money, being more creative to obtain funds for work that had previously not been eligible.

A programme had been put in place last year which included some work on the Rivers Devon and Smite which was a positive move. The long-term goal was to get work funded through flood defence grant in aid and back on to the EA's regular maintenance programme. Mr A. Reeves of the EA had been working closely with the Board's Operations Manager for some time on the main river maintenance contract; there was already a programme of work

in the area for bridge and debris runs. During the current year work was planned on the Dover Beck. He asked the Board to let him know if there were any areas in particular where work was required to enable the Board's systems to discharge into the main rivers.

The Chairman welcomed the appointment of Mr N. Sutton to liaise with the IDBs - it was useful to have a single point of contact to raise concerns.

Mr T.H. Farr emphasised that clarity was needed to show that the precept was being spent in the area in which it was raised and he hoped that the new working relationship would help to address this.

Mr Sutton was putting together a 25-year maintenance plan and ideally in the next three or four years hoped that this would become the norm so the need for precept to deliver this maintenance would not be required. Areas for work needed to be identified and mutual benefit evidenced to make asking for flood defence grant-in-aid a lot easier and accepted. Mr T.H. Farr was pleased to see the balance shifting slightly at the top level of the EA with a greater awareness of the need to spend money on maintenance. Mr Sutton agreed that the Lower Idle was a good example of this. Members agreed that this change needed to come from the top. In response to the Chairman, Mr Sutton confirmed that the work would be undertaken by the Board under a PSCA or by one of the EA's framework contractors.

The Chairman referred to the announcement by the Government at the NFU Conference of £75 million funding for flood recovery works and asked if there was any indication of how this money would be rolled out. Mr W.J. Staunton reported that it was anticipated that this would be allocated by the Environment Agency, he understood that the application process for the money would be much quicker than the existing flood defence grant in aid application process.

Regarding work on the Devon, Mr Sutton was aware that there were some areas where access was restricted last year and these would be included in this year's programme. The Chairman queried whether there were any plans to desilt the Devon. In response, Mr Sutton reported that weed removal was undertaken, dredging was not normally undertaken because of the environmental disturbance and any work needed to be signed off by the Fisheries Biodiversity Team to ensure there was no habitat damage.

The Chairman queried the interpretation of legislation, stating that the Board adhered to the same rules and regulations as the EA but seemed to take a more pragmatic view. He queried whether the EA allowed the legislation to hinder their work. Mr Sutton stated that he was given standards to work to which applied to all watercourses the same, whereas the requirements for smaller and larger watercourses were sometimes different; any changes to the current standards would take time. The Chairman queried whether the Board could use its own Environmental Officer to sign off work undertaken under a PSCA on behalf of the Agency. The Senior Operations Manager reported the discussions were underway with Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board regarding a pilot scheme in Lincolnshire and he would report back to the next Board meeting.

Mr T.H. Farr highlighted the difference in outlook between the EA and the IDBs, for the IDBs it was about conveyance and capacity, whereas the environment was more at the forefront for the EA. He made the point that where two watercourses (EA and IDB) converged on the River Torne it was evident that there was considerably more wildlife in the IDB watercourse which was regularly maintained than in the EA river which was completely overgrown with weed and impossible to sustain life. The general frustration was that biodiversity and fisheries discouraged intervention when actually, if done sympathetically, this would improve biodiversity in the channels. Mr N. Sutton was pleased that there now seemed to be a more softening approach as demonstrated from the work on the Torne last year.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sutton for attending and welcomed a good working relationship going forward. Mr Farr reiterated this and was pleased to see some positive engagement with the EA.

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#### 17. APPEAL - DEVELOPMENT AT FOX COVERT LANE, MISTERTON

Planning permission for the erection of 48 dwellings on land to the north of Fox Covert Lane, Misterton, had been approved by Bassetlaw District Council on the 28th September 2023. Officers reported that comments on the application had been submitted prior to approval advising that the Board maintained Un-named Drain 41 bounded the site to the west and north and that the site was in an area that had suffered from surface water flooding in the past. A plan was presented showing the site of the proposed development and watercourses in the area. Furthermore, the applicant had been advised of the need for Board consent for any works within nine metres of the watercourse and for the discharge of surface water from the site.

An application was received on the 6th November 2023 to discharge surface water into the Board maintained watercourse and whilst reviewing this Officers noted that five dwelling, 216 metres of surface water rising main, a pumping station and part of the site road were situated within nine metres of the Board maintained watercourse. It was noted that a mature hedge/tree line ran along the bank top of the eastern side of the watercourse adjacent to the proposed development and that maintenance operations were undertaken from the opposite bank. Officers were also aware of a potential proposed residential development on the western side of the watercourse. The Board's Officers formally refused the application citing the following reasons:

- (a) Development (principally fence lines and buildings within nine metres of the watercourse) was not considered acceptable.
- (b) It had not been demonstrated that the existing watercourse had the capacity to accept and dispose of the proposed surface water discharge from the site and, as such, there was a potential detriment to adjacent land due to flooding.

A letter of appeal had been received on the 28th February 2024 requesting that the Board reconsider the refusal of the application on the following grounds:

- (i) Whilst it was acceptable that the development encroached within nine metres of the watercourse, this did not prevent its maintenance. It was evident that there was a mature hedge adjacent to the eastern side of the watercourse, within the development site, that prevented access. The proposed development was no more of an impediment to maintenance of the watercourse than the mature hedgerow.
- (ii) The proposed discharge rate of four litres per second was less than half the greenfield rate which represented a significant reduction in run-off to the watercourse which was currently uncontrolled. It could not be argued that the development would increase flood risk downstream.

Officers reported that the Board's Advice Notes allowed in certain circumstances for a reduction in the nine metre byelaw distance to six metres subject to guaranteed uninterrupted access in perpetuity on the opposite bank which in this case was in a different ownership. However, the Senior Engineer stated that there had been historic reports of flooding in the area - just to the north of the development, along the railway embankment and the road underneath the railway. In 2011 a potential scheme had been considered to

improve connectivity to the Board's pumping station to alleviate some of the issues but the proposal which included a new open watercourse did not receive sufficient support and the scheme was not delivered. Regarding the discharge rate, the Senior Engineer stated that the Board's policy for the pumped catchment required 1.4 litres per second per hectare based on the capacity of the pumps and advised that this should not be exceeded; a discharge rate of 4 l/s from the site represented 2.2 l/s per hectare which was greater than the capacity of the receiving pumping station and would result in an increase in flood water within the catchment. In response to the Chairman, the Senior Engineer confirmed that the applicant would have to provide additional attenuation on site to reduce the discharge rate.

Officers reported that access was required on both sides of the Board maintained watercourse to enable bank repairs and improvement works to be undertaken. If necessary, sections of the existing hedge would be removed for access and would be replanted.

The Senior Engineer recommended that the refusal be sustained and asked for guidance on whether the Board wished to consider a relaxation to six metres.

Members queried why the Board would agree to six metres as bearing in mind the size of the Board's equipment, this would give a small space in which to work and would not allow a machine to swing on its full radius. Operations staff confirmed that it was more difficult to work but was possible and depending upon the size of the watercourse a smaller machine could be used, as was the case in this instance.

There was a general feeling, particularly from the council representatives, that the nine metre byelaw distance should be preserved for the future.

The Senior Engineer highlighted that Officers had delegated authority to approve applications within nine metres but no closer than six metres subject to certain conditions in line with the Board's Policy and asked members whether they wished to rescind this authority.

Councillors Mrs S. Shaw and Mrs T. Combellack proposed that the nine metre byelaw distance be preserved and that the Appeal be refused.

RESOLVED unanimously

- (a) That the Board refuse the appeal for a relaxation of the nine metre Byelaw distance.
- (b) That a report on Officers' delegated authority in respect of Byelaw Applications be brought back to the next Board meeting.

## 18. DELEGATED MATTERS - PLANNING, BYELAWS AND SUPERVISORY ROLE

### 18:1 Byelaw Applications

The following Byelaw consents had been granted under delegated authority sine the last meeting.

TVIDB/LDC/2023/017 Increase in flow to the Board maintained Winthorpe Airfield Drain, at Unit 1, land to the east of Newlink Business Park at NGR 482258-355827 in the parish of Coddington.

TVIDB/LDC/2023/020 Replacement of an existing service crossing, at land to the south of Station Road at NGR 477753-392379 in the parish of Walkeringham.

TVIDB/LDC/2024/001 Increase in flow to the Board maintained Cotton Mill Dyke, at Elm Tree Barn, Mansfield Road at NGR 465975-355955 in the parish of Edingley.

18:2 Section 23 Applications

No Section 23 consents had been granted since the last meeting.

18:3 Planning Applications

The Board had not objected to any planning application since the last meeting. application since the last meeting.

The Engineer reported that 16 planning applications had been reviewed by Officers since the last Board meeting and appropriate comments made.

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19. RISK REGISTER

An updated Business Risk Assessment was presented to the Board. An additional item had been included for Lack of Main River Maintenance. This document was in addition to the Dynamic Risk Register which dealt with emergent and diminishing risks.

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20. QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

The Corporate Services Manager presented a report detailing queries and complaints received at the Manby office between 1st April 2023 and 5th March 2024. A total of 99 queries and complaints had been received across the Consortium, of these, thirty seven related to the Trent Valley area and nineteen were still outstanding. Some of these had been reviewed and were pending further action such as maintenance work or information from third parties. The Board had received one formal complaint which had been resolved.

Officers were working to improve response times and the categorisation of queries/complaints.

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21. PENSIONS

The Corporate Services Manager reported that a request had been received at the Joint Negotiating Committee Meeting to consider current pension arrangements and the possibility of enrolling all employees into a Local Government Pension Scheme (a similar request had been made to the AX and DE Boards).

In 2019 the Board made the decision not to admit new employees into the Nottinghamshire Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) due to the cost and instead to enrol anyone employed after 1st April 2019 into the Government Nest pension scheme. All Consortium Boards operated different schemes: LM Lincolnshire LGPS; AX Nest, NFU and Aegon; DE Nest.

It was noted that TV currently had seven employees in the LGPS and six (+ two vacancies) in Nest.

The employers' contribution to the LGPS was currently 21.3%; this figure was reviewed every three years and the amount could go up or down (The LM contribution was currently 24%). Employees' contributions varied according to salary, for example 5.8% up to £25,900, increasing to 6.5% up to £42,100, 6.8% up to £53.300, etc.

The Board's contribution to the Nest pension scheme was 6% and the employees' contribution 5%.

The Corporate Services Manager highlighted the differences in the schemes; the LGPS was a defined benefit scheme and Nest a defined contribution scheme. This meant that the contributions made by the Board to the two schemes were not directly comparable and it was not possible to provide information on the likely pension that an employee would receive under the Nest scheme.

To move eight (including vacancies) employees to the LGPS would cost the Board an additional £53,209 per annum based on the current contribution rate.

Should the Board agree to continue with the current arrangement, e.g. to admit all new employees to the Nest pension scheme, the Corporate Services Manager suggested it may wish to consider increasing the employers' contribution from 6%. She gave an example: a 1% increase in the employers' contribution to the Nest pension scheme would cost the Board £3,478, therefore, an increase in the employers' contribution to 10% would cost the Board an additional £13,911 per annum.

In response to Mr TH. Farr, the Senior Operations Manager did not think that the current pension had a detrimental effect on recruitment; people seemed more focussed on the salary than the pension; the salary had been increased significantly last year to come in line with other Consortium Boards and was competitive.

Bearing in mind the cost to the Board of the recent salary regrading for the direct labour organisation, it was agreed that Board should continue with the current arrangement to enrol new employees into the NEST pension scheme. It was proposed by Mr W.J. Staunton and seconded by Mr T.H. Farr that the Board increase the Employer's contribution to 10%. A vote was taken on the proposal, the result six votes for and nine against.

Cllr D. Dobbie stated that the Board had had a lot of additional unexpected costs this year and suggested that the employers' contribution rate could be considered again next year.

**RESOLVED**

That the existing pension arrangements and contribution remain unchanged.

**22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Mrs S. Shaw asked for the following to be discussed at the next meeting:

- (a) A report on the presentation by the Chief Executive to Bassetlaw District Council.
- (b) The Board's involvement in the planning system (as discussed briefly under Matters Arising).

CHAIRMAN



## Compensation Rates 2024/25

Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board, Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board and Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board have agreed to pay, if requested, compensation for injury suffered as a result of the Board's works. This will be paid on the scales listed in 1 and 2 below in respect of annual Summer Maintenance and Winter Maintenance works.

These rates have not been adopted by Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board, any claims for compensation in the Doncaster East area will be considered by the Board.

### 1. Summer Maintenance

Where the Board travels through standing crops to undertake weedcutting operations, compensation will be paid for crop loss at the rate of 32p (**35p**) per linear metre for all cereals crops and 50p (**62p**) per linear metre for oil seed rape.

All other claims relating to crop damage will be paid at the rates shown in the table overleaf. Compensation claims relating to damage to root crops will be subject to private negotiation.

Compensation will not be payable for access through grassland for Summer Drain Maintenance.

The Board has authorised the operations department to go through standing crops where deemed necessary in the interest of efficiency and to minimise soil structure damage.

### 2. Winter Maintenance

#### (a) Crop Loss

Where the Board travels through standing crops to undertake winter maintenance works such as reforming, desilting, etc compensation will be paid for crop loss per acre of damage at the rate shown in the table overleaf.

The rate used to calculate the compensation paid will vary depending on if and when notice of entry has been served as follows:

- Rate 1 - will be paid where notice of entry **has** been served before a field has been drilled or planted.
- Rate 2 - will be paid where notice of entry **has not** been served and entry was between September and February and a field has been cultivated, drilled, and sprayed.
- Rate 3 - will be paid where notice of entry **has not** been served and entry was between March and harvest and a field has been cultivated, drilled, and sprayed.

Where the Board travels through grazing land to undertake winter maintenance compensation will be paid as follows:

- Grazing land £150 per acre.
- Grazing land, reinstatement work £200 per acre.

(b) Permanent Loss of Use of Land

Any width in excess of that which has been reprofiled to the measured width shown on the drain records of the Board, will be paid at the rate of £9,052 (**£8,428**) per acre for loss of productive land.

**Compensation Table (crop loss):**

| Crop type    | Summer<br>Maintenance<br>(Weedcutting/flailing)<br>(per linear metre) | Winter Maintenance (Reforming/desilting) |                          |                           |
|--------------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|              |   | Rate 1<br>(per acre)                     | Rate 2<br>(per acre)     | Rate 3<br>(per acre)      |
| Cereal       | 0.32 ( <b>0.35</b> )  | 316.93 ( <b>353.60</b> )                 | 475.39 ( <b>530.40</b> ) | 633.85 ( <b>707.20</b> )  |
| Rapeseed     | 0.50 ( <b>0.62</b> )  | 253.11 ( <b>312.56</b> )                 | 379.67 ( <b>468.84</b> ) | 506.23 ( <b>625.11</b> )  |
| Potatoes     | 1.93 ( <b>2.35</b> )  | 1928.50 ( <b>2346</b> )                  | 2892.75 ( <b>3519</b> )  | 3857.00 ( <b>3608</b> )   |
| Sugar Beet   | 0.59 ( <b>0.50</b> )  | 585.00 ( <b>499.20</b> )                 | 877.50 ( <b>748.80</b> ) | 1170.00 ( <b>998.40</b> ) |
| Peas         | 0.47 ( <b>0.45</b> )  | 236.00 ( <b>228.80</b> )                 | 354.00 ( <b>343.20</b> ) | 472.00 ( <b>457.60</b> )  |
| Beans        | 0.20 ( <b>0.17</b> )  | 204.85 ( <b>174.68</b> )                 | 307.28 ( <b>262.01</b> ) | 409.70 ( <b>349.35</b> )  |
| Grain Maize  | 0.62 ( <b>0.74</b> )  | 315.00 ( <b>376.25</b> )                 | 472.50 ( <b>564.38</b> ) | 630.00 <b>752.50</b>      |
| Forage Maize | 0.71 ( <b>0.71</b> )  | 360.00 ( <b>360.00</b> )                 | 540.00 ( <b>540.00</b> ) | 720.00 ( <b>720.00</b> )  |

## 5. Management Accounts detailed report

### Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board

#### Variance to Estimates Report - For the 10 months to 31st January 2024

|  | Whole Yr Estimate   | 31.01.24 Variance  | 31.01.24 Estimate   | 31.01.24 Actual     | Notes   |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| <b>INCOME</b>  |                     |                    |                     |                     |   |
| Where the Income variance is negative this shows that the income received is less than estimated for |                     |                    |                     |                     |   |
| <b>The following income is not related to Engineering Schemes</b>                                    |                     |                    |                     |                     |   |
| Agricultural drainage rates  | 642,552.00          | 88,367.28          | 642,552.00          | 730,919.28          | Increase in annual value of land revalued has increased drainage rates to be received by £88k compared to estimates |
| Special levies   | 2,217,184.00        | 0.00               | 2,217,184.00        | 2,217,184.00        |   |
| Rental, wayleaves & grazing income   | 1,434.00            | 600.51             | 1,134.00            | 1,734.51            |   |
| Income from PSCAs  | 28,000.00           | 21,876.79          | 25,200.00           | 47,076.79           |   |
| Income from rechargeable works   | 5,000.00            | (4,495.00)         | 4,495.00            | 0.00                | No rechargeable works done so far this year   |
| Income from consenting   | 13,000.00           | 32,739.92          | 10,269.00           | 43,008.92           | Inc Surface Water fee of £39,198.92   |
| Income from recharge of disbursements  | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0.00                | 0.00                |   |
| Contributions to PS expenditure  | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0.00                | 0.00                |   |
| Contributions to other costs   | 9,016.00            | 1,089.00           | 0.00                | 1,089.00            | Mileage reimbursement   |
| Deferred income, commuted sums & contributions   | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0.00                | 0.00                |   |
| Other income   | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0.00                | 0.00                |   |
| Investment interest  | 1,100.00            | 31,528.01          | 815.00              | 32,343.01           | Increase in interest rates has increased interest received  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - not including absorption income</b>  | <b>2,917,286.00</b> | <b>171,706.51</b>  | <b>2,901,649.00</b> | <b>3,073,355.51</b> | <b>Positive Variance on Monetary Income</b>   |
| <b>Absorption Income - offset to costs</b>   |                     |                    |                     |                     |   |
| Own use of plant recharged (absorption)  | 357,832.00          | (32,951.00)        | 312,676.00          | 279,725.00          |   |
| Drains Maintenance Absorbed Plant  | (303,037.00)        | 9,350.50           | (265,246.00)        | (255,895.50)        |   |
| PS Maintenance Absorbed Plant  | (2,892.00)          | (1,710.00)         | (1,653.00)          | (3,363.00)          |   |
| Recharge & PSCA Works Absorbed Plant   | (14,083.00)         | (5,893.50)         | (12,665.00)         | (18,558.50)         |   |
| <b>Own use of plant recharged (absorption) to Schemes</b>  | <b>37,820.00</b>    | <b>(31,204.00)</b> | <b>33,112.00</b>    | <b>1,908.00</b>     | Use of own plant within schemes improves the General Surplus Cash Position of the Board                             |
| DLO Own use of labour recharged (absorption)   | 349,649.00          | (41,963.86)        | 285,332.00          | 243,368.14          |   |
| Drains Maintenance Absorbed DLO Labour   | (280,263.00)        | 42,312.92          | (225,567.00)        | (183,254.08)        |   |
| PS Maintenance Absorbed DLO Labour   | (15,790.00)         | (7,662.20)         | (11,230.00)         | (18,892.20)         |   |
| Recharge & PSCA Works Absorbed DLO Labour  | (15,176.00)         | (3,363.57)         | (13,650.00)         | (17,013.57)         |   |
| <b>Own use of labour recharged (absorption) to Schemes</b>   | <b>38,420.00</b>    | <b>(10,676.71)</b> | <b>34,885.00</b>    | <b>24,208.29</b>    | Use of own DLO labour within schemes improves the General Surplus Cash Position of the Board.                       |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - including absorption income in schemes</b>   | <b>2,993,526.00</b> | <b>129,825.80</b>  | <b>2,969,646.00</b> | <b>3,099,471.80</b> | Positive Variance on Income - will increase General Cash Reserves.  |

## Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board

### Variance to Estimates Report - For the 10 months to 31st January 2024

|   | Whole Yr     | 31.01.24     | 31.01.24     | 31.01.24     | Notes  |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>  |              |              |              |              |  |
| Where the expenditure variance is negative this shows that the expenditure is more than estimated for |              |              |              |              |  |
| <b>MAINTENANCE &amp; DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE - EXTERNAL COSTS ONLY</b>                                |              |              |              |              |  |
| The following expenditure is not related to Engineering Schemes                                       |              |              |              |              |  |
| Drain maintenance expenditure   | 98,025.00    | 25,508.04    | 75,941.00    | 50,432.96    | { Materials lower £10.4k. Contractors/consultants £15k lower   |
| Pumping station expenditure   | 398,309.00   | (121,656.18) | 260,791.00   | 382,447.18   | { Electric overspend 108k. Contractors/Consultants £10.8k. Insurance £2.9k   |
| PSCA Recharge expenditure   | 2,471.00     | 2,175.69     | 2,240.00     | 64.31        | { External costs only  |
| Recharge expenditure  | 1,270.00     | 1,140.00     | 1,140.00     | 0.00         | { External costs only  |
| Consenting time expenditure   | 20,000.00    | (4,766.76)   | 15,014.00    | 19,780.76    | { Consenting costs over, negated by lower consortium costs   |
| Disbursement Costs  | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         |  |
| Cost of goods sold & stock variances  | 0.00         | (472.68)     | 0.00         | 472.68       |  |
| <b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE &amp; DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE</b>  | 520,075.00   | (98,071.89)  | 355,126.00   | 453,197.89   |  |
| <b>SUPPORTIVE EXPENDITURE</b>   |              |              |              |              |  |
| DLO costs   | 635,004.00   | 66,639.03    | 503,938.00   | 437,298.97   | Wages & oncosts £47,539 under. Travel costs under £9.1k. Training costs under £7.9k  |
| Other direct expenses   | 950.00       | (1,454.71)   | 803.00       | 2,257.71     | Grass seed £1,130  |
| Environment Agency precept  | 185,634.00   | 0.00         | 185,634.00   | 185,634.00   |  |
| Support & establishment costs   | 807,943.00   | 71,371.79    | 691,774.00   | 620,402.21   | { Consortium costs under £47.7k . Plant reps over by £7.5k, reps on YT69JVN JCB bucket reps £10.5k. IT under by £8.3k. Depot premises costs under by £9.4k |
| Finance costs   | 37,509.00    | (172.33)     | 16,308.00    | 16,480.33    | {  |
| Depreciation costs  | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment.  |
| Bad debt costs  | 0.00         | (17.50)      | 0.00         | 17.50        | Court summons costs  |
| Biodiversity & environmental costs  | 955.00       | 261.41       | 698.00       | 436.59       |  |
| <b>TOTAL SUPPORTIVE EXPENDITURE</b>   | 1,667,995.00 | 136,627.69   | 1,399,155.00 | 1,262,527.31 |  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>  | 2,188,070.00 | 38,555.80    | 1,754,281.00 | 1,715,725.20 |  |
|   | 805,456.00   | 168,381.60   | 1,215,365.00 | 1,383,746.60 |  |
| <b>EXCEPTIONAL INCOME</b>   | 0.00         | 19,881.75    | 0.00         | 19,881.75    | This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment   |
| <b>INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>  | 805,456.00   | 188,263.35   | 1,215,365.00 | 1,403,628.35 | {  |

**Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board**  
**Variance to Estimates Report**

|  | <b>Whole Yr<br/>Estimate</b> | <b>31.01.24<br/>Variance</b> | <b>31.01.24<br/>Estimate</b> | <b>31.01.24<br/>Actual</b> |   |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>   | 805,456.00                   | 188,263.35                   | 1,215,365.00                 | 1,403,628.35               |   |
| <b>ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO<br/>ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON MONETARY ITEMS</b> |                              |                              |                              |                            |   |
| Remove the effects of Depreciation costs   | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       | This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment              |
| Remove the effects of Profit on Disposal - exception income                              | 0.00                         | (19,881.75)                  | 0.00                         | (19,881.75)                | This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment              |
|  | <b>805,456.00</b>            | <b>168,381.60</b>            | <b>1,215,365.00</b>          | <b>1,383,746.60</b>        |   |
| <b>ADJUSTMENTS FOR BALANCE SHEET ENTRIES</b>   |                              |                              |                              |                            |   |
| <b>Adjustments for Reserves Movements</b>  |                              |                              |                              |                            |   |
| Prior Yr Costs rated for in current year to add to reserves                              | 113,410.00                   | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
| Add the intended transfer from Plant Renewals Fund                                       | (32,500.00)                  | 0.00                         | (32,500.00)                  | (32,500.00)                | Value of £26,800 remaining in Plant reserve               |
| Plant/Vehicle net expenditure occurred in year - funded from Plant reserve               | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
| Plant/Vehicle planned net expenditure not occurred in year - held over to Plant reserve  | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
|  | <b>80,910.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>                  | <b>(32,500.00)</b>           | <b>(32,500.00)</b>         |   |
| <b>Fixed Asset Adjustments</b>   |                              |                              |                              |                            |   |
| <b>Motor additions</b>   |                              |                              |                              |                            |   |
| Strimmer   | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
| Strimmer   | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
| Livelink Lite for flailmowers  | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
| Fuel management system   | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
| Portacabin   | 13,995.00                    | 0.00                         | 13,995.00                    | 13,995.00                  | 15/05/2023 Orston Depot                                   |
| Flail mower  | 45,000.00                    | (4,000.00)                   | 45,000.00                    | 41,000.00                  | 31/07/23 PLN7149  |
| Excavator  | 130,000.00                   | (22,000.00)                  | 130,000.00                   | 108,000.00                 | 08/06/2023  |
| Ditching bucket  | 3,000.00                     | (250.00)                     | 3,000.00                     | 2,750.00                   | 18/07/2023  |
| Mulching head  | 15,000.00                    | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
| Master Rivet Tool  | 0.00                         | 745.00                       | 0.00                         | 745.00                     | 10/01/24 Master Rivet Tool for use on weedbaskets PLN7957 |
| Master Rivet Tool  | 0.00                         | 745.00                       | 0.00                         | 745.00                     | 10/01/24 Master Rivet Tool for use on weedbaskets PLN7958 |
|  | <b>206,995.00</b>            | <b>(24,760.00)</b>           | <b>191,995.00</b>            | <b>167,235.00</b>          |   |
| <b>Plant/Land disposals</b>  |                              |                              |                              |                            |   |
| Land at Egmonton Disposal  | 0.00                         | (80,233.62)                  | 0.00                         | (80,233.62)                | 09/11/2023 Proceeds less cost of disposal                 |
| for Williams & hiab PLN7519  | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       | Held in plant reserve £200                                |
| Bomford Flail PLN7137  | (2,500.00)                   | (6,500.00)                   | (2,500.00)                   | (9,000.00)                 | 31/07/2023  |
| Excavator YT15 BZH PLN7055   | (20,000.00)                  | (2,000.00)                   | (20,000.00)                  | (22,000.00)                | 08/06/2023  |
|  | <b>(22,500.00)</b>           | <b>(88,733.62)</b>           | <b>(22,500.00)</b>           | <b>(111,233.62)</b>        |   |
| <b>Loan Capital Adjustment</b>   |                              |                              |                              |                            |   |
| PWLB Loan repayments - Existing  | 33,926.00                    | (0.29)                       | 33,926.00                    | 33,925.71                  |   |
| PWLB Loan repayments - Future  | 12,932.00                    | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
|  | <b>46,858.00</b>             | <b>(0.29)</b>                | <b>33,926.00</b>             | <b>33,925.71</b>           |   |
| <b>Non I&amp;E (Costs) &amp; Income</b>  |                              |                              |                              |                            |   |
|  | <b>312,263.00</b>            | <b>(119,327.24)</b>          | <b>170,921.00</b>            | <b>51,593.76</b>           |   |
| <b>Variance at 31/01/2024</b>  | <b>493,193.00</b>            | <b>287,708.84</b>            | <b>1,044,444.00</b>          | <b>1,332,152.84</b>        |   |
| Planned Board Funding towards schemes  | (200,500.00)                 | 0.00                         | (200,500.00)                 | (200,500.00)               |   |
| <b>Surplus/(deficit) to be taken from General Reserves as at<br/>31st January 2024</b>   | <b>292,693.00</b>            | <b>287,708.84</b>            | <b>843,944.00</b>            | <b>1,131,652.84</b>        |   |
| Additional Funds Required for Engineering Schemes to be taken from General Reserves      | 0.00                         | (262,000.00)                 | 0.00                         | (262,000.00)               | NOV 23 BM - Torksey instead of taking loan                |
| Engineering Scheme funds transferred back to General Reserves                            | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                       |   |
| <b>Surplus/(deficit) to be taken from General Reserves as at<br/>31st January 2024</b>   | <b>292,693.00</b>            | <b>25,708.84</b>             | <b>843,944.00</b>            | <b>869,652.84</b>          |   |

Mrs N. Hind FCCA  
Finance Manager

**Schedule of payments over £500 submitted to the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board on**  
**21st March 2024**

| Trans Date | Account                               | Narrative               | Payment Value Notes  |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|            |                                       |                         | £  |
| 04/01/2024 | Net Wages                             | PAYE & Pension Payments | 21,103.69  |
| 05/01/2024 | Newark and Sherwood District Council  | PP/NSDC001              | 1,359.60 Office rental   |
| 12/01/2024 | Allstar Business Solutions Ltd        | PP/ALLS001              | 1,293.40 Fuel  |
| 15/01/2024 | Pension Fund                          | NEST                    | 1,329.61   |
| 18/01/2024 | Salaries                              | PAYE & Pension Payments | 5,114.87   |
| 19/01/2024 | P.A.Y.E.                              | PAYE & Pension Payments | 17,587.51  |
| 19/01/2024 | Association of Drainage Authorities   | PP/ADAU001              | 7,632.00 Membership subscription for 24  |
| 19/01/2024 | Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board          | PP/LMDB001              | 48,743.54 Consortium Recharges Dec 23  |
| 19/01/2024 | Waterlife Recovery Trust              | PP/WATE003              | 1,000.00 Mink control  |
| 19/01/2024 | Pension and Union                     | PAYE & Pension Payments | 9,790.25   |
| 19/01/2024 | Scottish Hydro Electric               | PP/SCOT001              | 1,202.69 Electricity   |
| 19/01/2024 | Pension Fund                          | NEST                    | 1,615.69   |
| 25/01/2024 | A & S Eggleston                       | PP/EGGL001              | 4,830.00 Flailing contract   |
| 25/01/2024 | Northern Divers (Engineering) Limited | PP/NORT005              | 3,036.00 Inspecting flap valves at Torksey PS  |
| 25/01/2024 | Reedman Services                      | PP/REED001              | 2,569.22 Weebasket rivet press and parts   |
| 25/01/2024 | Schneider Electric Systems UK Ltd     | PP/SCHN001              | 3,389.44 Telemetry support Jan-Mar 24<br>Hire of crane & operator to remove pumps at Torksey |
| 25/01/2024 | Walker & Son (Hauliers) Ltd           | PP/WALK002              | 5,154.00 PS  |
| 29/01/2024 | Allstar Business Solutions Ltd        | PP/ALLS001              | 791.77 Fuel  |
| 05/02/2024 | Newark and Sherwood District Council  | PP/NSDC001              | 1,359.60 Office rental   |
| 08/02/2024 | AB Trailer Solutions                  | PP/ABTS001              | 1,706.00 Repairs and parts for four trailers   |
| 08/02/2024 | DXB Integrate Limited                 | PP/DXB001               | 19,986.67 Hire of diesel and electric pumps at Torksey PS                                    |
| 08/02/2024 | Inter-Lec Ltd                         | PP/INTL001              | 21,327.84 Emergency works at Torksey PS  |
| 12/02/2024 | Allstar Business Solutions Ltd        | PP/ALLS001              | 759.30 Fuel  |
| 16/02/2024 | DXB Integrate Limited                 | PP/DXB001               | 2,870.21 Hire of pumps at Torksey PS   |
| 16/02/2024 | Isle of Axholme & North Notts WLMB    | PP/IOAN001              | 505.72 Hire of pump from IOANN for Torksey PS  |
| 16/02/2024 | Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board          | PP/LMDB001              | 4,160.19 Disbursement recharges Jan 24   |
| 16/02/2024 | North Lincs Engineering Limited       | PP/NORT004              | 8,646.00 Overhaul of pump no. 1 at Moor Lane PS  |
| 22/02/2024 | Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board          | PP/LMDB001              | 48,156.94 Consortium Recharges Jan 24  |
|            |                                       |                         | <b><u>247,021.75</u></b>   |

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