



**Association of Drainage Authorities
Welland & Nene Branch**

South Holland Internal Drainage Board
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Chairman: Mr D Worth **Vice Chairman:** Mr S. A. R. Markillie **Secretary:** Mr P Camamile

Wednesday, 15 February 2017

Present:	Mr D Worth	South Holland IDB - Branch Chairman
	Mr P Camamile	South Holland IDB - Branch Secretary
	Mr K Vines	South Holland IDB
	Mr H G Cator OBE, DL	ADA Chairman
	Ms L McShane	Middle Level Commissioners
	Ms S Ablett	Middle Level Commissioners
	Mr J Hoyles MBE	North Level District IDB - Chairman
	Mr P Sharman	North Level District IDB
	Mr W Branton	Welland & Deepings IDB – Vice-Chairman
	Mrs K. Daft	Welland & Deepings IDB
	Ms K Halka	Environment Agency
	Mr N Robinson	Environment Agency

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S. Ayers, Mr R. Hill, Mr G. W. Lankfer, Mr S A R Markillie, Mr N. Morris, Mr T Purlant, Mr P. Reilly, Mr M. H. S. Sly, Mr G Szomi, Mr D. Thomas, Mr I Thomson and Mr B. Thornely.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2016

The Minutes of the last Meeting, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. ADA Welland and Nene Branch Joint Meetings with ADA Lincolnshire Branch

All agreed the importance of the ADA Branch meetings in the South Lincolnshire / Welland and Nene patch, not least because this facilitated member IDBs receiving updates from the Environment Agency about works in the Welland and Nene Branch area at least annually. It was therefore agreed to continue to hold a separate ADA

Welland and Nene Branch AGM and also to continue with the existing joint meeting arrangement of the ADA Lincolnshire and Welland and Nene Branches.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Planning

There was a general consensus from the majority of IDB Officers that IDBs do not have sufficient staffing resources to become statutory consultees in the Local Authorities planning process. Most felt that the current system of IDB/Local Authority Planning liaison worked well enough although it was acknowledged that the success of this very much depended on individuals in post today, which may change in the future.

5.2 Environment Agency

North Level IDB expressed an interest in purchasing the Environment Agency's dragline and they would be following this up with the Environment Agency in due course.

Environment Agency representatives gave an update on the de-maining of main river sections that are designated low/medium consequence.

5.3 Public Sector Cooperation Agreements (PSCAs)

Mr P Sharman asked that PSCAs with the Environment Agency should be extended for a longer period than the current 1 year arrangement and that it would be beneficial if all Environment Agency staff were 'on the same page' in terms of using PSCAs. It was suggested also that PSCA work should be promoted via ADA work streams and it was agreed that Mr H Cator would discuss this with the ADA Chief Executive.

Action HGC

Signed.....

Chairman