

**ASSOCIATION OF DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES
NORTHERN BRANCH
BRANCH MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2017

In Attendance: Tim Webster (Chairman), Eddy Allen (Hon Secretary), R Ward, J Maston, P Turner (Cllr), I Moodie (ADA), E Wilson, I A Thornton, C Fox (Cllr), J S Lomas, C Bayram (Cllr), I Russell (EA), R Smith, H Roberts (Cllr), S Jackson, J Barton, M Backhouse, R Caudwell (ADA), M Bariel, J Atkinson, N Wilkinson (Cllr), F Jackson, A Briggs, K Parkinson, G Ivey, M Ball, W Symons, D J Duggleby, S Edwards, R Tindall, V Aitken (Cllr), J Dennis, A Cowen

Chairman's Announcements: **2017/01** The Chair welcomed everyone and gave special thanks to Ian Moodie (ADA), Ian Russell (EA), Ian Dawson, Alison Briggs who were the speakers for the meeting and R Caudwell (ADA). The date of the June meeting is not yet known.

Apologies: **2017/02** John Dennis, N Everard, J Hick, S Martin, R Nicholls, M Stathers (Cllr), P Pollard (Cllr), T Featherby, A Galbraith (Cllr), I Benn, M Cook, K West (Cllr), A McLachlan, I Thomson

Minutes ADA Branch Meeting: **2017/03** Minutes of the ADA Branch Meeting were presented and approved.

ADA Technical Manager Ian Moodie **2017/04** Mr Moodie gave an update on what ADA were doing at present. He explained the different membership structure and rates.

How ADA were working with Defra on a methodology for the transfer of valuations to special levy. Mr Moodie also mentioned Defra's Water Transfer Licence and the potential that IDB's could be charged and that we need a good working relationship with the Environment Agency. He also mentioned the renewal of the licence for the use of Glyphosate, and that ADA are keen to keep using as it is ecologically a safer way than machine cleaning

Mr Moodie mention the new ADA website and was interested to find out what members thought about this new website.

Mr Moodie stated that the Floodex Trade Show will be held on 17 and 18 May 2017 at Peterborough.

ADA Vice Chair Robert Caudwell Robert Caudwell followed Mr Moodie stating that he was impressed with the width of issues and the

high influence that ADA had. He stated that ADA were keen on developing the partnership approach. He stated that farmland is property and should be included as such, and that there were challenges ahead regarding both climate and funding.

A question and answer session then followed.

Wold Marsh Buying Group **2017/05**
Ian Dawson

Mr Dawson gave a slide show presentation on Wold Marsh outlining the way the business ran and the core products that they sold, also how significant savings could be made by using them for purchasing. He also outlined the activities of the subsidiary company Wold Link.

EA Update **2017/06**
Ian Russell

Ian Russell stated that the Environment Agency worked closely with ADA. He went on to talk about the Public Sector Cooperation Agreement and some of the projects that had been done under the agreement. The objectives of the Public Sector Cooperation Agreement and the areas of the agreement that could be improved.

Mr Russell stated that the Flood and Coast 2017 conference would be held on 28 to 30 March 2017 in Telford

Humber Estuary Tidal Flooding **2017/07**
Alison Briggs

Allison Briggs gave a slide presentation on the River Hull Tidal Barrier and the importance of the Tidal Surge and its effects on Industry and Infrastructure. She gave an insight into the background of the 2008 Strategy and the guidance released by the Environment Agency. She also spoke about the rising tide levels and the effects they would have not only on this area but also in the ADA Trent area.

A question and answer session then followed.

Yorkshire Show and Driffield Show **2017/09**

Eddy Allen stated that once again the ADA stand would be at the Yorkshire show on 11, 12 and 13 July 2017 and the Driffield show on 19 July 2017.

A comment from the floor was that it was a struggle to find the stand as it was not in the catalogue. Mr Allen replied that ADA Northern was part of a larger group and could be found under the 'Are you prepared' stand.

AOB **2017/10**

There was no further business

E W Allen
Hon Secretary

T Webster
Chairman