



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

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**Chairman:** Mr D Worth **Vice Chairman:** Mr S. A. R. Markillie **Secretary:** Mr P Camamile

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

Present:	Mr D Worth	South Holland IDB Chairman and Branch Chairman
	Mr S Markillie	South Holland IDB Vice-Chairman and Branch Vice-Chairman
	Mr K Vines	South Holland IDB
	Mrs M Creasy	South Holland IDB
	Ms S Ablett	Hundred of Wisbech and Waldersey IDBs
	Ms L McShane	Hundred of Wisbech and Waldersey IDBs
	Mr J Hoyles MBE	North Level IDB
	Mr P Sharman	North Level IDB
	Mr J Stublely	North Level IDB
	Mr N Morris	Welland & Deepings IDB
	Mr B Thornely	Environment Agency
	Mr I Moodie	ADA
	Mr R Dixon	ADA

**1. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr P Camamile South Holland IDB	Mr W Branton Welland & Deepings IDB
Mr D Thomas Hundred of Wisbech and Waldersey IDBs	Mr J Austen King's Lynn IDB
Mr R Hill Hundred of Wisbech and Waldersey IDBs)	Mr B Long King's Lynn IDB
Mr S Ayers Hundred of Wisbech and Waldersey IDBs	Mr I Thomson ADA Chief Executive
Mr G Lankfer (Waldersey IDB)	Mr R Caudwell ADA
	Mr E Poll Anglia Northern RFCC
	Mr N Robinson EA
	Mr G Szomi EA

Mr M Sly	North Level IDB	Mr P Reilly	EA
Mr W Gee	North Level IDB	Mr A Clack	EA
Mrs K Daft	Welland & Deepings IDB	Ms D Campbell	EA
Mr T Purlant	Welland & Deepings IDB		

### **3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 February 2017**

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

### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. Report from the Environment Agency**

Ben Thornely, Flood Risk Manager for the Welland and Nene catchment provided a general update on EA matters:

- PSCA between EA and North Level IDB was working well. North Level IDB had purchased the EA's dragline for ongoing dredging works.
- EA management of badger setts – EA was working with NE to close badger setts on sea banks and building artificial setts in locations not affecting the sea defences. P Sharman asked B Thornely for guidance/regulation on the removal of live badger setts and replacement with artificial setts.
- Consultation had closed on 12 February 2018 and EA was now assessing this feedback in respect of the de-maining pilot that included de-maining of tributaries of the South Forty Foot Drain and five watercourses in the Black Sluice IDB catchment. Responses received were positive although the actual response rate had been low.
- The capital programme was currently on target to deliver flood protection to some 3,800 properties by the end of 2017/18, of which 546 properties were within the Welland and Deepings IDB district. £3m in efficiencies had been achieved in the current capital programme and IDBs were encouraged to deliver further efficiencies. There was discussion around the time taken to consider Business Cases for FDGiA and the lack of IDB capital projects being taken forward. B Thornely acknowledged that this had not worked as well as EA had anticipated. The RFCC approved 50% Local Levy funded post to provide IDBs with assistance in FDGiA applications for capital projects would hopefully help to resolve the issue.

### **6. Water Transfer Licencing with effect from 1 January 2018**

P Sharman had written to the EA querying the proposed licencing charges that would extend to IDBs. I Moodie reported that the new Water Transfer Licencing regulations were a major concern to ADA, who did not understand the inclusion of IDBs within these regulations. ADA was continuing to liaise with Defra/EA for either a change in the regulations or exemption for IDBs.

**7. Any Other Business**

**7.1 ADA Branch Meetings**

There was discussion on the merits of retaining a separate ADA Welland and Nene Branch meeting given the joint meeting of the ADA Lincs / Welland and Nene Branches but there was no clear decision to cease the separate meeting and at least one member IDB wanted to continue to meet both separately and jointly. Any changes to meetings may also require changes to the Branch Constitution.

**7.2 Presentation to Mr J H R Hoyles MBE**

The Chairman presented Mr John Hoyles, North Level IDB with a Sheaffer pen to mark the occasion of Mr Hoyles' retirement from the ADA Welland and Nene Branch. Mr Hoyles had attended the inaugural meeting of this Branch in 1986 and his attendance today marked his fiftieth meeting.

Signed.....

Chairman

21st February 2019.