

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Board at a Meeting held at the Board's Offices, 47 Norfolk Street, Boston on **Thursday, 12th June 2017**

Present - J.E. Grant (Chairman)

Members	P. Bedford	B. Hall-Jones
	B. Bostock	C. Hardy
	C. Bradburn	A. Harman
	M. Cooper	R.F. Leggett
	C. Duckham	P. Richardson (Vice-Chairman)
	H.C. Drake	A. Snel

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Regulator Application

The Chairman advised that a letter had been received on 02nd April 2017 confirming our application to use Regrass had been refused for the first time. There is no right of review and the Committee's decision is final. However, a letter has been sent to the Minister confirming that we were not given the opportunity to discuss the importance of this issue and he is hoping for an opportunity to meet with Professor Curlett, the Chairman of the Environment Committee for Pesticides (ECP), sometime in July.

1.2 Review of the Liveness of the Partnership

An event has been organised by the Strategy Group of Pesticides that is held in Woodhall for 10.00am on 02nd June 2017. The event is an opportunity to review the existing partnership and to look to develop newer aspects of the partnership, such as the LSP. The Chair Executive will be attending and any Board Members interested in attending the event should contact him.

1.3 Welcome to Ed Johnson

The Chairman was pleased to announce the appointment of Ed Johnson as the Assistant Engineer. Ed joined the Board on Monday 12th June from North Luffa CB where he was Operations Manager. The Chairman confirmed that Ed was the strongest candidate that had applied for the position and will be more than capable of succeeding the current Engineering Manager when he retires.

1.4 George Firth Leaving

The Chairman was glad to announce that George Firth had passed away on 02nd April 2017. He was an ex-employee who had initially joined on a temporary six month contract but stayed with the Board for 44 years as a trader and flat operative. His funeral had taken place on 09 May 2017 and the Engineering Manager and Roger Hooker had attended to represent the Board.

1.5 Roger Hooker

The Chairman confirmed that on Monday, 12th June Roger Hooker had completed 45 years' service with the Board having joined in 1972. The Chairman asked the Board to join him in congratulating Roger for his achievement and to recognise the outstanding service that he has given to the Board.