

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Board at a Meeting held by Zoom on **Wednesday, 3 February 2021**

Present :-

Members	T. Archer	W. Woods
	B. Beale	W. Jones
	P. Bedford	R. Leggett
	B. Beales	J. Pugh
	C. Craddock	P. Richardson (Chairman)
	(Vice-Chairman)	A. Tait
	Ms. P. Cooper	R. Tait
	C. Hardy	D. Thomas
	R. Hall Jones	J. Ward
	A. Harman	W. Watson
		J. Woods

1. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman asked the Chair Executive to remind everybody of etiquette for the Zoom meeting which he did.

The Chairman wanted to welcome two new members to the Board, Councillors Paula Cooper who was a previous member and Nigel Watson.

The Chairman reminded Members that due to the changes in Board membership, some vacancies now exist on the Committees. J. Woods was due to join the Governance and Risk Committee. The Chairman asked Members to indicate to the Chair Executive which vacancies they would like to fill, particularly in respect of the Governance and Risk Committee which had lost 2 Members.

EMs were thanked by the EA at last Friday's RFD meeting, for their assistance in dealing with the extreme rainfall events over the Christmas period and through January 2021. The catchment is extremely wet, and the Chief Engineer will update Members on this in his report.

Henry Carter is retiring as Chairman of Water Resources East after 6.7 years' service. The Board wished him well in the future and if anybody would like to apply for the vacancy they could do so.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from :-

Members J. Ward
A. Hall

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY GENERAL ITEM**

Declared an interest in **Accessions about 1500 002** - P. Richardson, R. Leggett

Declared an interest in **Woking Link** - P. Richardson

Laverick & Berrington Pumping Stations - A. Tait

Gaythorpe Road Planning Application - A. Tait

Wings Pumping Station - B. Beales