

# **BLACK SLUICE**

## **INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**



## **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 2pm**

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## To the Chairman and Members of the Executive Committee

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the Offices of the Board on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 2pm at which your attendance is requested.

The meeting will have the facility to attend physically or remotely. If you would like to attend remotely, please contact Jessica Baxter at the office, who will provide you with the meeting link. If you choose to attend the office, I respectfully request that you please complete a lateral flow test on the morning of the meeting, for the safety of everybody attending.

Chief Executive

## AGENDA

1. Recording the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Declarations of interest.
4. To receive and, if correct, sign the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (**pages 1 - 14**)
5. **CONFIDENTIAL** - To receive and, if correct, sign the Confidential Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (**pages 15 - 19**)
6. Matters Arising.
7. To consider Period 06 Management Accounts (**pages 20 - 26**)
8. To receive the 2021/22 Quarter 2 Forecast (**page 27**)
9. To receive an initial indication of the 2022/23 Budget (**page 28**)
  - (a) Letter sent to the Special Levies paying councils (**page 29**)
10. To consider committee membership recommendations to the Board (**pages 30 - 32**)
11. To review the draft timetable for 2022 meeting dates (**page 33**)
12. Any Other Business.

# **BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**

## **MINUTES**

of the proceedings of a meeting of the Executive Committee

held at the Offices of the Board on  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 2pm

### **Members**

Chairman - \* Mr K C Casswell

\* Cllr P Bedford

\* Mr J Fowler

\* Mr M Rollinson

\* Mr M Brookes

\* Mr P Holmes

\* Member Present

In attendance: Mr I Warsap (Chief Executive)  
Mr D Withnall (Finance Manager)  
Mr J Cooke (Towergate Insurance)

The Chairman thanked Mr J Cooke for attending.

Minute 1861(a), Insurance arrangements, was discussed as the first item of the meeting.

#### 1850 **RECORDING THE MEETING - Agenda Item 1**

Committee members were informed that the meeting would be recorded.

#### 1851 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Agenda Item 2**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 1852 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Agenda Item 3**

No declarations of interest were received.

#### 1853 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - Agenda Item 4**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were considered and it was AGREED that they should be signed as a true record.

#### 1854 **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - Agenda Item 5**

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

1855 MATTERS ARISING - Agenda Item 6

(a) 10 YEAR BUDGETS & ESTIMATES – Minute 1809(a1) & (a2)

The Chairman noted that he has spoken with Cllr P Bedford, who has confirmed that Boston Borough Council are aware that IDBs may increase their rate.

(b) SOUTH LINGS WATER PARTNERSHIP (SLWP) – Minute 1816(a)

The Chief Executive gave an update on the SLWP, explaining that Ofwat's Regulators' Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development (RAPID) Gate one submissions and draft decisions have been published (link on the Board's website). The recommendation was made that there needs to be a syphon between the South Lincs Reservoir (SLR) and South Forty Foot Drain (SFFD) to be able to evacuate water if the SLR was to fail. The Chief Executive also noted that works will be undertaken on the SFFD such as widening and deepening. A fine screening exercise is now being undertaken, whereby a single site location will need to be determined by February 2022.

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

(c) ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS – Minute 1816(d)

The Finance Manager confirmed that the election has been completed and there are three new Board Members joining the Board from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021; Mr M Leggott, Mr C Wray and Mr R Needham.

Two longstanding members of the Board that have not been elected, Mr R Leggott and Mr J R Wray, were noted. The Chairman questioned of the committee wanted to get something / do something for them?

The Chairman suggested that they are invited for their lunch prior to the next Board meeting and do a presentation to them then. An engraved tankard was suggested. All AGREED that Mr J R Wray and Mr R Leggott are to be invited for lunch prior to the next Board meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021) and presented with an engraved tankard.

(d) CONFIDENTIAL – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – Minute 1807(d)

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The Finance Manager explained to the committee that the Finance Supervisor and Finance Assistant have done remarkably well and produced the first draft copy of the Period 6 management accounts in time for the meeting, copies of which were circulated to members.

The Finance Manager highlighted the key points within the draft Period 6 Management accounts as follows:

- Pumping Station Maintenance – additional overspend of £9,477 within period 6 only. This gives a year to date overspend for the first six months of £47,302.
- Drain Maintenance – this was almost £30,000 overspent in last period but is now £7,025 underspent in period six. This gives a year to date overspend for the first six months of £108,905. Some of this has been addressed in previous meetings, noting to start desilting two months later to recover some costs, however, there is still a considerable amount overspent to consider.
- Rechargeable Expenditure – these are not complete yet because the Environment Agency (EA) invoices have not yet been sent out due to the Operations Manager not being at work. The Finance Manager noted that once these figures have been finalised and the period six management accounts completed, he will circulate to the committee by email.

The Finance Manager concluded that the main consideration is the overspend for pumping station maintenance and drain maintenance, noting that there will be approximately £60,000 drain maintenance and £50,000 pumping station maintenance to recover.

The Chairman questioned if the pumping station maintenance is a result of wear from the excessive pumping required over the last few years? The Finance Manager acknowledged this is most likely the case and that more detailed budgets may be required going forward to try and set a budget to work to, so that the Pump Engineer can prioritise what does and doesn't need doing urgently. Mr P Holmes suggested a Red/Amber/Green (RAG) system.

The Chief Executive also noted that he has asked the Operations Manager to undertake a thorough investigation to cost allocation and ensuring that the expenditure is being allocated correctly. The Chief Executive further adding that it is believed that nearly all the works for the EA Recovery funding received have been completed, with a lot of money left and so it is important to ensure this has been allocated correctly, if it has, then discussion will take place with the EA to identify other works to complete with the remaining.

It was also confirmed that electricity does not have its own budget, it just forms part of the pumping station maintenance. The Chief Executive noted that it is almost October, and the majority of pumping stations are still gravitating. The Finance Manager noted that if it gets to January – February 2022 and there is a surplus then areas for improvement can be identified and completed.

The committee expressed their thanks to the Finance Supervisor and Finance Assistant for their work producing the period six accounts.

1857 TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON THE 2021/22 BUDGET & TEN-YEAR ESTIMATES - Agenda Item 8

The Finance Manager noted that he would usually have done the Quarter 2 forecast which then feeds into the 10 Year Estimates, but it cannot be done until the Period six accounts are finalised.

(a) 2021/22 CAPITAL SCHEMES BUDGET

The Finance Manager noted that the 2021/22 capital scheme budget has not been changed since it was presented to the northern works and southern works committees.

The Finance Manager reflected on conversation at the southern works committee meeting and inspection around the underspend of the Graft Drain budget, potential delaying of jetting to major pipelines and the underspend on the alternate programme access works, noting that it may be that these schemes are delayed to 'free up' £90,000 to cover the shortages discussed in the previous agenda item.

The Finance Manager also noted the increase of £46,000 next year relating to no longer being able to use red diesel.

The Chairman questioned if there would be enough work for the workforce to do during the winter period if schemes are being delayed? The Chief Executive referred to the conversation around remaining Environment Agency (EA) funding in the previous agenda item and that there could still be some further EA main river enhancement work to complete.

Mr M Rollinson noted that it is about prioritising works to make savings.

The Finance Manager added that the annual cutting needs to continue and the cleansing also doesn't want jeopardising too much.

The Chairman questioned when the Finance Manager will be seeking guidance regarding what increase to tell the councils? The Finance Manager responded that the budget will be presented to the Executive committee meeting in December 2021 or January 2022, followed by the Board before the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022. He noted that he will bring the best estimate to the November meeting, but it won't have the detail behind it at this point.

Cllr P Bedford confirmed that Boston Borough Council (BBC) are expecting a 7-9% increase from the Board.

The Finance Manager broke it down into the simplest terms as follows; 2.5% was already proposed, further 2% increase to cover the red diesel, further 2% increase to cover the insurance which totals 6.5% without considering any other costs.

**(b) 2022/23 PLANT BUDGET**

The Finance Manager noted that the Operations Manager has amended the plant budget.

The Finance Manager highlighted the £100,000 to be transferred to the General Reserve.

The Finance Manager also noted being in a negative in 2027/28 and 2028/29 due to exceptionally high figures being inputted by the Operations Manager.

The Chief Executive further explained that the Operations Manager met with the T C Harrison sales representative regarding the excavator and also made enquires, at the request of the Chief Executive, for figures to purchase on lease / purchase hire / PCP etc. as opposed to purchasing outright as has always been done previously.

The Chief Executive further noted the negative figures within the budget, highlighting the other options would include increasing the plant recovery rate or remove something for replacement. Further noting that a droff of the wanted quality and specification hasn't yet been found for the budget of £50,000.

The Chief Executive also raised whether the Board are keeping major items of plant too long. The T C Harrison sales representative discussed this with the Operations Manager, noting that five years is their ideal exchange when not purchasing outright.

The Chairman felt that the concept of not buying the machines outright needs looking into further.

The Finance Manager suggested producing two amended plant accounts for the committee to review, all AGREED:

- Change every 5 years – Lease agreement
- Change every 5 years – Purchase outright

The Chief Executive further informed the committee that JCB have now developed a product that could do the job of the Twiga. It is currently on demo with Welland & Deepings IDB, and it should be coming to the Board to demo next. This product is around half the price of a Twiga. The Chief Executive confirmed that he will inform members to invite them to have a look at it once it arrived with the Board on demo.

The Chairman questioned whether the Hitachi excavator is cheaper to run than the JCB excavators? The Chief Executive responded that they have not been analysed in comparison to one another but did note that in terms of lack of break downs and standing time, the Hitachi is more beneficial than the JCB, however, Hitachi is more expensive to purchase.

**(c) CONFIDENTIAL - SALARY REVIEWS**

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1858 TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD - Agenda Item 9

The Chairman explained that in 2023, the amount collected from Special Levies on councils is expected to be greater than income from Agricultural Drainage Rates.

The Chairman explained the two options; to make the Board bigger (from 21 to 23) or smaller (from 21 to 15).

Mr M Brookes felt that reducing the size of the Board would be the most beneficial option.

The Chairman felt this would mean the Board will be more focused and that the works committees will need to be strong to sit on the other committees. It being confirmed that, currently, the only co-opted member on another committee is Roger Welberry on the Environment Committee.

The Chief Executive referenced a conversation between the two works committee chairmen during the inspection regarding reinvigorating the works committees, which he was encouraged to hear.

Mr M Rollinson disagreed, believing that it would be more beneficial to increase the size of the Board, feeling that if it was reduced, a lot of knowledge would be lost, also noting that it is a big geographical area.

Reference was made to the number of Boston Borough Councillors that would be required, Cllr P Bedford noting that it will be a struggle to fill the vacancies with councillors that are genuinely interested and will attend.

The Finance Manager noted that he would suggest 5 from Boston Borough, 1 from South Kesteven, 1 from South Holland and 1 from North Kesteven.

The Chief Executive further noted that in the future, the Board's upper catchment may become part of the Board's rateable income area and will therefore contain electoral districts. The Finance Manager assumed that in this instance, that the areas gained would have their own value and the Board would have to have additional elected and appointed members based on the value that they bring income into the Board.

Mr P Holmes suggested that there be ten appointed councillor members and by natural wastage reduce the number of elected members by two. It was confirmed that it doesn't work like that, it being explained that the value that area brings into the Board determines how many members they have.

The Chairman noted that older elected members could stay on the works committees, should they wish. Mr M Rollinson felt that older members may be needed on the works committees, as many middle aged farmers struggle to commit the time to the Board.

Mr M Rollinson noted that it is paramount that the works committees are reinvigorated, but that it should be on the proviso that if you are on the works committees, you should be prepared to stand on the Board.



The Finance Manager questioned whether scheduling meetings for evenings, perhaps 6pm or 7pm, would help people being able to attend? The committee felt it wouldn't make a difference.

The Chief Executive questioned whether the inspection tours are held at a convenient time of year?

The Chairman suggested June / July time for inspections.

The Finance Manager concluded that if it is increased by 2 appointed members, it is a relatively easy process. If the Board is reduced to 15, there can be one in each electoral district and is, again, a relatively easy process. Any other options would require a full review and consultation on the electoral districts.

It was suggested that it be included in the Board agenda for discussion. All AGREED.

1859 TO REVIEW THE DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR 2022 MEETINGS - Agenda Item 10

The initial proposed meeting dates were presented, the Finance Manager questioning if the works inspections should be changed following the conversation of the last agenda item?

All AGREED that the Finance Manager will re-do the draft timetable to allow for the works committee inspections to be held at the end of June and beginning of July (but before school holidays).

1860 TO CONSIDER A CONTINGENCY PLAN IN RELATION TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - Agenda Item 11

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1861 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Agenda Item 12

(a) INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

This item, insurance arrangements, was discussed as the first item of the meeting.

The committee had been informed of the below quoted increase in insurance prior to the meeting.

## Black Sluice IDB

Insurance renewal 30th September 2021

		Towergate 2020/21 (End of year)	Towergate 2021/22	Increase in Premium	Premium Increase %
Motor Fleet	Equity Red Star	£ 18,628.96	£ 18,614.40	-£ 14.56	-0.08%
Motor Legal Expenses	ARAG	£ 197.12	£ 278.30	£ 81.18	41.18%
Commercial Combined	AXA	£ 22,028.94	£ 61,389.10	£ 39,754.21	180.46%
Low Claims Rebate	AXA	-£ 1,100.24	-£ 706.19		
Commercial Legal Expenses	Abbey	£ 244.36	£ 244.36		
Customer Service Charge	Towergate	£ 300.00	£ 7,000.00	£ 6,700.00	2233.33%
Personal Accident	Aviva	£ 268.83	£ 371.41	£ 102.58	38.16%
Engineering Inspection	Allianz	£ 8,345.27	£ 8,864.00	£ 518.73	6.22%
Engineering Insurance	Allianz	£ 2,435.47	£ 5,120.00	£ 2,684.53	110.23%
Professional Indemnity	Dual	£ 1,680.00	£ 2,240.00	£ 560.00	33.33%
Management Liability	Dual	£ 1,488.48	£ 1,940.60	£ 452.12	30.37%
<b>TOTAL PREMIUM</b>		<b>£ 54,517.19</b>	<b>£ 105,355.98</b>	<b>£ 50,838.79</b>	<b>93.25%</b>

The committee discussed each policy individually, as follows.

### Motor Fleet

Mr J Cooke highlighted that there is only a very slight increase in the Motor Fleet insurance premium.

The Chief Executive questioned whether it would be worth considering increasing the excess? Mr J Cooke responded that if the excess was perhaps £1,000 - £1,500, there would probably be a 5% - 10% claim reduction. The insurers would look at claims experience and with the Board having claimed very little, the insurer would most likely take the view that they wouldn't save that much even with the increased excess. Mr J Cooke concluded that it would be worth investigating.

The Chief Executive questioned what excess the farmer members of the committee used on their vehicles? It was noted that the farm members have an excess of £500 - £1,000.

Mr M Rollinson questioned that value of the fleet being insured? Mr J Cooke responded that it is almost £1 million.

Mr P Holmes questioned whether named drivers, restricted drivers etc. had been considered? Mr J Cooke explained that it is currently 'any authorised driver', noting that it may reduce if it could be changed to anybody over the age of 25.

### Commercial Combined

Mr J Cooke highlighted the 2021/22 quoted premium for this policy of £61,389.10, informing the committee that £46,000 of that is in respect of pumping stations and pumping equipment.

Mr J Cooke suggested that some elements could be changed such as catastrophic claims only, insuring surface building structures only, removing fire insurance on submersible pumps etc.

Mr J Cooke explained to the committee that insurers are currently not very comfortable with 'big numbers' and the value of the buildings and pump equipment being insured is c£60 million.

Mr J Cooke acknowledged the steep increase of £39,754.21 from last year to this year. Mr M Rollinson questioned why there is such an increase and if a revaluation had been done to cause it? Mr J Cooke confirmed there has been no revaluation, explaining that he became involved a few years ago when a revaluation was done and that the NFU quoted a premium of approximately £50,000, but a different insurer quoted a lot cheaper at approximately £20,000. Mr J Cooke highlighted that there can't be that much difference in insurers forever, also noting that although IDB's can't be compared like for like, the premium in the past for sums insured was undervalued in comparison, whereas the rates that are now being quoted are the same as most other IDBs. However, Mr J Cooke also noted that there is no other IDB with the level of sum insured of £60 million.

Mr P Holmes noted that although the total is £60 million, the pumping stations are so remote and independent from one another, that at any one given point, if something were to happen to one pumping station, it wouldn't impact the others. Mr J Cooke noted that the insurers are typically more concerned about natural disasters such as flooding. The Chairman noted that the Environment Agency (EA) would be liable, the Chief Executive noted that he wouldn't want to be reliant on the EA to replace / partly replace a pumping station.

Mr M Brookes noted that is not much time to deal with this, as the insurance renewal is due on 30<sup>th</sup> September (tomorrow). Mr J Cooke noted that it has been extended until the 1<sup>st</sup> October (Friday). The Chief Executive questioned whether it could be extended any further? Mr J Cooke explained that if the Board wanted to rearrange and make amendments to the current policy, he would suggest renewing it and then making the changes afterwards. Mr J Cooke added that if the Board are considering whether they want to continue with all of the current policies, then they may or may not extend any further.

Mr J Cooke added that he has seen similar increases universally and the Chief Executive questioned how it has been resolved with other clients? Mr J Cooke explained that some clients have paid the increase, he has created new policies such as a catastrophe policy with an excess of £100,000 with any claim under £100,000 not insured.

Mr M Rollinson suggested the concept of self-insurance. Cllr P Bedford noted that Boston Borough Council self-insure and that they have seen a big saving from doing so.

Mr J Fowler questioned whether the Board has ever had a pumping equipment or building claim? The Finance Manager noted that, in the past 12 years he has been here, there has been two claims, one at approximately £46,000 and one at £1,891.

The Chief Executive noted that maintenance of assets is proactive within the Board.

The breakdown of the commercial combined policy cost was outlined as below:

- Plant £46,000
- Employers liability £8,000
- Public liability £6,500
- Business Interruption £887
- Goods in Transit £150
- Money & Malicious Attack £100
- Contractors or Risks (Hired Plant) £2,500
- General Equipment (fuel tanks, stock, computers, laptops etc.) £350
- The balance being insurance premium tax.

Discussion returned to the concept of self-insurance; the Finance Manager noted that a separate reserve within the General Reserve would be preferable.

Mr M Rollinson and the Chairman noted that they felt self-insuring the pumping stations is a more attractive option than the £100,000 excess catastrophe policy. Mr J Cooke acknowledged this but noted he would look into the catastrophe policy anyway to see what discount it would generate. The Chief Executive highlighted it is important to get this figure from Mr J Cooke so that the Board are able to compare their options and make an informed decision.

The Finance Manager questioned how much Mr J Cooke estimated the depot and Board's bungalow would be out of the £46,000, as they would both need to continue to be insured in his opinion. Mr J Cooke estimated £600 for the depot.

Mr M Rollinson questioned whether the underwriters are worried about climate change? Mr J Cooke felt there was an element of that in it, but that it is not the main reason for the increase in premium. Mr J Cooke felt it was more a result of a multitude of factors coming at the same time, one being that insurers have made very little money on underwriting over the past twenty years, there has been a lot of competition and there is now suddenly no competition and a shortage. Mr J Cooke also highlighted to the committee that the regulators have imposed 'solvency 2' which means that insurers have to keep more of their liquid funds set aside from day to day business, which means they have less money available to pay claims and therefore are not able to take on so many policies, the only option being to increase revenue which has led to an increase in premium.

The Chief Executive therefore questioned if it is becoming more difficult to agree a settlement on insurance claim? Mr J Cooke acknowledged that if it is a genuine claim there will be no issues.

The Finance Manager noted that the old value, without substructures, was £35.5 million. If 15% is added on to bring it in line with current prices that equates to a value of £41 million. The value is therefore being reduced from £64 million (excluding depot and bungalow) to £41 million. The Finance Manager noted that previously, the substructures for Kirton Marsh Pumping Station and Wyberton Pumping Station were left in the insurance due to being on the sea bank.

All AGREED that three figures are required from Mr J Cooke:

- Premium with the £100,000 catastrophe policy
- Premium with no pumping stations insured
- Premium with pumping stations insured (substructures removed – pumps below ground still included)

#### Customer Service Charge

Mr J Cooke explained that instead of the commission being a percentage of the premium, has included a separate figure, as he wouldn't feel comfortable earning commission on £61,000 (commercial combined policy premium).

#### Engineering Insurance

Mr J Cooke explained that engineering insurance is breakdown and unforeseen damage to equipment, excluding fire and theft.

The Chairman questioned whether this is necessary, as it would be part of repairs anyway.

Mr J Cooke confirmed that the excess is £1,000 but increases to £2,500 for some submersible pump claims.

The Chairman noted that he would be prepared to self-insure this element as it would form part of general maintenance anyway.

The Finance Manager added that the Board has never claimed on this policy, there are perhaps things that could have been claimed but never were.

The Chief Executive noted that it is primarily about managing risk.

All AGREED to remove the engineering insurance policy.

#### Engineering Inspection

Mr J Fowler questioned whether the engineering inspection are all legally required inspections?

It was confirmed that the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) is legally required for the overhead cranes, nifty lift, chains and harnesses etc. There are 362 items covered in total, with the Finance Manager of the opinion that the LOLER inspections would only make up a quarter of that. The Finance Manager also noted that when inspections have been carried out previously, sometimes the inspections have not even been carried out due to the pumps being submerged.

Mr J Cooke noted that he will begin with taking out the pumps, potentially also the electrical panels (each panel is classed as a separate item). Mr J Cooke further referenced Power Operating Machinery Regulations which relates to content such as this. Mr J Cooke noted the requirement to risk assess all the items, noting the only potential exposure if somebody was injured as a result of self-inspection. The responsibility would then solely rest with the Board and somebody qualified would be required to conduct those risk assessments.

Mr M Rollinson suggested that the below figures are required:

- The premium with the submersible pumps removed
- The premium with everything removed except those that are legally obliged

The Finance Manager noted that all of the items will still be on variable sites and so the inspector will still have to visit the various sites but with less to complete once there, highlighting his concern that the cost per item will increase.

#### Professional Indemnity

The Finance Manager explained that this is at a set level for the Public Sector Cooperation Agreement (PSCA). It is for design and construct; the Board only construct with PSCA work and questioned whether professional indemnity is required for anything else, noting that the Board don't give advice.

Mr M Rollinson acknowledged that the Board have to have it but felt a 33% increase was high considering the Board have never claimed on it also. Mr J Cooke noted that for the design and construct industry, a 33% increase would be considered a 'bargain'.

The Finance Manager noted that the alternative would be that if it was determined that it is not required for the Board's purposes, then it could be built into the PSCA and therefore the Environment Agency would pay.

Mr J Cooke noted that it would also provide some cover if there was an accusation of alleged professional negligence.

#### Management Liability

The Finance Manager explained that this is the policy there is a current case noted for. The Finance Manager questioned Mr J Cooke if the reasonable search declaration has had any impact on the premiums? Mr J Cooke confirmed it has had no impact. The circumstances of the Chief Executive are simply noted on the system currently.

The Finance Manager posed the question of a 2-3 week extension? Mr J Cooke responded that he wouldn't get it for all the policies.

The Finance Manager questioned if the policies that had to be renewed, would that mean the Board were committed for the full twelve months? Mr J Cooke confirmed it would be committed for twelve months.

Mr M Rollinson questioned whether there would be any benefit in going to a monthly direct debit as opposed to annual renewal? Mr J Cooke responded with 2.5% - 3% interest charge.

The Chairman noted that it is so near the renewal, that it may have to be renewed and reclaimed. Mr J Cooke noted that he has looked around the whole market and there is nothing any better so it may be a case of renewing those and then the commercial combined policy is extended until Friday so Mr J Cooke can rework some figures.

Mr P Holmes noted that if it is decided to self-insure, it could potentially be more attractive to other insurers who were uninclined to insure for the value of £65million as it would therefore be reduced.

The Finance Manager noted the difficulty of the short deadline of Friday for the Commercial Combined policy and tomorrow for the other policies.

The Finance Manager further added that it has been put out to another insurer this morning, as a whole package, questioning if all the policies are extended for two days or if that would leave the Board uninsured for that time? Mr J Cooke responded that professional indemnity, management liability and motor policies need to be renewed by midnight this evening.

Mr P Holmes questioned how long the Board's Officers have had the renewal figures? The Finance Manager explained that they were received on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, the same day they were circulated to the committee. Mr P Holmes felt it wasn't acceptable for the figures to be provided so close to the renewal date. Mr J Cooke noted that because the premiums are increasing so much, everybody is marketing every policy and so obtaining premium quotes can be difficult.

The Finance Manager noted that some other IDBs had warned to expect increases in insurance, but nothing to this extent.

The Finance Manager questioned if there is any point in looking into a long term agreement once Mr J Cooke has provided amended final figures? Mr J Cooke noted that there is no point at this stage.

The Finance Manager added that there is no reason why the insurance premium quote figures shouldn't be available for the Board to consider from the beginning of September.

The committee thanked Mr J Cooke for his attendance. Mr J Cooke left the meeting.

Mr M Rollinson suggested that the committee revisit this matter at the end of the meeting, the committee agreed.

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The committee resumed on this matter at the end of the meeting, as follows.

The Finance Manager noted that he has received an email from the NFU whilst being in the meeting, stating *'Thank you for the information. Let me know when you are free, and I will give you a call'*.

Mr M Brookes questioned whether Towergate didn't provide the quote in good time so that the Board didn't have time to get any other comparative quotes.

It was confirmed that the Finance Manager will communicate via email with the committee over the next few days regarding this matter.

All AGREED that all policies, except for Commercial Combined and Engineering Insurance, to be renewed with Towergate. The Commercial Combined policy will be dependent on alternative figures provided by Mr J Cooke and the NFU, with the potential option of self-insurance. All AGREED to use the 'reply to all' function when communicating via email about this matter so that the whole committee can see each other's opinions.

Mr M Rollinson noted that insurance is such a big matter that it may be beneficial to hold an Executive meeting solely to discuss this in the future.

The Finance Manager noted that the insurance arrangements are usually presented to the Audit & Risk Committee but have been presented to the Executive Committee this year because of the tight deadlines and huge increase in premium.

The Finance Manager also reminded that committee that it was a long term agreement taken out three years ago, at which point the rate was fixed, and so this is the first increase in three years.

(b) ATTENDEES FOR THE VIRTUAL ADA CONFERENCE

The Chief Executive noted that the invitation has been received for the virtual ADA Conference.

All AGREED to circulate the invitation to all Board Members due to it being a virtual meeting.

(c) EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2020/21

The Finance Manager informed the committee that the External Auditor's report was received this morning, with nothing to note, it all being 'clean'.

Mr M Brookes, as Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee, thanked the Finance Manager and his team for this achievement.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 17:05.



**BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 02 NOVEMBER 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 07**

**PERIOD 06 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

**Income**

- Drainage Rate income has fallen back slightly in P06, however, since the period end accounts were processed, we have received a significant cheque for over £27k.
- Invoiced Rechargeable work is now £121,597 greater than budget.

**Expenditure**

- Overall £225,026 has not been spent on Schemes that were in the budget for period 1 to 6.
  - Still only £26k of the budgeted £60k has been spent on the Graft Drain scheme so far.
  - The jetting budget of £54k in P01 to P06 has not been spent yet
  - The Lane Dyke Culvert Replacement FDGiA scheme has still only had £646 of its £102k (P01-P06) budget spent
  - The Leaves Lake Drove culvert FDGiA scheme has still not started yet - £42k
  - The Alternate Programme Access work has still only spent £6864 of £20k
  - The general culvert replacement budget has also not been spent - £5k
  - PS Automation etc. is showing £7811 overspent but this should be recovered through FDGiA and possibly the £57k we have already spent will be as well.
- PS Maintenance is currently £47,302 overspent on budget with £9k of this being charged in P06
- Drain Maintenance deficit has reduced by £6k to £109,696 overspent
  - £2,517 Summer cutting
  - £3,718 Desilting
- Admin & Establishment is now just £2,821 underspent
  - Admin Salary overspent £10,389 relating to Acting Up costs
  - Office & Admin costs £5,503 underspent
  - Equipment & Building charges are £6,464 underspent but C£10k order has been placed for LED lights that will be funded 50:50 Building:Environment.

**Balance Sheet**

- Plant Account is £57,670 down on the same point last year
- £196,213 costs waiting to be invoiced on balance sheet
- Wages oncost account is maintaining the opening balance
- BFF investment stands at £368,385
  - Estimated income £10,745
- BSIDB Investment £505,938
  - Estimated Income £13,939

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

## Project Summary

### 2021/22

Period 06 - September 2021

Description	Period Current Year			Year To Date					Last Year	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Variance	Actual YTD	Variance to Current Year
Rates & Levies	32,069	65,547	(33,478)	1,597,193	1,629,938	(32,745)	0	1,597,193	1,577,422	19,771
Interest & Grants	1,323	2,379	(1,056)	7,670	8,571	(901)	0	7,670	127,208	(119,538)
Development Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,773	(15,773)
Other Income	6,445	1,914	4,531	19,100	15,071	4,029	0	19,100	26,411	(7,311)
Rechargeable Income	110,848	69,372	41,476	359,009	237,412	121,597	0	359,009	199,626	159,382
Solar Panel Income	1,349	1,915	(566)	12,106	13,781	(1,675)	0	12,106	12,600	(493)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>152,033</b>	<b>141,127</b>	<b>10,906</b>	<b>1,995,077</b>	<b>1,904,773</b>	<b>90,304</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,995,077</b>	<b>1,959,040</b>	<b>36,038</b>
Schemes	3,261	0	(3,261)	57,974	283,000	225,026	0	(57,974)	63,021	5,047
Pumping Station Schemes	0	0	0	7,811	0	(7,811)	0	(7,811)	43,716	35,905
Pumping Station Maintenance	19,763	17,022	(9,477)	132,862	127,480	(47,302)	0	(174,782)	121,731	(8,239)
Electricity	6,736			41,919					44,812	0
Drain Maintenance	108,547	114,781	6,234	379,814	270,118	(109,696)	0	(379,814)	435,203	55,390
Environmental Schemes	609	5,305	4,696	6,107	14,859	8,752	0	(6,107)	5,452	(654)
Administration & Establishment	45,120	42,263	(2,857)	277,075	279,896	2,821	0	(277,075)	277,360	285
EA Precept	0	0	0	138,276	138,276	0	0	(138,276)	0	(138,276)
Rechargeable Expenditure	108,823	63,066	65,090	350,341	215,829	(134,512)	0	(350,341)	169,985	(379,982)
Solar Panel Expenses	250	0	(250)	3,414	0	(3,414)	0	(3,414)	2,327	(1,087)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>293,109</b>	<b>242,437</b>	<b>60,175</b>	<b>1,395,594</b>	<b>1,329,458</b>	<b>(66,136)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,395,594)</b>	<b>1,163,609</b>	<b>(431,612)</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(141,076)</b>	<b>(101,310)</b>	<b>(39,766)</b>	<b>599,483</b>	<b>575,315</b>	<b>24,168</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>599,483</b>	<b>795,431</b>	<b>(195,948)</b>
<b>Movement on reserves</b>										
Plant Reserve	(43,669)	63,066	106,735	(153,749)	(215,829)	(62,080)	(153,749)	0	(211,513)	(57,764)
Pump Engineer Oncost	677	0	(677)	3,260	0	(3,260)	0	(3,260)	15,361	12,101
Wages oncost Reserve	(3,032)	0	3,032	(18,397)	0	18,397	(18,397)	0	(37,554)	(19,158)
Grants Manager	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(95,053)</b>	<b>(164,376)</b>	<b>(148,856)</b>	<b>768,369</b>	<b>791,144</b>	<b>71,112</b>	<b>172,146</b>	<b>602,743</b>	<b>1,029,137</b>	<b>(131,128)</b>

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board Drainage Rates & Special Levies

2021/22

Period 06 - September 2021

## Drainage Rates & Special Levies Due

### Drainage Rates

Annual Drainage Rates - Land and/or buildings	1,097,205.86	
Land/Property - Value Decreased	(10,466.73)	
Land/Property - Value Increased	9,452.95	
New Assessment	1,013.64	
Write Offs & Irrecoverables	(2,340.24)	
Adjustments required for Special Levy		
Summons Collection Costs	75.00	
<b>Balance</b>	1,094,940.48	49.67%

### Special Levies

Boston Borough Council	842,837.86	
South Holland District Council	134,532.30	
North Kesteven District Council	71,228.24	
South Kesteven District Council	60,696.02	
	1,109,294.42	50.33%

<b>Total Due</b>	<b>2,204,234.90</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
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## Drainage Rates & Special Levies Collected

B/F Arrears/(Allowances)	(867.40)	
Payments Posted	1,044,997.53	
Returned Amount	(1,350.08)	95.21%
Paid Refund	(234.00)	
Bourne North Fen Trust Contribution		
Special Levies Received	554,647.21	50.00%
<b>Total Received</b>	1,597,193.26	

## Drainage Rates & Special Levies Debtors

Special Levy Outstanding	554,647.21	50.00%
Drainage Rates Outstanding	52,394.43	4.79%
	607,041.64	
	<b>2,204,234.90</b>	

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

## Income & Expenditure Summary

### 2021/22

Period 06 - September 2021

	This Year	Last Year	Variance
Drainage Rates	1,042,546	1,040,967	1,579
Special Levies	554,647	536,455	18,192
Recoverable	359,009	199,626	159,382
Misc Income	27,423	169,903	(142,480)
Solar Panel Income	12,106	12,600	(493)
	1,995,731	1,959,551	36,180
Employment Costs	627,662	568,263	(59,399)
Property	67,925	78,046	10,122
General Expenses	101,906	103,301	1,395
Materials / Stock	30,573	19,589	(10,985)
Motor & Plant	106,746	113,832	7,086
Miscellaneous	292,561	47,383	(245,178)
Recharges	(324,739)	(363,347)	(38,608)
Plant	324,727	363,347	38,620
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,227,362</b>	<b>930,414</b>	<b>(296,948)</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>768,369</b>	<b>1,029,137</b>	<b>(260,768)</b>

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

## Balance Sheet at Period End

### 2021/22

Period 06 - September 2021

	<u>This Year</u>		<u>Last Year</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Operational Land & Buildings Cost	1,009,350		739,350	
Pumping Stations Cost	3,861,354		3,861,354	
Non-operational Property Cost	165,000		130,000	
Vehicles, Plant & Machinery Cost	844,800		1,011,648	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		<b>5,880,504</b>		<b>5,742,352</b>
Stock	29,983		19,276	
Debtors Control	90,602		155,536	
VAT	2,285		(50,530)	
Car Loans	7,263		11,963	
Prepayments	40,015		29,829	
Drawings Bank Account	(58,695)		(18,837)	
Call Bank Account	314,637		310,000	
Petty Cash	388		408	
Highland Water	0		0	
Work in Progress	(633,097)		(436,881)	
Nat West Government Procurement C	(1,103)		(2,327)	
Brewin Dolphin Investment	505,938		467,538	
Natwest Reserve Account	2,252,438		1,802,576	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>2,550,654</b>		<b>2,288,551</b>
Trade Creditors	(13,966)		(1,353)	
PAYE & NI Control Account	(28,248)		(23,716)	
Superannuation Contrl Account	(18,797)		(16,856)	
Accruals	(16,957)		(34,497)	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>(77,968)</b>		<b>(76,422)</b>
Pension Liability		(3,476,000)		(2,744,000)
		<b>4,877,191</b>		<b>5,210,481</b>
Capital Reserve	5,874,826		5,561,654	
Pension Reserve	(3,476,000)		(2,744,000)	
Brewin Dolphin Revaluation	5,938		(32,462)	
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>2,404,764</b>		<b>2,785,192</b>
Revenue Reserve	1,234,635		1,220,944	
Development Reserve	377,507		182,703	
Plant Reserve	64,105		19,408	
Wages Oncost Reserve	27,810		(26,902)	
General Resere	768,369		1,029,137	
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>2,472,427</b>		<b>2,425,289</b>
		<b>4,877,191</b>	0	<b>5,210,481</b>
<b><u>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</u></b>				
Drawings Account		(58,695)		
Call Account		13,122	314,637	
Natwest Reserve Account @ 0.01%		2,252,438		
Petty Cash		388		
Chargecard		(1,103)		
Monmouthshire BS @ 0.40%		301,515	30 Day Notice	
		<b>2,507,665</b>		

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board Investment Summary 2021/22 Period 06 - September 2021

PORTFOLIO P1684056 VALUATION DATE 29 Sep 2021

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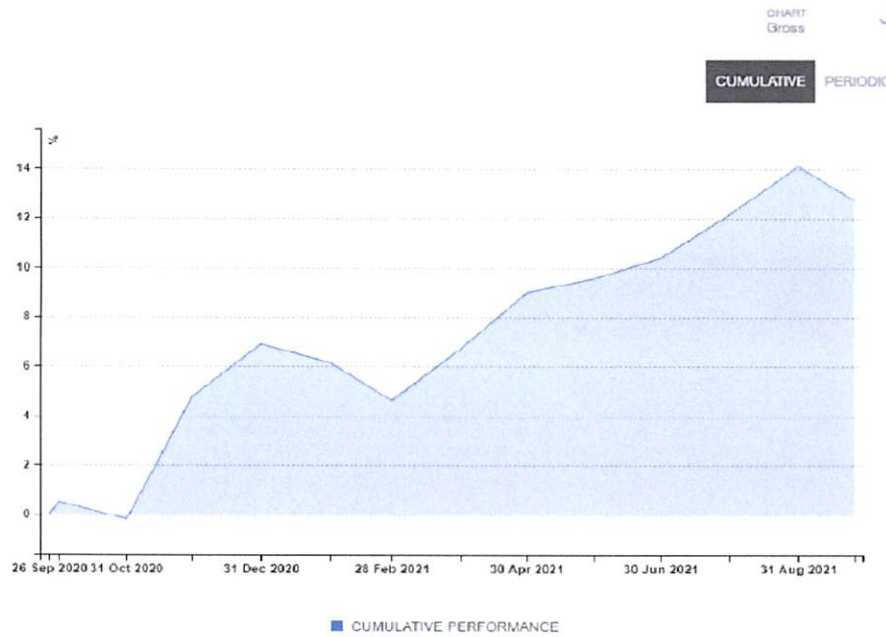
## Portfolio Overview

**LAST 12 MONTHS PERFORMANCE** ↑  
**12.76%**

**TOTAL VALUE**  
**505,938.16 GBP**

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME**  
**13,939.71 GBP**

## Performance



## Portfolio Summary

BOOK COST	OVERALL GAIN OR LOSS	ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME	ESTIMATED YIELD %
472,607.22 GBP	7.05%↑	13,939.71 GBP	2.76%↑

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board BFF Investment Summary 2021/22

Period 06 - September 2021

PORTFOLIO P0000780290 VALUATION DATE 20 Sep 2021

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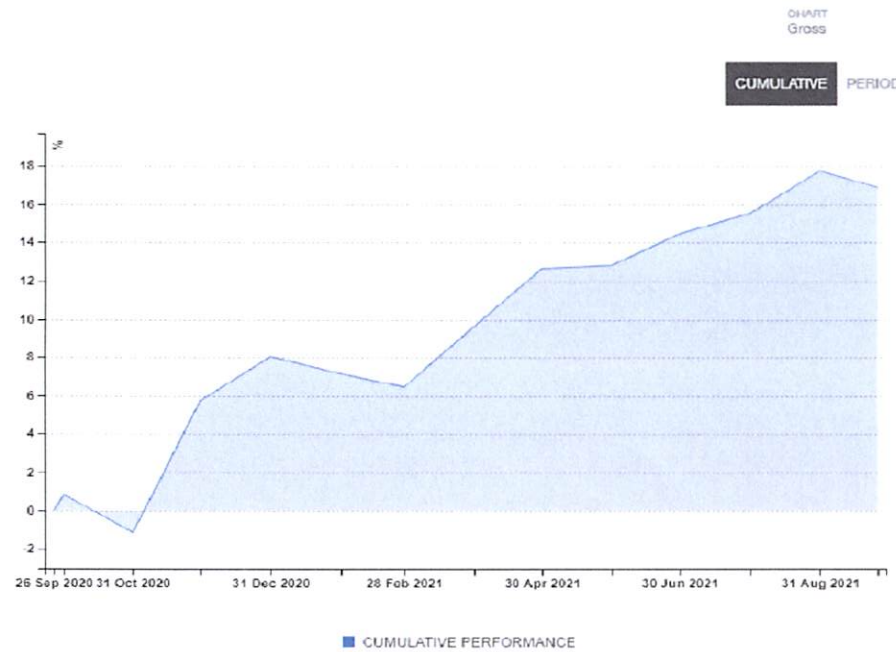
## Portfolio Overview

**LAST 12 MONTHS PERFORMANCE**  
**16.91%** ↑

**TOTAL VALUE**  
**368,385.07 GBP**

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME**  
**10,745.21 GBP**

## Performance



## Portfolio Summary

BOOK COST  
318,609.81 GBP

OVERALL GAIN OR LOSS  
**15.62%↑**

ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME  
10,745.21 GBP

ESTIMATED YIELD %  
**2.92%↑**

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

## 2021/22 Forecast

### Quarter 2 - Period 6 - September 2021

Description	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Forecast	Difference	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
				Actual	Actual	Forecast	Forecast
Rates & Levies	2,209,972	2,204,234	(5,738)	1,355,877	241,316	578,547	28,494
Interest & Grants	298,501	182,772	(115,729)	3,676	3,994	2,190	172,912
Development Fund	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Other Income	22,867	23,596	729	7,351	11,748	1,171	3,325
Rechargeable Income	595,301	736,775	141,474	92,515	266,494	268,580	109,186
Solar Income	18,752	17,077	(1,675)	6,407	5,699	2,041	2,930
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,150,393</b>	<b>3,169,453</b>	<b>19,060</b>	<b>1,465,826</b>	<b>529,252</b>	<b>852,529</b>	<b>321,847</b>
Board Funded Schemes	204,000	142,875	61,125	43,044	11,891	20,940	67,000
FDGiA/Local Levy Schemes	282,000	788,334	(506,334)	8,138	2,713	190,257	587,227
Pumping Station Maintenance	392,841	440,143	(47,302)	86,939	87,843	95,029	170,332
Drain Maintenance	893,205	888,033	5,172	127,703	252,111	348,161	160,058
Environmental Schemes	20,000	16,248	3,752	4,756	1,351	6,293	3,848
Administration & Establishment	564,313	566,492	(2,179)	141,380	135,695	139,194	150,223
EA Precept	276,552	276,552	0	138,276	0	138,276	0
Solar Expenses	2,538	3,414	(876)	1,973	1,441	0	0
Rechargeable Expenditure	541,183	693,764	(152,582)	89,450	260,891	244,164	99,260
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,176,632</b>	<b>3,815,855</b>	<b>(639,224)</b>	<b>641,658</b>	<b>753,935</b>	<b>1,182,314</b>	<b>1,237,948</b>
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>(26,239)</b>	<b>(646,402)</b>	<b>(620,163)</b>	<b>824,167</b>	<b>(224,684)</b>	<b>(329,785)</b>	<b>(916,101)</b>



**BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**2022/23 Budget and 10 Year Estimates**  
**1st Draft for November Exec**

Income	Actual	Budget	Forecast @ P06	Budget / Estimates									
	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32
Rates and Levies	2,143,773	2,209,972	2,204,234	2,367,459	2,474,766	2,585,426	2,675,966	2,743,033	2,811,777	2,882,197	2,954,294	3,028,067	3,103,517
Interest & Investment Income	16,247	16,501	13,272	17,500	17,850	18,207	18,571	18,943	19,321	19,708	20,102	20,504	20,914
Grants/Local Levy	316,986	282,000	169,500	520,000	790,000	521,000	530,000						
Contribution Development Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Income	58,526	22,867	23,596	24,068	24,549	25,040	25,541	26,051	26,573	27,104	27,646	28,199	28,763
Rechargeable Income	368,040	595,301	736,775	570,608	276,020	281,541	287,171	292,915	298,773	304,749	310,844	317,060	323,402
Solar Panel Income	17,121	18,752	17,077	17,419	17,767	18,122	18,485	18,854	19,232	19,616	20,009	20,409	20,817
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,925,693</b>	<b>3,150,393</b>	<b>3,169,453</b>	<b>3,522,053</b>	<b>3,605,952</b>	<b>3,454,336</b>	<b>3,560,734</b>	<b>3,104,796</b>	<b>3,180,676</b>	<b>3,258,374</b>	<b>3,337,894</b>	<b>3,419,239</b>	<b>3,502,413</b>

Expenditure	Actual	Budget	Forecast @ P06	Budget / Estimates									
	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32
Board Funded Schemes	302,926	204,000	142,875	170,000	259,000	294,000	315,000	255,000	273,000	281,000	290,000	317,000	324,925
FDGIA/Local Levy Funded Schemes	141,222	282,000	788,334	520,000	790,000	521,000	530,000						
Pumping Station Maintenance	326,769	392,841	440,143	448,946	457,925	467,083	478,760	490,729	502,998	515,573	528,462	541,673	555,215
Electricity	247,733												
Drain Maintenance	823,466	893,205	888,033	951,793	970,829	990,246	1,015,002	1,040,377	1,066,386	1,093,046	1,120,372	1,148,382	1,177,091
Environmental Works	15,873	20,000	16,248	20,000	20,400	20,808	21,328	21,861	22,408	22,968	23,542	24,131	24,734
Administration & Establishment	559,536	564,314	566,492	580,655	595,171	610,050	625,301	640,934	656,957	673,381	690,216	707,471	725,158
EA Precept	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	283,466	290,552	297,816	305,262	312,893
Rechargeable Expenditure	315,597	541,183	693,764	530,798	256,763	261,898	267,136	272,479	277,929	283,487	289,157	294,940	300,839
Solar Panel Expenditure	2,327	2,538	3,414	3,482	3,552	3,623	3,714	3,806	3,902	3,999	4,099	4,202	4,307
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3,012,001</b>	<b>3,176,633</b>	<b>3,815,855</b>	<b>3,502,226</b>	<b>3,630,192</b>	<b>3,445,260</b>	<b>3,532,794</b>	<b>3,001,739</b>	<b>3,087,045</b>	<b>3,164,007</b>	<b>3,243,664</b>	<b>3,343,060</b>	<b>3,425,162</b>

OPENING BALANCE	1,220,944	1,234,636	1,234,636	588,234	608,061	583,821	592,897	620,837	723,894	817,525	911,892	1,006,122	1,082,301
Introduced from Plant Reserve	100,000												
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) IN YEAR	(86,308)	(26,240)	(646,402)	19,827	(24,240)	9,075	27,940	103,057	93,631	94,367	94,230	76,179	77,251
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>1,234,636</b>	<b>1,208,396</b>	<b>588,234</b>	<b>608,061</b>	<b>583,821</b>	<b>592,897</b>	<b>620,837</b>	<b>723,894</b>	<b>817,525</b>	<b>911,892</b>	<b>1,006,122</b>	<b>1,082,301</b>	<b>1,159,551</b>

Reserve % of Expenditure	40.99%	38.04%	15.42%	17.36%	16.08%	17.21%	17.57%	24.12%	26.48%	28.82%	31.02%	32.37%	33.85%
Reserve % of Expenditure (Excl Grants)	45.81%	41.75%	19.43%	20.39%	20.56%	20.28%	20.68%	24.12%	26.48%	28.82%	31.02%	32.37%	33.85%

<b>RATE</b>	<b>12.84</b>	<b>13.16</b>	<b>13.16</b>	<b>14.12</b>	<b>14.76</b>	<b>15.42</b>	<b>15.96</b>	<b>16.36</b>	<b>16.77</b>	<b>17.19</b>	<b>17.62</b>	<b>18.06</b>	<b>18.51</b>
Increase in Rates		2.49%	2.49%	7.29%	4.53%	4.47%	3.50%	2.51%	2.51%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.49%



# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Director of Resources  
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Dear Finance Officer

## **Special Levies 2022/23**

I assume your authority is preparing to start your budgeting process for 2022/23 and I thought it would be useful to let you know some of the challenges IDB's and specifically Black Sluice IDB are experiencing, that will most likely result in greater rises in Special Levies and Agricultural Drainage Rates than we have had in the past.

Normally at this stage we are reasonably confident what our rates are going to look like for the next few years but everything appears to be conspiring against us this year.

The use of Red Diesel is being withdrawn for IDB's next April and whilst our national representative body is still lobbying government it looks like there will not be any leeway on this and we will be left to find the additional duty to be paid by changing over to White Diesel. We will be sending over our latest response to your authority in the next few days if it hasn't already been received, in the hope that they may be able to offer support. In addition to the Red Diesel issue we have also just been presented with 180% increase in our Combined insurance policy, which the Board has mitigated to some extent by introducing an element of self insurance but this will require us increasing our reserves, to be prudent, which are already under a strain following the previous two wet winters where we have been in an emergency situation on a number of occasions requiring us to use our electric pumps to their extreme capabilities.

All in all at this very early stage we are looking at increases of between 7% and 9% for next year and potentially 5% going forward. We will of course keep looking for ways to mitigate these increases.

We have an Executive Committee Meeting and Board Meeting in November when the outline aims of the Board will be agreed with the aim of the detailed budget being agreed and the rate sealed on 08 February 2022.

Please feel free to get in touch for an update or to discuss at anytime.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Withnall  
Finance Manager

# BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 02 NOVEMBER 2021

### AGENDA ITEM 10

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

#### Board Members

<b>Elected Board Members</b>		
<b>Electoral District</b>	<b>Area's Encompassed</b>	<b>Elected Representative</b>
A	Amber Hill, Harts Grounds, Kirton Fen, Pelhams Land, Frampton Great Fen, Brothertoft and Wyberton Fen	Mark Leggott
B	Great Hale, Pt. Little Hale, Heckington, Pt. Burton Pedwardine, Swineshead North, Asgarby, Howell, Ewerby, Evedon, Pt. Kirkby La Thorpe, Pt. Sleaford UD, South Kyme & Pt. North Kyme	Robert Needham
		Peter Robinson
C	Pointon, Sempringham, Billingborough, Horbling Fens, Swaton and Helpringham Fens, Silk Willoughby, Pt Burton Pedwardine, Pt Kirkby-La-Thorpe, Aswarby, Swaby, Scredington, Osbournby, Threekingham, Pt. Sleaford UD, and Pt. Little Hale	Vic Barker
D	Bourne North and Dyke Fens, Morton and Hacconby Fens, Dunsby, Rippingale, Dowsby Lode, Aslackby Fen and Laughton	John Atkinson
		Will Ash
E	Quadring Fen, Surfleet Fen, Gosberton Fen, Donington, Pinchbeck, Burtey Fen, Pinchbeck (Star Lode and Leaves Lake)	Keith Casswell
		Chris Wray
F	Bicker with Swineshead, Wigtoft Marshes, Swineshead and Pt. Wigtoft	Mark Rollinson
G	Kirton, Pt. Fosdyke, Pt. Sutterton, Frampton, Wyberton with Boston	Paul Holmes
		Jonathan Fowler

#### **Members Appointed by District Councils**

Cllr Tom Ashton	Boston Borough Council
Cllr Richard Austin	Boston Borough Council
Cllr Peter Bedford	Boston Borough Council
Cllr Michael Cooper	Boston Borough Council
Cllr Frank Pickett	Boston Borough Council
Cllr Paul Skinner	Boston Borough Council
Michael Brookes (Lay Member)	Boston Borough Council
Cllr Mervyn Head	North Kesteven District Council
Cllr Simon Walsh	South Holland District Council
Cllr Peter Moseley	South Kesteven District Council

Suggestions from the Nominations Committee for appointment to the Board's sub-committees are as follows;

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>Executive Committee</b>	
Chairman	Keith Casswell
Vice-Chairman	Paul Holmes
Chairman NW Committee	Duplicate
Chairman SW Committee	Mark Rollinson
Chairman Environment Committee	Duplicate
Chairman Audit & Risk Committee	Michael Brookes
Chairman Culvert & Bridges Committee	Jonathan Fowler
Boston Borough Council Representative	Cllr Peter Bedford

### **NORTHERN WORKS COMMITTEE**

<b>Northern Works Committee</b>	
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Co-opted Members</b>
Paul Holmes (Chairman)	James Pocklington
Peter Robinson	David Casswell
Mark Leggott	Roger Welberry
Jonathan Fowler	
Robert Needham	
Cllr Tom Ashton	
Cllr Richard Austin	
Cllr Peter Bedford	
Cllr Michael Cooper	
Cllr Frank Pickett	
Cllr Paul Skinner	
Michael Brookes (Lay Member)	
Cllr Mervyn Head	

### **SOUTHERN WORKS COMMITTEE**

<b>Southern Works Committee</b>	
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Co-opted Members</b>
Mark Rollinson (Chairman)	Ross Dorrington
John Atkinson	Mark Mowbray
Keith Casswell	James Casswell
Chris Wray	Chris Dring
Will Ash	Andrew Mair
Vic Barker	
Cllr Simon Walsh	
Cllr Peter Moseley	

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Environment Committee	
Northern Works	Southern Works
Paul Holmes (Chairman)	Keith Casswell
Roger Welberry	Vic Barker
Vacancy	John Atkinson
Mr Peter Robinson	Vacancy
Cllr Paul Skinner	Will Ash

## AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Audit & Risk Committee	
Northern Works	Vacancy
Northern Works	Vacancy
Southern Works	Vic Barker
Southern Works	Will Ash
Appointed Member	Michael Brookes (Chairman)
Appointed Member	Cllr Simon Walsh
Additional Member	Cllr Richard Austin

## STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

Structures Committee	
Mr Jonathan Fowler (Chairman)	Peter Robinson
Mr Will Ash	Vic Barker
Mr Paul Holmes	Vacancy
Cllr Paul Skinner	Cllr Michael Cooper

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Nominations Committee	
Chairman	Keith Casswell
Vice-Chairman	Paul Holmes
Chairman Audit & Risk Committee	Michael Brookes

## EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are members of all the Committees of the Board by virtue of their office held except the Audit & Risk Committee.

# Black Sluice IDB

2022

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