

## LINDSEY MARSH DRAINAGE BOARD

Minutes of the 66th meeting of the Board held at Wellington House, Manby, on Tuesday, 27th July 2010, at 2.00 p.m.

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| * Messrs M. Clark (Chairman) | * Cllrs H. Marfleet (Vice-Chairman) |
| * G. Billings                | G. Allan                            |
| * W. Cooper                  | D.G. Andrews                        |
| * G. Crust                   | S.W. Eyre                           |
| * T.H. Heys                  | * G.M. Gooding                      |
| * J.M. Mowbray               | * A. Howard                         |
| * R.H. Needham               | R.J. Palmer                         |
| * P.W. Pridgeon              | * W. Parkinson                      |
| * D.R. Tagg                  | * M. Preen                          |
| * R.A.D. Unsworth            | * R.B. Shields                      |
- \* Present
- \* Messrs A. McGill (Clerk and Chief Executive)
- \* D.J. Sisson (Engineer)
- \* M. Mitchell (Director of Technical Services)
- \* R.P. Mitchell (Director of Operations)
- \* S. Thackray (Director of Finance)
- \* In attendance

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs W. Cooper, P.W. Pridgeon, Cllrs D.G. Andrews, S.W. Eyre and R.J. Palmer.

### 2. PUBLIC INTEREST REPORT (PIR)

The Chairman introduced Mr P. Winrow from Grant Thornton who was attending to present the PIR on the 2008/09 accounts. The attached report from the Chief Executive had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Mr Winrow stated that the Board was required to demonstrate that it reviewed matters to achieve value for money. He stressed that it was not the Board's decisions which were in question but the lack of evidence to explain how these decisions had been reached. Mr Winrow further stated that it was crucial to have outside input in a small organisation, particularly when matters concerned senior officers. He again stressed that Grant Thornton was not stating that the consideration given was inadequate, only that it had not been fully documented. Members were relieved to hear that it was not their decisions that were in question.

Cllr H. Marfleet referred to paragraphs 1.3 and 1.5 of the PIR and assured the auditor that the Committee had considered this in great detail, looking at journals and adverts for salary comparisons before making a decision. The Board had agreed that the current postholders 20 years' experience should be reflected in his salary and that this should be in excess of that paid to a new incumbent. Regarding paragraph 1.4, Cllr Marfleet stated that external advice in this instance had been taken from the pension administrator (Mouchel) and had proven to be inaccurate. Mr Winrow again stressed that the salary comparison should have been undertaken prior to the meeting and a summary presented to the Board for consideration and the minutes should have stated how the decision was reached.

Mr D.R. Tagg stated that this was a traditional, loyal and dedicated Board which relied upon the integrity of its members, however, it understood that changes were necessary to reflect the requirements of the new Audit regime. Mr R.A.D. Unsworth further stated that the elected members did not receive payment for their work for the Board and were available at all times to the ratepayers they represented and he found the report disrespectful. Mr Winrow understood this position but stated that the report had to be written in a particular way.

The Board presented the attached table showing the action taken by the Board and this was confirmed as acceptable by Mr Winrow on behalf of Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED

that the attached PIR be noted and the Board's response to the recommendations and the actions required/taken be approved.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for filling in for him while he had been on holiday.

It was agreed to discuss four items of any other business: (i) 'Pink' Papers, (ii) Long Service, (iii) Visit for Ex-employees, and (iv) Work for Outside Bodies.

4. BOARD MINUTES (Pages 774 to 783)

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 25th May 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Nothing to report.

6. STAFFING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the attached minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2010 be noted and the resolutions approved by the Board.

7. DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

7:1 Rate Collection

Drainage rates and special levies outstanding at 20th July 2010 amounted to £1,602,640.09 (50.4% had been collected). Reminders regarding outstanding drainage rates had been posted on 7th July 2010.

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8. FINANCE

*Cllr R.B. Shields declared an interest.*

8:1 Year To Date Expenditure

The attached report was circulated for information.

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8:2 Investment of Balances

Barclays Current	£173,233.14	at 0.10%	
Abbey PLC	£354,587.40	at 3.20%	(12 months from 3rd September)
Beverly Building Society	£400,000.00	at 2.00%	
Petty cash	£321.49		
<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>	<b>£928,142.03</b>		

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8:3 External Borrowing

The following loans remained outstanding with the Public Works Loan Board:

<i>Date Commenced</i>	<i>Amount Borrowed</i>	<i>Period of Loan</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Balance Outstanding</i>
13th April 1994	£400,000.00	20 years	8.125%	£136,978.85
28th July 1997	£500,000.00	15 years	7.25%	£101,124.76
1st September 2005	£240,000.00	15 years	4.3%	£176,293.98
8th September 2005	£250,000.00	15 years	4.25%	£183,454.17
		<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING</b>		<b>£597,851.76</b>

The following loan remained outstanding with Volvo Finance:

<i>Date Commenced</i>	<i>Amount Borrowed</i>	<i>Period of Loan</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Balance Outstanding</i>
10th February 2009	£38,042.75	three years	3.15%	£23,701.28
10th May 2010	£18,534.00	two years	0.00%	£18,534.00

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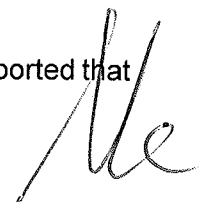
9. COMPENSATION CLAIMS

The Clerk reported that 16 compensation payments totalling £8,009.06 had been paid since the last Board meeting in accordance with the Board's approved rates.

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10. OPERATIONS REPORT

The attached report was circulated for information. The Director of Operations reported that



weedcutting of main rivers using the weedboat had commenced in June to keep the watercourses clear in case of heavy rainfall. Weedcutting of other watercourses had also now commenced.

*Cllr R.B. Shields declared an interest.*

The Director of Operations further reported that the Board would be undertaking weedcutting of the Woldgrift for the Environment Agency. De-silting of the watercourse would follow during the winter.

The Clerk referred to the discussion at the last meeting on a site visit for members of the Plant and Compensation Committee to view machinery. He suggested this should be an informal visit and any members could attend.

#### RESOLVED

- (a) that the attached report be noted, and
- (b) that a visit be arranged for members on Tuesday 24th August 2010, meeting at Strubby depot at 9.00 a.m.

#### 11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

*Cllr G.M. Gooding declared an interest.*

The Engineer reported that 23 planning applications had been dealt with under delegated authority since the last Board meeting. Officers had objected to two of these; N110/1041/10, N171/1069/10 and the applicants had been advised to seek further advice from the officers.

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#### 12. BYELAW APPLICATIONS

##### 12:1 Byelaw Schedule

The Engineer presented the attached schedule detailing consent granted for byelaw applications under delegated authority since the last meeting.

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##### 12:2 Mablethorpe Urban Cut - Mr and Mrs P. Walker (Minute 10:3, Page 780)

The Engineer reported that Mr and Mrs P. Walker had appealed against the decision made by the Board at the May meeting to refuse consent for the construction of an extension and garage within eight metres of the Board maintained Mablethorpe Urban Cut.

In a letter received on the 9th July 2010, Mr and Mrs Walker explained that their property had been constructed in 1937 within eight metres of the watercourse. They further stated that as access had never been possible or required by the Board, the Board may be unreasonable in not allowing the re-development of the property.

The Engineer reported that Mr and Mrs Walker wished to remove the existing garage which was situated 2.1 metres from the drain bank top and replace this with a two storey extension which would be 1.4 metres from the bank top. As stated at the last meeting, no byelaw consent had been issued for the existing garage which had been built prior to the Board taking over responsibility for the watercourse from the Environment Agency in the 1980s. The Engineer explained that most of the

properties along this section of watercourse had been built prior to this time and were within eight metres of the drain bank top.

Mr and Mrs Walker felt that the "exceptional relaxation rules", as stated in the Board's Code of Practice (Section 3:6) applied to their circumstances and that the Board could grant consent to the application. The Engineer read the following sections from the Board's Code of Practice:

Section 3:2 - "The Board may be prepared in exceptional circumstances to allow development within the eight metre protected strip on one side of any Board maintained open watercourse provided that there is an adequate continuous and guaranteed access strip on the opposite side. Such development will not normally be allowed any closer than six metres from the bank top of the watercourse."

Section 3:6 - "Where an applicant or developer controls access to both sides of a culvert or in circumstances where access to one side is guaranteed in perpetuity (i.e. a road verge) or on publicly owned land, exceptional relaxation rules may apply. If these circumstances apply, applicants or developer should contact the Board's officers for without prejudice pre-application guidance."

The Engineer stated that although the situation was not ideal, the Board did have access along the verge on the opposite side. It was noted that should the Board again refuse consent, the matter may go to arbitration.

The Chairman stated that the Board had inherited the problems of properties being constructed within eight metres when it took over the watercourse but it was important not to make the situation any worse.

The Board considered that 1.4 metres from the bank top was extremely close, particularly if the watercourse required reforming in the future. Mr D.R. Tagg expressed concern that building so close could cause problems to the stability of the watercourse.

Members also took into account that they must be 'reasonable' when considering all applications and that the Board had in the past adequate access from the opposite bank but were clear that they could not accept liability for any buildings.

Mr G. Crust proposed that the Board uphold the original decision to refuse consent and this was seconded by Cllr G.M. Gooding.

After a vote it was RESOLVED

that the Board uphold its original decision to refuse consent.

#### 12:3 Old Mill Rundle Drain - Mr S.R. Hind

The Engineer reported that he had received an application from Mr S.R. Hind of Holywell Cottage, 26 Holywell Road, Alford, for retrospective consent for a timber shed erected within eight metres of the Board maintained culverted Old Mill Rundle Drain at the above property. The structure was used to store salvaged timber for burning, was of light construction, had no foundations and would be relatively easy to move.

Mr Hind had stated in his letter that should a circumstance arise whereby the Board required access to the culvert, he would, upon reasonable notice from the Board, dismantle and remove the structure.

It was noted that the shed was in situ in 2008 when the Board undertook a CCTV survey of

this watercourse.

It was proposed by Mr G. Crust and seconded by Cllr A. Howard that retrospective consent should be granted subject to the applicant entering into a legal agreement with the Board.

RESOLVED

that consent be granted to Mr S.R. Hind to retain the timber shed within eight metres of the Board maintained Old Mill Rundle Drain at national grid reference TF 4532 3755, 26 Holywell Road in the parish of Alford subject to the applicant entering into a Deed of Indemnity with the Board at his own cost.

*Cllr M. Preen left the meeting.*

12:4 Poor House Drain Branch No. 2 - Mr and Mrs C.J. Dark

The Engineer reported that application had been made by Mr and Mrs C.J. Dark of 29 Henshaw Avenue, Sutton on Sea, for retrospective consent for a shed situated within the Board's six metre easement strip to the culverted Poor House Drain Branch No. 2.

When the Henshaw Avenue estate development commenced in 2007 a six metre strip was agreed between the Board and the developer over land created when the developers culverted a section of the Board maintained watercourse.

The easement strip had been fenced off by the developer with a gate for access to 29 Henshaw Avenue, however, it was included on the title deeds of the property. Mr and Mrs Dark alleged that their solicitor had failed to provide them with the transfer document that stated prior consent of the Board must be obtained before placing anything on the easement strip and they were therefore unaware of the restrictions.

Mr and Mrs Dark were prepared to agree to any conditions the Board may impose including the temporary removal of the light-weight shed, at their own expense, should the Board require access.

Cllr R.B. Shields stated that there were surface water drainage problems in this area.

It was proposed by Mr G. Crust and seconded by Mr R.H. Needham that the easement strip should be preserved and consent to retain the shed refused.

RESOLVED

that the easement strip be preserved and consent to retain the shed be refused.

### 13. CAPITAL WORKS

13:1 Boygriff - Acre Gap Flood Storage Scheme (C09250)

*Cllr R.B. Shields declared an interest.*

The Engineer reported on the following tenders which had been invited for return on 23rd July

2010:

J. Breheny Contractors Limited

£257,775.54

The Fen Ditching Company

Declined to tender

M. Gould (Scunthorpe) Limited	£191,738.92
Robert Howell Plant Hire and Construction	£131,497.01
Lattenbury Services	No tender received
Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board - DLO	£146,307.88
J.E. Spence and Son Limited	£120,034.50

The Engineer reported that the surface water problems mentioned by Cllr R.B. Shields in minute 12:4 above should be resolved once this scheme had been undertaken. He explained that this had been a complicated tender and there were issues to be resolved before a recommendation could be made on which tender to accept. He therefore requested that the Staffing and Resources Committee be granted delegated authority to approve a tender once the adjudication had been completed.

Cllr H. Marfleet enquired whether the flood storage area would have a recreational use or purely be a storage reservoir. The Engineer confirmed that he was liaising with the Acre Gap Committee to incorporate recreational use. Cllr R.B. Shields explained that the area of land had been purchased by the Town Council from East Lindsey District Council and the Committee had undertaken tree planting etc to make this into a public environmental area.

RESOLVED

that the Staffing and Resources Committee be granted delegated authority to accept a tender once the full adjudication had been concluded.

13:2 Biergate Pumping Station - Flood Proofing (C09097)

The flood proofing works had been completed save for the ramp up to the door.

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13:3 Strategy 2025 - Pumping Station Works (C10300)

A grant application had been submitted for the scheme and determination was expected by the end of July 2010.

The Engineer reported that tender adjudication had been carried out and the contract would be awarded to the lowest tenderer, Shoebridge Engineering Limited, in the sum of £33,501 once grant approval had been received.

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13:4 North Cotes Flood Defence Scheme (C09096)

Grant aid had been approved. The Engineer stated that as the major cost of this scheme was for specialist flap doors from nominated suppliers (ACE Limited) the work had not been tendered but awarded directly to the Board's Direct Labour Organisation and was already underway.

The flap doors had been specially designed to give a clear opening above and below water under normal flow conditions to meet environmental obligations for fish and mammal passage but under flood conditions the doors would close to provide a barrier.

13:5 Chapel Detailed Appraisal (C08806)

The Engineer reported that although the catchment model had not indicated any significant catchment wide problems and the Board's target standards were being met, the model had not given a detailed appraisal of the culverted watercourses within the urban area of Chapel St Leonards itself. The Engineer further reported that a quotation of £3,930 had therefore been sought from AECOM and accepted to carry out modelling similar to that undertaken for the urban area of the Boygrift system in Sandilands and Acre Gap.

The Engineer stated that it had been necessary to employ a contractor to undertake the work as the Board's engineering department did not have spare capacity at the current time and it was necessary to undertake the work during the current financial year to meet the grant requirements. The additional cost was within the approved grant cost of £33,000 for the Detailed Appraisal.

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13:6 Thorpe Culvert Detailed Appraisal (C09803)

The Board's Director of Technical Services and Mr P. Sturgess of JA Services Limited had met with the Environment Agency's modelling team to discuss integration of models and overtopping issues. Issues dealt with on the Thorpe Catchment also applied to other catchments.

The Engineer explained that whilst the models could not be directly linked it had been agreed that both sides should continually liaise to exchange information and data. The Environment Agency had provided outfall data, specifically overtopping volumes and locations and these would be integrated into the Board's model in more detail than the initial modelling from the Thorpe Culvert Strategy Study. The Engineer stated that improvement options within the Board's system would be identified and looked at in conjunction with improvement options on the main river to determine a cost effective outcome. It was noted that any scheme that catered for overtopping should attract 100% grant aid.

It was agreed that the results from the Board's modelling would be passed to the Environment Agency to be integrated into their risk mapping model which identified flood risk on a 50m square grid.

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13:7 Maltby Le Marsh (C07115)

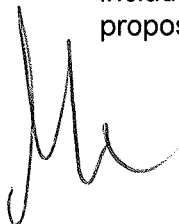
The repairs to Causeway Bank Drain (D254300) reported to the Board at their May 2010 meeting had now been completed by the Board's Direct Labour Organisation.

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13:8 Reinstatement/Refurbishment of Gravity Outfalls

The Engineer reported that a schedule of all gravity outfalls available to the Board had been prepared and inspections and assessments commenced to estimate the costs and benefits that would accrue if they were fully operational. Once the assessment had been completed, the viable outfalls would be entered into the programme of works for reinstatement and/or refurbishment or, if possible, included in the Strategy 2025 Pumping Station Refurbishment works programme. A full report of the proposals would be presented to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

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14. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

14:1 Mill Rundle Walk

Cllr G.M. Gooding declared an interest.

The Mill Rundle Walk was opened on 21st May 1981 as a permissive footpath. The Engineer explained that the majority of the route was on land that the Board had purchased when undertaking the Mill Rundle Scheme.

Lincolnshire County Council had recently asked the Board to renew the permissive access along Mill Rundle Walk. The Board could withdraw this permissive access at any time. The Engineer reported that in granting permissive access, there was no intention to create a public right of way, however, to further safeguard the Board that a public right of way could not in future be claimed by presumed dedication, he recommended that the Board make a statutory declaration and deposit a map with Lincolnshire County Council.

The western section of the Mill Rundle Walk was in separate ownership and the Board's Environmental Officer had contacted the landowner who had confirmed he was willing to continue the permissive access.

The eastern section of the Mill Rundle Walk past the sewage works crossed numerous landholdings but Lincolnshire County Council was not seeking formal permissive access along this section.

RESOLVED

that the Board renew consent for permissive access along the Mill Rundle Walk and that a statement and map be deposited with Lincolnshire County Council to protect the Board against claims for additional public access from presumed dedication.

14:2 Humber Management Scheme

The Engineer reported that a study would be undertaken to ascertain what disturbance the many activities taking place on the Humber was having on the bird life. The study would cost a total of £17,444.50, £6,944.50 of which would be funded by the Humber Management Scheme. The Engineer explained the objectives of the survey.

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14:3 The Environmental Civil Sanctions (England) Order 2010 No. 1157

The Engineer reported that the above Order which had come into force on 6th April 2010 permitted the Environment Agency and Natural England as "environmental regulators" to impose civil sanctions on businesses committing certain environmental offences as an alternative to prosecution and criminal penalties of fines and imprisonment. These had been designed to be more proportionate and reflect the fact that most offences committed by businesses were unintentional.

The new civil sanctions that could be used were:

- (a) Compliance notice - written notice to take steps to ensure that an offence does not continue or reoccur.
- (b) Restoration notice - written notice to restore harm caused by non-compliance.

- (c) Enforcement undertaking - voluntary agreement by business to take corrective action to make up for non-compliance.
- (d) Fixed monetary penalty - a low level penalty for minor offences fixed at £100 for an individual and £300 for a company.
- (e) Variable monetary penalty - a monetary penalty for more serious offences with a maximum of £250,000.
- (f) Stop notice - written notice to stop an activity which is causing harm.

The civil sanctions would be used for offences involving harm to water or wildlife, or poor drainage and waste management.

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15. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Members received the following update on health and safety matters:

(a) Biergate Footbridge over Louth Canal

Essential health and safety repairs had been carried out as a joint project with Lincolnshire County Council Footpaths.

(b) Emergency Staff

Training/induction of 15 people took place on the evening of 12th July at the Board's offices. With the exception of Mr W. Cooper, Mr R.A.D. Unsworth organised the volunteers and would be the contact should the Board require assistance during a flood event.

(c) Lone Working

A new 'buddy' system was being tested and a report on the outcome would be given at a future meeting.

(d) Personnel Lockers

Personnel lockers were being installed at the depot to comply with The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations.

(e) Training

Cable avoidance training had been undertaken by five of the Board's Direct Labour Organisation.

(f) Legislation

There was no impending legislation that will impact on the Board.

(g) Health and Safety Meeting

An informal health and safety meeting had been held on 29th June. The next full meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday, 18th October 2010, at 8.30 a.m.



RESOLVED

that the actions taken by the officers detailed above be approved.

16. ELECTION

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the Land Drainage Act 1991, the Land Drainage (Election of Drainage Boards) Regulations 1938 and the Land Drainage (Election of Internal Drainage Boards) (Amendment) Regulations 1977, Registers of Electors had been prepared for the five electoral districts.

Notice had been published in the Lincolnshire Standard on 16th June 2010 that the Registers were open for inspection. The Clerk stated that no claims or objections had been received.

RESOLVED

that the Registers of Electors for the five electoral districts be approved in accordance with the Regulations.

17. ASSOCIATION OF DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The Clerk reported that Flood Risk Management 2010 (FRM), the annual two day event organised by the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA), would be held on 22nd and 23rd September 2010 at the East of England Showground, Peterborough.

The ADA Conference and annual general meeting would take place on the Wednesday and the following seminars were scheduled for the Thursday:

Legislation and Government Policy - The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (Jean Venables, ADA).

The Auditing of IDBs and IDB Practitioners Guide Workshop (George Wisz from the Audit Commission and Phil Camamile (Water Management Alliance).

Key Note Watercourse Ecology Talk (Helen Philips from Natural England).

Building Partnerships in Flood Risk Management (Sass Wills from Cambridgeshire County Council and David Hickman from Lincolnshire County Council).

Assessing Flood Risk in Pumped Catchments (Caroline McGahey from HR Wallingford and Jaap Flickwert from Royal Haskoning).

The cost of attending the Conference on the Wednesday was £104.50 per person but there would be no entrance fee for the Thursday. If transport was required, the cost of a 16 seater mini bus would be £255 per day.

The Chairman and Engineer would be representing ADA on both days and their expenses would, therefore, be paid by ADA.

The Vice-Chairman, Messrs T.H. Heys, D.R. Tagg and Cllr W. Parkinson expressed an interest in attending.

RESOLVED

that the Staffing and Resources Committee consider attendance at FRM at its meeting on 12th August

2010.

18. PUBLICITY

18:1 Lincolnshire Show

The Clerk reported that the Association of Drainage Authorities Lincolnshire Branch (Lincs ADA) stand at this year's Lincolnshire Show had proved a great success, attracting over 3,000 visitors over the two days. He stated that inviting the Environment Agency to join the Boards on the stand had worked well demonstrating to the public how the authorities were now working together. Next year it was hoped that Lincolnshire County Council would also join the Boards on the stand.

The Chairman of Lincs ADA and the Clerk had been interviewed for Lincs FM and the Farming Programme, together with the Bishop of Lincoln, Lincolnshire County Council and the Environment Agency, to highlight the joint working since the 2007 floods.

The Show Committee had recommended that Lincs ADA exhibit at the 2011 Lincolnshire Show. The cost per Board would again be approximately £500.

There was some discussion as to which area of the Showground was best for the stand and members were assured that this would be considered by the Show Committee. Some members stated that the marquee had not been easy to find.

RESOLVED

that the Board contribute £500 towards the cost of the stand at the 2011 Lincolnshire Show.

18:2 FRM 2010

The Clerk reported that the Association of Drainage Authorities had invited the Lincolnshire Branch to FRM 2010 to put on a display similar to that at the Lincolnshire Show, highlighting the joint working arrangements with Lincolnshire County Council and the Environment Agency and focusing on the success of the Lincolnshire Drainage Management Framework.

The Clerk stated that the cost to the Board would be minimal but there may be a cost of overnight accommodation for staff manning the stand.

RESOLVED

that the Board pay for two staff to man the stand at FRM.

18:3 Tour of Inspection

The Clerk reported that the tour of inspection had been arranged for 28th September 2010, as agreed at the last Board meeting. The draft itinerary was as follows:

11.30 a.m.	Presentation of Audit report by Grant Thornton on 2009/10 Accounts
12.30 p.m.	Sandwich
1.00 p.m.	Board meeting
3.00 p.m.	Guests arrive - coffee and introduction
3.30 p.m.	Depart for tour
6.30 p.m.	Return
7.00 p.m.	Dinner

 The meeting and dinner would take place at Southview Park Hotel, Skegness.

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18:4 Presentations to Local Schools

The Clerk reported that presentations to local primary schools were continuing and proving a success. Members expressed their thanks to Mr R.A.D. Unsworth for giving up his time to support this.

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18:5 Historic Land Drainage Demonstration

The Clerk reported that it was proposed to hold the next Demonstration in February 2011. He stated that the cost of the Demonstration to the Board was minimal as most of the work was undertaken by volunteers. Mr R.A.D. Unsworth stated that he had had 30 volunteers to help at the last Demonstration.

Members expressed their appreciation to Mr Unsworth and the volunteers for their support, without which the event would not be possible.

RESOLVED

that the Board proceed with the Historic Land Drainage Working Demonstration in February 2011.

19. LINCOLNSHIRE FLOOD AND DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The Engineer reported that the Strategy Group had met once and the Operational Management Group twice. The setting up of the drainage groups had commenced and the East Lindsey Flood Risk and Drainage Management Group Stakeholder Meeting would take place on Tuesday, 10th August 2010. He further reported that Lincolnshire County Council had commenced the preliminary flood risk assessment for the whole county building on the work done at local level since 2007, and this would be overseen by the Operational Management Group. The Engineer stated that the recommendations made by the Government Reponse, Pitt Review and the Flood and Drainage Management Act would now be taken forward.

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20. 'PINK PAPERS'

The Clerk reported that any sensitive information would now be printed on pink paper. This would ensure that members were aware that the information was not for the public domain and would be filed separate to the minutes which were available for public inspection. This information would, however, be kept to ensure a detailed record was available for audit purposes.

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21. LONG SERVICE

The Clerk reported that the Accounts Assistant, Mrs M. Wilson, had started work with Louth Drainage Board on 27th July 1970; 40 years ago.

Although long service awards were given at 21 and 35 years, the Chairman suggested that the Board present Mrs Wilson with some flowers in recognition of her long service. Members agreed and asked the Chairman to congratulate Mrs Wilson on their behalf.

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22. VISIT FOR EX-EMPLOYEES

Mr R.A.D. Unsworth had been approached by an ex-employee, Mr S. Scaman, who had expressed an interest in looking around the Board's area. Mr Scaman was 93 years old. This had already been discussed with the Clerk and consideration was being given to inviting ex-employees to look around the area and possibly visit the depot at Strubby.

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23. WORK FOR OUTSIDE BODIES

Mr G. Billings queried how much time was being spent by officers undertaking voluntary work for outside bodies such as the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA). The Engineer confirmed that he was currently spending about half a day a week working on behalf of ADA and the Board was being reimbursed for the work undertaken on Flood Risk Management 2010.

Members agreed that it was beneficial for the Board that the Engineer continue his close work with ADA which gave him access to Government Ministers and gave the Board first hand knowledge of developments within the drainage industry.

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CHAIRMAN

