

## Who we are:

The Board comprises a mix of 7 members appointed by City of Lincoln Council and North Kesteven District Council and 21 members elected by the occupiers of land in the district (current term of office running to October 2015). The Board is administered by a Chief Executive and supporting staff. The Board determines policy, strategy and direction. Officers are responsible for policy implementation, sound governance arrangements, professional advice and the operational management of maintenance programmes and improvement schemes.

## Contact Us:

Witham House  
J1 The Point,  
Weaver Road,  
LINCOLN. LN6 3QN

Phone: 01522 697123

Fax: 01522 697064

Email: [admin@witham-1st-idb.gov.uk](mailto:admin@witham-1st-idb.gov.uk)

For more information, details of the Board's plans, maps, policies, procedures and links to FAQs visit our WEB site at **[www.witham-1st-idb.gov.uk](http://www.witham-1st-idb.gov.uk)**

Chairman:	Mr. Bob Fletcher
Vice Chairman:	Mr. Peter Gilbert
Chief Executive:	Mrs. Jane Froggatt
Engineer:	Mr. Alan Gardner
Director of Operations:	Mr. Martin Shilling



# WITHAM FIRST DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD



***An Independent Flood Risk Management &  
Drainage Authority Working With Partner  
Bodies In Lincolnshire.***

## Summary of the Board's work in 2014/15

- Operation of the Board's 13 Pumping Stations to protect property, agricultural land and critical infrastructure in the drainage district of 16,384 hectares.
- Completion of the Summer 2014 maintenance programme.
- Completion of a £13,250 programme of roof repairs to Pumping Stations at Nocton Fen, Heighington and Timberland with works at Digby and Billingham Pumping Stations started in March 2015 at a further cost of £5,500.
- Purchase of a new Atlas 140 excavator at a cost of £112,875 (net cost being £96,375 after the sale of the Volvo excavator), delivered in October 2014.
- Purchase of a new Case Puma 170 tractor at a cost of £69,795 (net cost being £55,795 after trade in contribution of £14,000), delivered in October 2014.
- Completion of a catchment study for Nocton Fen and Potterhanworth Fen, in partnership with Beeswax Farming (Rainbow) Ltd.
- Lifting and refurbishment of pumps at Blankney (cost £8,976), Nocton (cost £7,849) and North Kyme (cost £4,288) Pumping Stations. This work will increase the working life expectancy of pumps.
- Winter de-silting programme completed 2014/15 concentrating on Ruskington, Dorrington and Timberland Fens.
- Re-instatement of the field-side Twenty Foot drain bank at Chapel Hill, following a major bank slip, at a cost of £17,422.
- Works undertaken as part of the Public Sector Co-operation Agreement (PSCA) on behalf of the Environment Agency at Ruskington Catchwater, Anwick Catchwater and Farroway Drain.
- Continuing with the Board's conservation initiatives such as the erection of owl boxes, the leaving of reed margins for habitats and continued membership of the Lincolnshire Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Together with other Lincolnshire IDBs, commissioned Capita Symonds to develop plans for the Board's compliance with The Eel Regulations (England and Wales) 2009.
- Provided a consents and enforcement service for Lincolnshire County Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority), under a Memorandum of Understanding, outside the Board's drainage district in the extended rainfall catchment.
- Public open days at Timberland Pumping Station in June and September 2014 (planned again for Sunday, 7th June 2015 and Saturday, 12th September 2015 from 1pm until 4.30pm).

## Drainage Rates—2015/16

The Board agreed on 10th February 2015 the land valuation upon which drainage rates and special levies are calculated for 2015/16, as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, at £3,192,605 (£3,192,039 as at 31st December 2013). The budget for 2015/16 was approved as summarised below and to set a balanced budget this uplifted the rate by 1.75%. This set the rate for sub-district 1 at 8.9531 pence in the pound (8.7992 pence in the pound in 2014/15) and sub-district 2 at 22.3829 pence in the pound for 2015/16 (21.9979 in 2014/15).

Income and expenditure for 2015/16 is:

Estimated Income	£	%
Drainage Rates	476,651	64
<b>Special Levies</b>		
• North Kesteven District Council	104,161	31
• City of Lincoln Council	126,958	
Highland Water	15,080	2
Interest and Rents	4,590	0
Other Income	21,969	3
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>749,409</b>	<b>100</b>

Estimated Expenditure	£	%
Drains Maintenance	270,692	37
Pumping Station Maintenance	176,084	24
Administration	107,240	14
Engineering & Operations	63,700	9
EA Precept	84,692	11
Contribution to Capital Outlay	0	0
Loan Repayments	32,254	4
Depot	10,197	1
Conservation	1,250	0
Other	3,300	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>749,409</b>	<b>100</b>