

Who we are:

The Board of 28 members 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 31st October 2018). The Board is administered by a Chief Executive and supporting staff (who largely work for 4 IDBs, reducing costs). The Board determines policy, strategy and direction. Officers are responsible for policy implementation, sound governance arrangements, professional advice, the operational management of maintenance programmes and improvement schemes and for developing partnership relationships with other Lincolnshire Flood Risk Management authorities.

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www.witham-1st-idb.gov.uk

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Vice Chairman:	Mr. David Armstrong
Chief Executive:	Mrs. Jane Froggatt
Director of Operations & Engineering Services:	Mr. Martin Shilling



WITHAM FIRST DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD



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

2018/19

Witham First District Internal Drainage Board elections for the term 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2021 will be held in October 2018. Please see our website www.witham-1st-idb.gov.uk for further details.

Summary of Witham First Board's work in 2017/18

- 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 Board's Summer 2017 maintenance and weed cutting programme.
- Winter 2017/18 de-silting programme completed concentrated on Sleaford Drove Dyke, Digby Beck North Branch, Main Engine Drain, at Heighington Fen and Dorrington Bankside.
- Works undertaken as part of the Public Sector Co-operation Agreement (PSCA) on behalf of the Environment Agency at Ruskington Catchwater, Anwick Catchwater, Farroway Drain, Digby Beck and Sandhill Beck.
- Continuing with the Board's conservation initiatives including the erection of owl boxes, the leaving of reed margins for water voles, birds and insects and continued membership of the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership. Annual report and member /staff training.
- 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. As at March 2018, 2 enforcement cases under investigation and 3 consent applications.
- Continuation of the refurbishment of Branston Fen Pumping Station, at an estimated 2017/18 cost of £24,000. This work is funded by Grant In Aid from the Environment Agency. New control panel fitted and pumps 1 and 2 lifted, inspected and refurbished (one pump refurbishment funded by Grant In Aid monies).
- Lifting and refurbishment of the pump and motor commissioned at Chapel Hill Pumping Station. This work improves the lifespan of the pumps and is part of the Board's planned annual maintenance programme. Regular checks are also undertaken on the pump control panels to reduce the risk of malfunction and failure.
- Commissioned a catchment study of the Timberland and Billingham Fen areas at a cost of £50,000. This is funded by Grant in Aid monies from the Environment Agency.
- Public open days at Timberland Pumping Station held in June and September 2017 (and planned again on Sunday 3rd June and Saturday 15th September 2018, 1pm—4.30pm).
- Provided machinery and information boards for a display at the Woodhall Country Show in May 2017 and the Lincolnshire Show in June 2017 (and will do so in 2018).

All figures exclude VAT

Drainage Rates 2018/19

The Board agreed on 30th January 2018 the land valuation upon which drainage rates and special levies are calculated for 2018/19, as at 31st December 2017, at £3,593,213 (£3,498,818 as at 31st December 2016). The Board agreed a balanced budget for 2018/19, summarised below, which provides for a modest range of developments. The drainage rate for 2018/19 has been frozen, which retains the rate for sub-district 1 at 9.0875 pence in the pound (9.0875 pence in the pound in 2017/18) and sub-district 2 at 22.7186 pence in the pound for 2018/19 (22.7186 pence in the pound in 2017/18).

Estimated Income 2018/19	£	%
Drainage Rates	484,480	56
Special Levies		
- North Kesteven District Council	202,970	38
- City of Lincoln Council	128,863	
Highland Water	13,700	1
Interest and Rents	4,590	1
Rechargeable Works & Other Income	33,933	4
Total Income	868,536	100

Estimated Expenditure 2018/19	£	%
Drains Maintenance	323,660	37
Pumping Station Maintenance	182,346	21
Board & Joint Administration	98,445	11
Engineering & Consents	72,420	9
EA Precept	84,692	10
Rechargeable Works	20,000	2
Loan Repayments	30,327	4
Depot	12,396	1
Conservation	1,750	0
One Off Schemes	25,000	3
Contribution to Reserves	17,500	2
Total Expenditure	868,536	100