

MIDDLE LEVEL COMMISSIONERS

At a Meeting of the Middle Level Board held at the Middle Level Offices,
March on Thursday 27th April 2023

PRESENT

J L Brown Esq (Chairman)	J E Heading Esq
H W Whittome Esq (Vice Chairman)	A Lensen Esq
P Allpress Esq	Cllr A Miscandlon
G P Bliss Esq	S T Raby Esq
Cllr C J Crofts	Cllr W Sutton
Cllr S Howell	P W West Esq
S Whittome Esq	

The Chief Executive, Chief Engineer, the Solicitor and the Treasurer were in attendance.

The Chairman confirmed the appointments of Paul Burrows to the role of Chief Executive and Nicola Oldfield to the role of Chief Engineer and reported that they had been appointed within the salary and remuneration package agreed by the Executive Committee.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from The Lord De Ramsey, Cllr D Laws, M R R Latta Esq, M E Heading Esq, C D Boughton Esq and R C Brown Esq.

B.3806 Declaration of Interests

The Chief Executive reminded the Board of the importance of declaring an interest in any matter included in today's agenda that involved or was likely to affect any of them.

Mr J Heading declared an interest in the matter relating to reservoir.

Members of the Upwell and Manea & Welney Boards declared interests in payments made to these Boards.

B.3807 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 3rd November 2022 are recorded correctly and that they be confirmed and signed.

B.3808 Vacancy in Membership

The Chief Executive reported that an approach had been made to the Great Fen Project/Wildlife Trust to fill the vacancy on the Board, and they had nominated Dr Derek Langslow to be their representative on the Board.

RESOLVED

That Dr Derek Langslow be approved as a member of the Board.

B.3809 Minutes from Executive Committee

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Executive Committee on 3rd February 2023 are recorded as correct and that they be confirmed & signed.

B.3810 Water Resources Committee

Further to minute B.3795, Mr H Whittome reported that up until February it had been a dry winter with low water levels, but due to the high rainfall in March, levels had been restored and Rutland Water is now full.

A meeting has been arranged between the NFU and the Environment Agency to discuss irrigation on 28th April 2023. The Lower Nene Abstractors Group had also met to discuss the sharing of water.

The Internal Drainage Boards should use this opportunity to hold water in the Internal Drainage Board drains.

With regards to the Fen Reservoir, Anglian Water had published their Gateway 2 document sharing the sourcing of water from Earith and the Ouse Washes and not using Middle Level water. It would appear that at that stage that there was little comprehension about how the Middle Level Commissioners system operated, however a meeting was arranged between Anglian Water including their consultants Mott McDonald and the Middle Level Commissioners, which had been a very productive meeting and the consultants were now to do some remodelling of the project. Communications were to be continued with Anglian Water and Mott McDonald.

The design of the reservoir was not yet completed and a lot of further works was need to complete the design works.

NB. John Heading declared an interest in this item as he was a land owner affected by the proposed reservoir.

B.3811 Highlights from the Annual Report

a) Chief Executive Summary

The Chief Executive referred to his summary of the report on pages of the Annual Report and asked the Commissioners to recognise the scale of the challenge ahead, the immediate priorities and the range of foundation building blocks that need to be refreshed and/or introduced over the coming 18 – 24 months.

b) i) Health & Safety

Cope Safety Management had been appointed as the Commissioners new Health & safety advisors and a new Health & Safety Policy statement had been developed. There were a number of deficiencies and gaps in Health & Safety practice that needed to be addressed with additional help from Cope.

RESOLVED

The Board support actions to address the need identified by the Chief Executive to address develop improved organisational foundations, including effective Health & Safety management.

ii) Insurance Changes

The Chief Executive reported on the renewal of the Boards Insurance and the increase in cost of the Insurance to £192,275. He also highlighted a number of factors and changes to the insurance cover. As per page 7 of the annual report.

RESOLVED

The Board noted these charges and the implication for individual Boards.

c) i) Staff Recruitment

The Chief Executive reported on staff matters and recruitment as per page 8 of the Annual Report.

RESOLVED

The Board approved the proposals for structure adjustment and recruitment set out in the report and gave license to the Chief Executive to ensure proposed salaries are benchmarked and competitive.

ii) Adjustments to Spinal Points

At the Executive Committee in January 2023, adjustments were made to staff spine points and the Board noted and reaffirmed these.

d) ADA Subscription

The Chief Executive reported that ADA has increased subscriptions by 4.5% for 2023, from £571 to £597.

RESOLVED

The Board agreed to pay the subscription of £597.

e) Fens Reservoir

The Chief Executive reported regarding the Fen Reservoir:

Fens Reservoir

The Fens Reservoir proposal is moving forward at pace. The Gateway 2 draft decision was published by OFWAT on 30th March 2023 with the final decision due on 28th June 2023. Within the draft decision:

"The evidence suggests that the solution is a potentially valuable way of supplying water to customers. However, there are concerns regarding the progression of the strategic solution due to the Fens Reservoir having notably high unit costs and the limited evidence provided to us that the Fens Reservoir solution is the best value option for meeting the need. We would like to see clear and robust evidence around the selection of Fens Reservoir as a best value option, including how the solution performs against other feasible solutions. On that basis, we will allow the solution owners to continue to develop the solution up to a conditional review point of 29th January 2024 ("Conditional

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Review Point"), after which partner regulators will make a final recommendation on progression beyond the Conditional Review Point to Ofwat."

Anglian Water are addressing the concerns raised and also moving forward with the critical enabling elements of design. If the project passes the Conditional Review Point, the Gateway 3 date will be September 2024 and by this time the outline design will likely be finalised.

Since January 2023, we have had a different approach to influencing and engaging with the project, and now have confidence that Anglian Water and their design consultant, Mott MacDonald, are actively listening and recognise the need to better understand the water management system within which the Reservoir will integrate and hopefully transform.

We now have bespoke and focussed engagement with the project team and have identified four themes where we are uniquely placed to input and where ultimately there is the greatest opportunity for ratepayers, local communities and navigators. Thus, we are focussing our limited technical capacity to these themes:

- St Germans pond as a potential source of water
- Options for emergency drawdown
- The Reservoir footprint
- Potential open water transfers

The Chief Executive, Vice Chair and Navigation Advisory Committee Chair are members of the Fens Water Partnership, facilitated by Water Resources East, to act as a multi-sector steering group for the project. At their session on 6th April 2023 there was a specific focus on the opportunity to integrate the Reservoir within the Middle Level system.

We are working to secure a cost recovery arrangement with Anglian Water for technical staff time and are providing in-kind contributions of data. Whilst we are working on the basis that the opportunity we see within the Reservoir design is core, and should be funded by the project, **the Board is asked to consider earmarking funding with authority for expenditure delegated to the Chief Executive and Vice Chair, should there be a need to invest promptly within the Gateway 2 window to secure significant benefits before the Gateway 3 date.**

RESOLVED

The Commissioners delegated authority for expenditure to the Chief Executive & the Vice-Chairman including earmarking funding of up to £30,000 if a need to invest promptly in the gateway 2-3 window to secure opportunities to integrate the reservoir into the Middle Level system.

NB. John Heading declared an interest in this item as he was a land owner affected by the proposed reservoir.

f) Environment

The Board were advised that the statutory duties of Internal Drainage Boards with respect to the natural environment fundamentally changed with the implementation of Environment Act 2021. There is now a statutory duty to enhance the natural environment including delivery bio-diversity net gain.

The new Environment Officer, Sofi Lloyd, who joined the Middle Level Commissioners from ADA, has been baselining where the MLC & IDB's are with their Biodiversity Plans and has been implementing priority improvements and advising and training the MLC workforce.

The Environmental priorities over the next 18 months are:

- To ensure that we make the right measures in place for protected species.
- To develop the ecological method statements for the Bank Raising Scheme whilst the Environment Impact Assessment is being completed.
- To ensure that MLC features within the local biodiversity net gain off setting strategy.
- To clarify the scope of the MLC environment service for the administered IDB's.
- To start to create a step change in how to secure enforcement through planning and consenting service.

RESOLVED

The Board considered and approved the above actions and priorities.

g) Lowland Peat & water Resources Opportunities

The Chief Executive advised that Defra publication Lowland Agricultural Peat Taskforce Report was still awaited. It was anticipated that there would be funding available for IDBs to bid for, to invest in infrastructure improvements that enable water level management for the benefit of Lowland Peat.

RESOLVED

The Board delegate authority to the Chief Executive to act in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair if this funding becomes available, including the authorisation of additional expenditure should consultant staff need to be employed.

h) Navigation

The Chief Executive gave an update on the registration of boats. For 2022/2023, 283 licences were granted which had produced an income of £181,000. The 2023/2024 licensing season had started strongly and work was also being undertaken in terms of regulation and enforcement of unlicensed boats. So far, three cases were moved to prosecution and two owners subsequently removed their boats from the water. Monthly licensing and enforcement monitoring sessions have been set up to keep track of all the regulatory & licensing actions.

Improvements delivered in 2022/23 included Ashline Lock, urgent repairs and downstream mooring refurbishment and downstream rural mooring. The main improvements planned for 2023/24 are the replacement gates at Marmont Priory Lock and site improvements at Stanground Lock and it is anticipated that further rural moorings will be installed.

The Navigation Advisory Committee has approved the licensing of unpowered vessels, and a formal agreement with British Canoeing is to be entered into for licensing of canoeing,

kayaking and paddleboarding which will secure an annual fee in return for Middle Level Commissioners waterways being included within their waterways license.

It was recognised a business plan needed to be developed for the navigation system to plan the improvements to the system and how they are to be delivered.

RESOLVED

The Board supported the development of a business plan for the next 5-10 years at the waterways, and that a small amount of amount funding ought to be allocated to this to ensure that it is professional and creates an attractive proposition to help lever outside investment. The Business plan would need to be supported by the Navigation Advisory Committee.

i) Improving Capital Delivery & Service Delivery

The Chief Executive outlined operations and services provided by the Engineering/Technical Services department and the significant charges and challenges ahead which needed to be planned and recharged. The Technical Services department are currently stretched in terms of capacity and capability, and resource solutions to support the wider Engineering department were being considered, projects were being prioritised and consideration given to which projects might be packaged for efficient delivery, either in-house or by external consultants.

RESOLVED

That delegation is given to the Executive Committee to advise on project escalation issues from the Chief Engineer for Middle Level Commissioner projects.

j) Bank Raising Scheme

The Chief Executive reported on the Bank raising Scheme ;

There is a significant amount of work required to plan the scheme, undertake environmental assessment, manage delivery of the desilting work, undertake outline design, produce design and build work packages, manage the tender process and coordinate and supervise the subsequent construction works. This requires significant resources to ensure that the scheme can be delivered on programme (target completion is March 2027) and as efficiently as possible.

We have implemented some standard project management tools to control, manage and deliver the project: An 'exception report' was raised to the Project Board/MLC Executive Committee outlining the existing situation and mitigation measures being put in place; A project plan and outline programme is now in place; Clear project governance has been identified; A data management plan is being drafted; Risks and issues are being identified.

External project management resources have been appointed to support the Chief Engineer, who will take on the role of Project Executive leading delivery of the scheme. MLC specialist officers have the skills, knowledge, experience and organisational capability to advise and support consultants and contractors, however they lack the time available to deliver the project requirements alongside their 'day jobs.' Blue Compass is retained as Independent Technical Advisor, providing advice and support on environmental assessment requirements, stakeholder engagement, and commercial processes. Ongoing procurement support and advice is provided by Weightmans LLP, via the EM LawShare framework.

Stage 1 (Desilting) is being managed in-house at present, with Drake Towage providing a large dragline excavator and operator. This work will be carried out over the next 4 years with additional plant and resources being employed.

A contract has been awarded to Royal Smalls to undertake suction cutter dredging on the Old River Nene through March town. This is planned for October 2023. Discussion has started with local landowners to inform the locations of silt storage lagoons east and west of the town.

Material sources have been identified and the team is working with D&J Transport Ltd, to stockpile suitable material in key locations ready for bank raising works.

Surveying of the Middle Level watercourses has started following some technical difficulties with the remote-control survey boat.

The project team is developing a scope of works for consultancy services for Stage 2 to be appointed in June following a tender process through the ESPO framework.

Outline design and work packages will be tendered in the autumn with construction works expected to start early in 2024. Discussions are in progress with a potential contractor on the SCAPE framework for Stage 3 (Construction).

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Public engagement is in progress and engagement events are being planned for the summer. A webpage will be developed dedicated to the project, providing a comprehensive on-line location for all project related information.

The temporary project office is now up and running and will house the co-located project team for the duration of the project.

RESOLVED

The Board reaffirmed their delegation to the Executive Committee & Chief Engineer for project escalation, and associated decision making on their behalf.

k) St Germans Pumping Station

The Mechanical & Electrical Engineer, Dave Bantoft referred to;

- There have been issues with level sensors on both inlet and discharge sides of the Station. This is mainly due to the age of the units and hence the stock of spares has been increased to allow for quick repair.
- Failure of control timers and relays has become more frequent and stock of these small parts has been increased to aid swift repair.
- The position sensor rail for the weedscreen has been problematic for some time, during the summer this was modified to increase the security of the sensor flags and minimise faults.
- The Station lighting fixtures are becoming less reliable, especially the emergency lighting backup batteries, and consideration should be given to upgrading these to LED ones during 2023 to improve reliability and reduce costs as LEDs are much more efficient.
- A quote has been received for the upgrade of the CCTV system at St Germans. CTS Security sent a quote in October for £10,475.00 + VAT plus an annual monitoring charge of £1,800.00 + VAT. CTS also manage the fire system at St Germans and provide a good service.

RESOLVED

- i) The Board approved the upgrade/replacement of the CCTV system in the region of £12,000.
- ii) The Board approved the installation of accurate flow measurement on the generators to allow more accurate readings to be taken.
- iii) The Board approved further trials to be carried out to investigate more efficient and cost-effective ways of pumping. To include running generators through a range of head levels and capacities to identify the most efficient pumping range and increasing the electricity low tariff and low tide off-sets to push more capacity during low tides.
- iv) The Board approved a trial of a manned operation of the station to reduce energy used per mega-litre of pumping both on electricity and diesel with a long-term view to reducing costs and carbon footprint.

l) Plant & vehicles

The Board considered a request for the Mechanical & Electrical Engineer to be provided with a 4x4 truck.

RESOLVED

The Board approved the purchase of a 4x4 vehicle for the Mechanical & Electrical Engineer.

m) Planning & Consulting

The Board noted that under their scheme of delegation, the Chief Executive has delegated the authority to sign consents on behalf of the Commissioners to the Chief Engineer.

n) Questions from the Commissioners on Annual Report.

A question was asked on the Bank Raising Scheme whether it is possible to inflation proof the scheme.

The Chief Engineer advised that the Environment Agency has issued guidance on this matter.

B.3812 Payments

The Board considered and approved the payments amounting to £3,618,485.16 during the period from 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023, viz;

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Payments October 2023 to March 2023

Allertons Auto Electrical & Diesel	794.92	
B J Plant Hire Ltd	9,924.00	
J Bates & Sons	27,067.20	
Beebys Ltd	1,163.82	
L Bennett & Son Ltd	143.63	
Blue Compass Ltd	4,973.16	
L R Boon & Sons Ltd	403.21	
Boston Crop Sprayers Ltd	214.06	
Tony Cooper	157.50	
Cope Safety Management Ltd	1,009.87	
D & J Transport Ltd	7,374.00	
Davies Contracting Ltd	5,538.00	
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	295.48	
Drake Towage Ltd	15,806.26	
EE	143.87	
Eurofins Chemtest Ltd	692.88	
Fenland Fire Appliance LLP	120.00	
Grafton Projects Ltd	542.62	
Grantham Engineering Ltd	1,434.00	
Kew Grasscare	600.00	
The Lock Team	39.50	
Lyreco Uk Ltd	538.98	
B. W. Mack (Machinery Ltd)	2,147.37	
March Electrical Supplies Ltd	402.45	
Mastenbroek Environmental Ltd	221.09	
Maxey Grounds	900.00	
OfficeFlow Ltd	293.85	
Ogden Motor Engineers Ltd	460.00	
N L Hydraulics	278.40	
Peterborough PartsPlus	51.37	
Pulsar Measurement	1,701.12	
RS Components Ltd	173.45	
Huws Gray (Ridgeons)	235.26	
Stuart Group Ltd	200.95	
Trade Uk (Screw Fix)	79.99	
A. D. Sutton Motor Engineers Ltd	403.11	
TMC Lifting & Engineering Supplies	690.82	
Technology Services Group Ltd	1,288.93	
Veolia	780.68	
V & J Knitwear Ltd	35.70	
Watson Fuels	12,859.12	
Whitings LLP	15,000.00	
Wrights Tools Ltd	652.07	
Xylem Water Solutions Uk Ltd	137,810.83	IDB Telemetry Scheme & MLC, Pump for Duncomes PS
Barclaycard	861.52	
British Telecom	1,096.72	

A Smyk	412.50	
Chubb Fire & Security Ltd	528.44	
J Bates & Sons	27,067.20	
HMRC Tax & NI	34,459.16	
Unison	39.75	
CCC Pensions Income	20,597.09	
Staff Reimbursement	60.00	
Staff Reimbursement	25.00	
Towergate	612.76	
Fenland District Council	4,173.00	
Andrews & Arnold	4.45	
Barclaycard	169.84	
Allstar	2,513.25	
Month 7 - Salaries	51,409.21	
Month 7 - Wages	23,835.92	
Ben Burgess	2,100.00	
Staff Reimbursement	30.01	
I Downey	30.00	
JGP Resourcing Ltd	3,240.00	
Botttomline	87.73	
Prudential AVC	3,500.00	
Staff Reimbursement	41.99	
Marshall Motor Group Ltd	36,252.37	
Land regisrty Ref 9394744	33.00	
NEST	3,349.76	
Guest Motors Ltd	48.36	
Towergate	280.00	
The AF Group Ltd	31,792.02	
Mr W Easthall	421.66	
Mr G Greene	567.63	
Anglian Water	56.81	
Veolia	26.78	
Land Registry	830.00	
M J S Acquisitions (March) Ltd	113.33	
Allstar	2,361.25	
British Telecom	1,097.00	
Telecom MGMT Ltd	61.32	
Allertons Auto Electrical & Diesel	406.46	
B J Plant Hire Ltd	71,595.60	Supply Excavator/Operatives/Dumpers for Bank Raising & Excavator dredging at Well Creek
Antifriction	350.32	
Beebys Ltd	1,163.82	
L Bennett & Son Ltd	264.00	
Blue Compass Ltd	4,427.94	
L R Boon & Sons Ltd	7.13	
CTS Security Ltd	1,198.80	
Chubb Fire & Security Ltd	740.00	
Clean & Clear	650.00	
Cope Safety Management Ltd	1,009.87	
D & J Transport Ltd	22,233.30	
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	59.22	

Drake Towage Ltd	20,306.28	
English Brothers Ltd	378.04	
Eurofins Chemtest Ltd	147.77	
Fenland Fire Appliance LLP	45.60	
Fleet Timber Supplies Ltd	4,380.00	
Gap Ltd	1,230.41	
Grafton Projects Ltd	160.24	
HB Editorial Services Ltd	1,194.00	
Iliffe Media Publishing Ltd	187.20	
Kew Grasscare	600.00	
K & W Mechanical Services Ltd	5,730.00	
Landmark Trading (Stamford) Ltd	5,030.64	
Lyreco UK Ltd	195.12	
Mastenbroek Environmental Ltd	1,246.76	
Newsquest Media Group	103.35	
OfficeFlow Ltd	343.61	
Ogden Motor Engineers Ltd	250.00	
Oliver Seeds	4,624.80	
Pro-Purus Ltd	96.72	
Pulsar Measurement	296.64	
Pure-PAT Testing Ltd	778.38	
RS Components Ltd	304.40	
David J Richards Ltd	80.53	
Huws Gray (Ridgeons)	475.68	
Royal Mail	80.00	
WH Shoebridge & Sons Ltd	991.44	
Technology Services Group Ltd	874.93	
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	94.92	
UPS Power Services Ltd	1,437.60	
Upwell IDB	7,721.00	
Veolia	26.78	
Watson	59,102.96	Gas Oil for Stores & St Germans PS & Banner Adblue for Haddenham DC
Whitings LLP	5,100.00	
Witham Oil & Paint (Soham) Ltd	156.57	
Wrights Tools Ltd	432.78	
Xylem Water Solutions UK Ltd	52,016.43	IDB Telemetry Scheme
Barrett Steel Ltd T/A Yarmouth Steel Services	792.15	
C Carson	798.05	
Staff Reimbursement	299.42	
Barclaycard	3,668.34	
I A Downey	983.03	
Staff Reimbursement	25.00	
HMRC Tax & NI	34,654.87	
Hunt & Coombs LLP	500.00	
Radius Telematics	30.00	
AIWA - VAT	2,350.00	
CCC Pensions Income	20,824.28	
Unison	39.75	
Hunt & Coombs LLP	1,200.00	
Staff Reimbursement	30.00	

Fenland District Council	4,173.00	
Foxtam Controls	180.23	
Watling JCB Ltd	113,609.76	JCB Loadall
DHL International Uk Ltd	65.68	
Ulrich Attachments Ltd	18,000.00	
One Touch Data	1,980.00	
Andrews & Arnold	5.57	
Ebay	14.99	
Barclaycard	554.99	
T F Jackson	44,436.60	
Prudential AVC	3,500.00	
Allstar	1,891.82	
Radius Telematics	8.40	
Environment Agency	992.75	
Jackpad Ltd	9,538.99	
Peter Beckenham	128.00	
NEST	3,349.76	
Month 8 - Salaries	55,079.38	
Month 8 - Wages	22,987.67	
Davies Contracting Ltd	15,813.00	
EBAY SARI	14.99	
Anglian Water	59.43	
EE	144.22	
Bottomline	134.20	
Allstar	2,062.58	
BT	151.98	
Staff Reimbursement	20.00	
Mr & Mrs Byrne	5,500.00	
Staff Reimbursement	146.66	
Staff Reimbursement	196.13	
Xylem Analytics Uk	156.00	
Newsquest Media Group	103.34	
J Bates & Sons	26,136.60	
Fenland District Council	148.85	
Cole & Day	102.00	
Casella Holdings	1,634.57	
AF Group Ltd	7,616.52	
Staff Reimbursement	184.54	
E Rand & Sons	61,637.76	
Telecom MGMT Ltd	61.63	
Allertons Auto Electrical & Diesel	31.20	
ADA Great Ouse Branch	6.00	
Auma Actuators Ltd	392.40	
B J Plant Hire Ltd	4,368.00	
L Bennett & Son Ltd	264.42	
Blue Compass Ltd	6,874.35	
L R Boon & Sons Ltd	490.27	
CW Group	243.00	
Civil safety Training & Rescue Ltd	264.00	
Cope Safety Management Ltd	1,009.87	

D & J Transport Ltd	48,791.45	
Davies Contracting Ltd	6,420.00	
Drake Towage Ltd	24,356.28	
EE	144.65	
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	28.80	
Elite Document Solutions Ltd	1,898.38	
Eurofins Chemtest Ltd	182.22	
Fenland Fire Appliance LLP	189.84	
Fleet Timber Supplies Ltd	11,858.92	
Gap Ltd	481.58	
Grafton Projects Ltd	237.31	
Kal Fixings Uk Ltd	286.80	
Lyreco Uk Ltd	195.12	
March Electrical Supplies Ltd	1,186.92	
N L Hydraulics	325.93	
OfficeFlow Ltd	325.25	
Pro-Purus Ltd	33.88	
RS Components Ltd	2,257.08	
Huws Gray (Ridgeons)	255.35	
Royal Mail	80.00	
SCCS Survey Equipment	1,560.00	
WH Shoebridge & Sons Ltd	1,682.07	
ShooSmiths	1,622.10	
Switch	912.00	
Trade Uk (Screw Fix)	477.95	
Technology Services Group Ltd	615.73	
Valuation Office Agency	1,350.90	
V & J Knitwear Ltd	95.70	
Veolia	902.56	
Watson	29,536.01	
Wrights Tools Ltd	1,695.93	
Xylem Water Solutions Uk Ltd	48,425.41	
Barrett Steel Ltd T/A Yarmouth Steel Services	1,047.86	
British Telecom	1,102.75	
BT Group	73.20	
CTS Bathrooms Ltd	1,784.38	
Barclaycard	2,651.92	
Staff Reimbursement	161.13	
Unison	39.75	
CCC Pensions Income	20,541.78	
HMRC Tax & NI	33,480.95	
Beebys	1,163.82	
T F Jackson	44,436.60	
Andrews & Arnold	6.29	
Staff Reimbursement	37.91	
Staff Reimbursement	23.99	
Staff Reimbursement	127.57	
Barclaycard	220.51	
Fenland District Council	4,173.00	
PWLB	64,873.50	Loan Repayment - Offices/Depot

Prudential AVC	3,500.00	
Stanair Industrial Door Services Ltd	1,323.00	
B J Plant Hire Ltd	102,864.00	Bank Raising Works Catchwater Drain & Flail Works Swavesey IDB
NEST	3,942.96	
Allstar	2,561.68	
Month 9 - Salaries	54,917.66	
Month 9 - Wages	21,965.48	
Radius Telematics	8.40	
Anglia Water	83.81	
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Beebys	1,163.82	
L R Boon & Sons Ltd	54.72	
Dalcour Maclaren	2,774.58	
Fraser Dawbarns LLP	550.80	
Oliver Cromwell Hotel	300.00	
Stantec	7,663.68	
Bottomline	87.73	
HM Land Registry	3.00	
AF Group Ltd	76,224.02	Electricity
Allstar	2,624.85	
BOC Ltd	227.46	
Telecom MGMT Ltd	61.70	
HM Land Registry	18.00	
ADA	716.40	
Allertons Auto Electrical & Diesel	1,316.16	
B J Plant Hire Ltd	40,743.38	
Antifriction Components	865.21	
Beebys Ltd	1,163.82	
L Bennett & Son Ltd	290.70	
Blue Compass Ltd	6,440.36	
CTS Security Ltd	276.00	
Cope Safety Management Ltd	1,009.87	
D & J Transport Ltd	10,022.93	
Drake Towage Ltd	17,268.78	
EE	162.56	
Eurofins Chemtest Ltd	159.70	
Fleet Timber Supplies	6,142.00	
Gap Ltd	999.17	
Grafton Projects Ltd	25.18	
Graitec Ltd	4,938.00	
Idverde Ltd	1,152.00	
J D Signs Ltd	440.00	
G & CA Lombardo Ltd	219.60	
Lyreco Uk Ltd	22.66	
Manea & Welney DDC	6,294.36	
March Electrical Supplies Ltd	4,425.54	
OfficeFlow Ltd	229.57	
PHS Group	499.49	
Pro-Purus Ltd	35.88	
RS Components Ltd	951.76	

David J Richards Ltd	140.06
Huws Gray (Ridgeons)	367.49
Riverside Automation Ltd	1,320.00
Royal Haskoning DHV Ltd	1,668.00
Trade Uk (Screw Fix)	19.99
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	295.88
Sutton & Mepal IDB	1,501.03
Technology Services Group Ltd	346.11
Towergate	212.17
V & J Knitwear Ltd	233.46
Veolia	26.78
Witham Oil & Paint (Soham) Ltd	1,848.36
Wrights Tools Ltd	288.15
Xylem Water Solutions Uk Ltd	10,803.56
British Telecom	1,097.37
Mr C J Collingwood	67.48
Barclaycard	2,269.23
Staff Reimbursement	25.00
Salix	522.00
HMRC Tax & NI	32,516.15
Pitney Bowes	85.18
JT Boiler Services	98.00
Hygiene Quality Forklifts Ltd	727.34
CCC Pensions Income	20,351.62
Unison	39.75
Fenland District Council	4,173.00
T C Harrison Ltd	31,491.00
Andrews & Arnold	7.43
NEST	3,757.73
Barclaycard	133.14
Allstar	2,519.98
Prudential AVC	3,000.00
Downham & Stow IDB	30.00
Stringsides IDB	30.00
Stoke Ferry IDB	6.00
KPS Services (KP & DJ Swann)	180.00
Staff Reimbursement	433.76
Up Country Autoparts Uk Ltd	2,268.00
Month 10 - Salaries	53,917.09
Month 10 - Wages	22,148.70
Davies Contracting Ltd	12,246.00
Staff Reimbursement	339.97
Staff Reimbursement	25.00
Radius Telematics	8.40
Staff Reimbursement	222.50
Anglian Water	44.70
Weightmans LLP	843.42
Valuation Office	1,800.00
Shoosmiths LLP	1,138.80
Chubb Fire & Security Ltd	303.36

March Electrical Supplies Ltd	114.60
Staff Reimbursement	33.45
Spinney Rewinds Ltd	3,918.31
Up Country Autoparts Uk Ltd	60.00
Bottomline	86.95
Staff Reimbursement	40.55
Hunt & Coombes	750.00
Allstar	1,617.53
Barclaycard	2,525.73
CMS Electrical	4080.00
C Carson	747.53
British Telecom	1052.05
Telecom MGMT Ltd	61.15
Land Registry ref 939744	33.00
Allertons Auto Electrical & Diesel	134.93
Antifriction Components	56.35

Works @ Cardea Site, Hobbs Lot, Anglian Water Drain-
Chatteris, Woodwalton Barrier Bank & Bank Raising Works @ 16ft
& Woodwalton North/West Bank

B J Plant Hire Ltd	186,383.40
Barclay & Mathieson	1,321.20
L Bennett & Son Ltd	64.68
Blue Compass Ltd	18,883.72
L R Boon & Sons Ltd	101.51
C Brewer & Sons Ltd	152.99
CTS Security Ltd	3,571.80
Cope Safety Management Ltd	1,009.87
D & J Transport Ltd	21,559.08
Drake Towage Ltd	25,650.00
Fleet Timber Supplies	3,070.80
Gap Ltd	648.88
T Goakes Building & Groundworks	240.00
Grafton Projects Ltd	44.97
Guest Motors Ltd	937.30
Arthur Ibbett Ltd	329.40
Lawn-Boy	128.36
Lyreco Uk Ltd	869.38
B W Mack (Machinery) Ltd	1,069.20
March Electrical Supplies Ltd	140.32
OfficeFlow Ltd	329.98
David J Richards Ltd	141.12
Huws Gray (Ridgeons)	543.07
RS Components Ltd	4,778.84
Trade Uk (Screw Fix)	122.53
Stantec Uk Ltd	1,894.20
Symmons Madge associates Ltd	348.00
Technology Services Group Ltd	343.59
Taymor Plumbing Supplies Ltd	38.22
V & J Knitwear Ltd	152.76
Veolia	388.25
Watersafe Uk Ltd	1,518.00
Watson	7,927.92
Witham Oil & Paint (Soham) Ltd	609.29

Wrights Tools Ltd	1,534.12	
Xylem Water Solutions Uk Ltd	48,505.06	
Barrett Steel Ltd T/A Yarmouth Steel Services	1,942.48	
Pitney Bowes	407.54	
HMRC Tax & NI	32,352.50	
Shoosmiths	1,489.20	
CCC Pensions Income	20,407.84	
Unison	39.75	
Andrews & Arnold	6.83	
Eastern Tree Surgery	1,650.00	
Davies Contracting Ltd	5,604.00	
J Bates & Sons	31,838.40	
Prudential AVC	3,000.00	
Barclaycard	257.83	
AllStar	1,749.80	
Anglian Water	118.15	
NEST	3,734.39	
Radius Telematics	8.40	
Towergate	252.00	
EE	157.99	
CW Group	35,250.00	
EBAY SARL	14.99	
Month 11 - Salaries	66,232.85	
Month 11 - Wages	22,333.32	
K & PJ Wilderspin	168.00	
HM Revenue & Customs Only	13.76	
HM Revenue & Customs Only	12.10	
E C Brown & Son	1,518.78	
G R & P Easton	4,464.39	
A & J Neal	2,103.82	
Mr & Mrs M J White	1,124.73	
Waddesdon Estate LLP	1,597.78	
O G & P Wheatley	589.43	
Bottomline	79.48	
AF Group	111,857.21	Electricity
Prickwillow Village Hall	128.00	
BOC	321.12	
British Telecom	140.91	
Telecom MGMT Ltd	61.88	
Allstar	2,701.54	
Allertons	53.49	
Barclay & Mathieson	1,151.75	
J Bates & Sons	8,257.20	
Beebys Ltd	1,163.82	
L Bennett & Son Ltd	597.18	
Blue Compass	30,263.69	
L R Boon & Sons Ltd	763.62	
CTS Security Ltd	720.00	
Cope safety Management Ltd	1,429.87	
Datashredders Ltd	87.12	

Davies Contracting Ltd	6,240.00	
Disco Drives (Kings Lynn) Ltd	492.00	
D & J Transport	12,158.80	
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	1,593.99	
Drake Towage Ltd	25,575.00	
EE	157.99	
Energy & System Technical Ltd	2,575.67	
Grafton Projects Ltd	975.43	
Landmark Trading (Stamford) Ltd	535.78	
Lawn Boy	4,263.21	
The Lock Team	15.80	
Lyreco Ltd	452.28	
B W Mack Machinery Ltd	586.09	
March Electrical Supplies Ltd	167.44	
Mastenbroek Environmental Ltd	273.17	
Maxey Grounds	180.00	
Mill Stainless	2,722.80	
N L Hydraulics	246.52	
Officeflow Ltd	257.74	
Ogden Motor Engineers Ltd	1,595.60	
Peleman	156.97	
RS Components Ltd	1,038.28	
Huws Gray Ridgeons	151.10	
Trade Uk Screw Fix	64.99	
Stanair Industrial Doors Ltd	1,371.00	
Technology Services Group	361.35	
V & J Knitwear Ltd	228.30	
Veoila Environmental services	27.89	
Witham Oil & Paint (Soham) Ltd	895.13	
Wrights Tools Ltd	605.43	
Barclaycard	2,163.46	
HMRC Tax & NI	41,216.63	
Staff Reimbursement	27.38	
BT Group	73.20	
British Telecom	799.63	
Pitney Bowes	573.33	
Andrews & Arnold	6.38	
Barclaycard	83.40	
CCC Pensions Income	20,419.59	
Unison	39.75	
Prudential AVC	3,000.00	
Towergate Insurance	69.38	
Fenland District Council	148.85	
Royal Mail Group Ltd	80.00	
Information Commissioners Office	40.00	
Borough Council of Kings Lynn & west Norfolk	208.30	
		Loan Repayment - St Germans Pump
PWLB	344,120.77	Replacement Scheme
Radius	8.40	
Davies Contracting	12,480.00	
Weightmans	1,029.60	

Anglian Water	86.66
Anglian Water	146.21
Allstar	2,583.46
Month 12 - Salaries	62,920.99
Month 12 - Wages	21,766.16
Nest	8,210.79
Bottomline	66.42
Watson Fuels	3,076.76
AF Group	24,190.68
Allstar	2,185.83
Land Registry	42.00
Peleman	156.97
Staff Reimbursement	75.00
Crown Lodge Hotel	116.00
Barclaycard	3,463.13
British Telecom	799.21
Telecom MGMT Ltd	61.26
Staff Reimbursement	27.66
Staff Reimbursement	140.52

3,618,485.16

B.3813 Miscellaneous receipts

The Board considered and approved receipts amounting to £490,661.30 during the period from 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023, viz;

MIDDLE LEVEL COMMISSIONERS

Miscellaneous Receipts (1st October 2022 - 31st March 2023)

Southery & District IDB	Find fault on pump no.2 and repair - Feltwell pumping station	1,215.73
Southery & District IDB	Replace gland packing and test - Hilgay pumping station	205.64
Creek Farms (Private)	Remove grease pump and repair - Creek Farm pumping station	374.24
Benwick IDB	Measure pump bolts for replacement - Benwick Mere p/s	73.26
Benwick IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Betty's Nose pumping station	254.64
Benwick IDB	Remove old pump and replace with new - Broadalls p/s	2,359.67
Benwick IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Copalder pumping station	248.05
Benwick IDB	Pump motor overhaul - Copalder pumping station	717.65
Benwick IDB	Fit new time clock and programme - Beezings p/s	206.57
Bluntisham IDB	Repair vent pipe and test - Barley Croft pumping station	406.79
Churchfield & Plawfield IDB	Land registry search charges	12.00
Conington & Holme IDB	Expenses in connection with Board meeting	100.50
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Replace low level sensors - Curf pumping station	620.67
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Bensons pumping station	108.01
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Investigate fault on ultrasonic - Stonea Fen p/s	136.95
East of Ouse Plover & Nar IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Plover pumping station	4,883.96
East of Ouse Plover & Nar IDB	Check noise on pump bearing - Mow Fen p/s	71.63
East of Ouse Plover & Nar IDB	Unseize pump and test - Chainbridge pumping station	199.61
Haddenham Level DC	Supply oils and greases	2,524.97
Manea & Welney DDC	Inlet valve overhaul - Glenhouse pumping station	1,215.80
Manea & Welney DDC	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Glenhouse pumping station	857.56
Manea & Welney DDC	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Purils Bridge pumping station	139.37
March East IDB	Land registry search charges	15.00
March East IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Bedlam pumping station	548.20
March Fifth DDC	Refurbish syphon breaker - North Creek p/s	121.95
March Fifth DDC	Supply delay timer - South Creek pumping station	151.73
March Third DDC	Test and repair control panel - Burrowmoor p/s	324.01
March West & White Fen IDB	Check pump noise and grease bearings - Beggars Bridge p/s	73.73
March West & White Fen IDB	New pump (supplied by Xylem) - Duncombes p/s	25,237.36
Nightlayers IDB	Fit new motor protection and thermostat relays - Nightlayers pumping station	761.72
Nordelph IDB	New pump (supplied by Xylem) - Nordelph p/s	21,151.43
Over & Willingham IDB	Electrical condition report - Over pumping station	160.00
Ramsey First (Hollow) IDB	Expenses in connection with Board meeting	196.00
Ramsey Fourth (Middlemoor) IDB	Expenses in connection with Board meeting	164.50
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Land registry search charges	15.00
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Measure up for replacement doors - Green Dyke p/s	85.26
Ransonmoor DDC	Set summer levels - Ransonmoor pumping station	68.26
Sawtry IDB	Expenses in connection with Board meeting	120.50

Sutton & Mepal IDB	Road tax - AE65 NMM & YN61 FYU	455.00
Sutton & Mepal IDB	Service and MOT - AE65 NMM	718.18
Sutton & Mepal IDB	Replace pump - Mepal pumping station	1,040.06
Upwell IDB	Electrical condition report - Nordelph bungalow	120.00
Upwell IDB	Land registry search charges	39.00
Upwell IDB	Remedial electrical works - Nordelph bungalow	890.00
Upwell IDB	Tyre disposal (in accordance with regulations)	116.40
Upwell IDB	Road tax - MK15 YAY	290.00
Upwell IDB	Electrical condition report - 5 pumping stations	700.00
Waldersey IDB	Overhaul flap doors - South Brink pumping station	5,919.25
Waldersey IDB	Alarm service - South Brink pumping station	58.26
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Road tax - AO17 WMW	290.00
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Business cards	83.40
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Road tax - AU09 FEW	165.00
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Pidley pumping station	624.71
Whittlesley & District IDB	Unseize pump and test - Goosetree Estate pumping station	166.94
Whittlesley & District IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Wype pumping station	104.20
Whittlesley & District IDB	Gearbox overhaul - Drysides pumping station	5,278.39
M Wilkinson	Flail mowing	175.00
March Fifth DDC	Replace pump access gate post - South Creek p/s	453.16
March Sixth DDC	Fit No Fishing signs and supply rake - Norwood p/s	190.30
March West & White Fen IDB	Remove rubbish from drain (reach 22-23), fit new dam boards - School Farm - point 18	359.52
March West & White Fen IDB	Expenses in connection with Board meeting	96.00
Nightlayers IDB	Repair handrail on pump bridge and assist contractor	1,636.51
Nordelph IDB	Remedial Health & Safety works - Nordelph p/s	291.64
Sawtry IDB	Remedial Health & Safety works - Moat Farm p/s	1,233.58
Skeggins Fen (Private) DD	Replace inlet slacker	2,214.90
Waldersey IDB	Remove rubbish from drain - Graysmoor Drove	664.28
Waldersey IDB	Land registry search charges	6.00
Mr R Grassing	Sale of salvaged boat	125.00
J C Cars	Sale of Nissan Navara - AE66 MVS	7,500.00
Benwick IDB	Motor overhaul - Copalder pumping station	1,196.62
Conington & Holme IDB	Check condition of piles below pumps and repair low level probe Conington pumping station	759.76
Downham & Stow Bardolph IDB	Set winter levels - Stow pumping station	83.26
Haddenham Level DC	Repairs to Atlas excavator and supply adblue	5,085.80
March East IDB	Cut fallen tree adjacent to Binnimoor pumping station	52.34
March East IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Bedlam pumping station	442.57
Nightlayers IDB	Land registry search charges	12.00
Ramsey First (Hollow) IDB	Supply gas oil	5,640.00
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Check noise on pump no.1 - New Fen pumping station	100.36
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Deposit for replacement roller shutter door - Green Dyke p/s	1,102.50
Ransonmoor DDC	Set winter levels - Ransonmoor pumping station	80.26
Sawtry IDB	Remedial Health & safety works - Sawtry Roughts p/s	235.71
Stoke Ferry IDB	Attend and test for pump fault - Fordham pumping station	161.37
Sutton & Mepal IDB	Supply gas oil	2,834.78

Upwell IDB	Supply control panel and witness testing - Cock Fen pumping station electrification	51,364.80
Waldersey IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - South Brink pumping station	140.02
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Supply waste transfer licence	115.00
Whittlesy & District IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Conquest Lode pumping station	304.89
Whittlesy & District IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Whittlesy Mere pumping station	154.09
Benwick IDB	Chemical weed control of District Drains	2,722.40
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Chemical weed control of District Drains	1,644.65
March Third DDC	Chemical weed control of District Drains	580.45
March Fifth DDC	Chemical weed control of District Drains	723.75
March Sixth DDC	Chemical weed control of District Drains	412.85
Nightlayers IDB	Chemical weed control of District Drains	604.65
Ramsey First (Hollow) IDB	Chemical weed control of District Drains	2,513.35
Ransonmoor DDC	Chemical weed control of District Drains	1,522.17
Swavesey IDB	Chemical weed control of District Drains	726.80
Waldersey IDB	Chemical weed control of District Drains	1,545.50
March East IDB	Chemical weed control of District Drains	775.65
Creek Farms (Private)	Repairs to pump controls - Creek Farm pumping station	116.73
Benwick IDB	Land registry search charges	3.00
Benwick IDB	Check seized pump and replace fuses - Ramsey Mere p/s	435.02
Churchfield & Plawfield IDB	Land registry search charges	9.00
Churchfield & Plawfield IDB	Drainage improvement works - Upwell Health centre car park	3,640.00
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Bank revetment works - Wimblington Common pump drain	17,084.67
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Curf Fen pumping station	134.40
Haddenham Level DC	Supply floor paint	105.86
March East IDB	Remove rubbish from drain - point 76	139.38
March West & White Fen IDB	Bank revetment works - Potash Farm	5,922.17
Nightlayers IDB	Repairs to access gate - old pumping station site	102.56
Ramsey Fourth (Middlemoor) IDB	Replace light tubes - Daintree pumping station	156.61
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Investigate and repair fault on pump controls - Upwood Common pumping station	101.68
Ransonmoor DDC	Remove tyres from drain - reach 35,36,37	238.26
Stoke Ferry IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Wretton pumping station	172.55
Sutton & Mepal IDB	New pump (supplied by Xylem) - Mepal p/s	35,441.69
Upwell IDB	Land registry search charges	33.00
Upwell IDB	Replace pump bolts - Bedlam Bridge pumping station	475.88
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Land registry search charges	18.00
K P Conway Ltd	Sale of Ford Ranger - AE63 DJY	6,375.83
Environment Agency	Telephone & electricity charges - Bodsey Bridge recorder station	987.97
Environment Agency	Navigational duties 2021/2022 - Salters Lode	2,500.00
Environment Agency	Navigational duties 2022/2023 - Salters Lode	2,500.00
Anglian Water	Repair damaged bank - Silt Road, Nordelph	3,697.66
Benwick IDB	Repair fence - Benwick Mere pumping station	225.22
Benwick IDB	Repair fence - Bettys Nose pumping station	250.13
Benwick IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Broadalls pumping station	164.29

Benwick IDB	Support EDF for meter modifications - Ramsey Mere p/s	69.86
Benwick IDB	Repair fence, reset pump overload and test - Beezlings p/s	308.41
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Grass seeding following bank revetments works - Wimblington Common pump drain	363.83
East of Ouse Polver & Nar IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Mill Fen pumping station	89.68
Haddenham Level DC	Dewater sump, supply rain gauge - Sutton Gault p/s	3,489.95
M Wilkinson	Machine cleansing works - Hobbs Lot pumping station	820.00
Manea & Welney DDC	Road tax - AU15 XHB	290.00
March East IDB	Supply padlock - Binnimoor pumping station	84.60
March Fifth DDC	Check pump following reports of significant water levels - North Creek pumping station	77.68
March Third DDC	Clean out and test inlet, trace and rectify electrical fault - Burrowmoor pumping station	665.24
March West & White Fen IDB	Install control panel thermostat - Staffurths Bridge p/s	150.64
Needham & Laddus IDB	Install steps at control structure - point 2	1,065.61
Ramsey Fourth (Middlemoor) IDB	Support EDF for meter modifications - Daintree p/s	81.96
Ransonmoor DDC	Set spring water levels - Ransonmoor pumping station	72.26
Swavesey IDB	Telemetry charges (Annual)	53.82
Upwell IDB	Telemetry charges (Annual)	78.37
Upwell IDB	Legal fees - easement, Cock Fen pumping station	2,312.15
Upwell IDB	Legal fees - easement, Cock Fen pumping station	459.00
Waldersey IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - South Brink pumping station	439.80
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Westmoor pumping station	123.53
Whittlesey & District IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Wype pumping station	119.67
Whittlesey & District IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Whittlesey Mere pumping station	239.05
H & E Design	Sale of Uniforest tractor winch	1,250.00
P & E Frick & Sons	Sale of JCB teleporter - KX56 MHV	23,583.33
Environment Agency	Water transfer at Old Bedford sluice 2022	9,686.99
Environment Agency	PSCA works at Swavesey 2022/2023	15,649.60
Environment Agency	Badger set closing works - Church End drain, Swavesey	400.00
Churchfield & Plawfield IDB	Expenses in connection with Board meeting	96.67
East of Ouse Polver & Nar IDB	Supply bearings - Mow fen pumping station	201.95
March East IDB	Telemetry charges (Annual)	211.25
March Third DDC	Telemetry charges (Annual)	211.25
March West & White Fen IDB	Attend site following power cut, replace motor overload and fit panel thermostat - Moores pumping station	1,153.37
March West & White Fen IDB	Investigate and repair pump fault (no.2), install panel heater thermostat - Duncombes pumping station	3,527.06
March West & White Fen IDB	Test operation of pumps, install panel heater thermostat - White Fen pumping station	313.33
Nightlayers IDB	Telemetry charges (Annual)	114.04
Ramsey First (Hollow) IDB	Telemetry charges (Annual)	211.25
Ramsey First (Hollow) IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Ramsey Hollow pumping station	4,809.32

Ramsey IDB	Check noise on pump - Stocking Fen pumping station	59.53
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Telemetry charges (Annual)	91.00
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Balance of supply and fitting steel shutter door - Green Dyke p/s	1,312.76
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Find fault on pump panel - Green Dyke pumping station	675.06
Ransonmoor DDC	Telemetry charges (Annual)	42.25
Sutton & Mepal IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Mepal pumping station	1,290.07
Sutton & Mepal IDB	Supply gas oil	2,563.97
Swavesey IDB	Supply floodlight - High Causeway pumping station	19.00
Upwell IDB	Telemetry charges (Annual)	212.92
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Telemetry charges (Annual)	422.50
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Washways pumping station	2,191.57
Whittlesy & District IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Tebbitts Bridge pumping station	203.72
Whittlesy & District IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Underwoods pumping station	891.30
Haddenham Level DC	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
Euximoor IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
Hundred of Wisbech IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
March East IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
March Fifth DDC	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
Nightlayers IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.05
Nordelph IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
Sutton & Mepal IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	1.00
Upwell IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	1.00
Warboys Somersham & Pidley IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
Ramsey Fourth (Middlemoor) IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	0.50
Ramsey Upwood & Gt Raveley IDB	Court fees - rate summons 2023	3.00
March East IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment, repair diesel engine, repair faulty contactor in control panel, fire extinguisher service - Latches Fen pumping station	5,043.07
Fenland District Council	Clear blocked drains - South Fens Businees Park, Chatteris	6,500.00
Fenland District Council	Flail mowing and bucket cleansing works - Manea railway station car park drain	377.71
Fenland District Council	Flail mowing and strimming works - March River banks 2022/23	670.89
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Bensons pumping station	485.99
Haddenham Level DC	Supply gas oil	1,898.98
March West & White Fen IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Beggars Bridge pumping station	499.41
Nightlayers IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - Nightlayers pumping station	1,014.16
March West & White Fen IDB	Bank trimming works - reach 33,34,36 and assist contractor maintenace works - reach 38-40	2,449.16
Upwell IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment, repair corroded floor plates around discharge pipes - Cock Fen p/s	2,552.65
March East IDB	Remedial Health & safety works - Binnimoor p/s	352.84
March Fifth DDC	Reposition hand rail and kick bord - South Creek p/s	274.36

March West & White Fen IDB	Remedial Health & safety works - Duncombes p/s	446.41
March West & White Fen IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment - West Fen pumping station	9,361.46
East of Ouse Polver & Nar IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment, reset water levels for pump no.2 - Polver pumping station	1,569.64
East of Ouse Polver & Nar IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment, test generator and pumps - Puny Drain pumping station	1,468.88
East of Ouse Polver & Nar IDB	Repairs to automatic weedscreen cleaning equipment, check operation of pump 1 and replace bearings - Nar Valley p/s	2,615.84
Haddenham Level DC	Supply rain gauge - Haddenham pumping station	681.07
Various	Smart Level Telemetry installation - 50% costs for GIA scheme - various - 45 pumping stations	104,561.14
Upwell IDB	Diesel (Arval fuel card)	1,571.54
Various	Drawings	20.00
Various	Staff purchases	75.66
Various	Staff utility recharges	304.53
Various	Supply of lock handles and keys	203.68
		490,661.30

B.3814 Determination of Annual Values

The Board considered and approved recommendations to transfer agricultural land to special levy.

B.3815 Rate Arrears

Consideration was given to write off rate arrears amounting to £100.97.

RESOLVED

That Board be recommended to write off rate arrears amounting to £100.97.

B.3816 Contributions from Developers

With reference to minutes B.3784, the Chief Executive reported that contributions towards the cost of dealing with the increased flow or volume of surface water run-off and treated effluent have been received.

B.3817 Staff Pay award 2023/24

The Chairman and Chairman of the Employment Committee reported on the recommendations from the Executive Committee for staff pay award for 2023/2024 and any other Employment committee recommendations.

The Board were also asked to note the spine-point decisions made by the Executive Committee at their meeting in January 2023. (Page 8 of Annual Report)

RESOLVED

That the increase of 7.14% be approved and the spine point decisions from January 2023 were noted and approved.

B.3818 Pension Schemes

a) Local Government Pension Revaluation and future Employer Contributions

Further to minute B.3749a, the Treasurer reported that the contributions made by the Commissioners in respect of employees in the financial year 2022/2023 will be £184,828.89 and that the contribution rate for the year was 21.5%. For the financial year 2023/2024, the contribution rate will be 20.5%, with contributions to be made by the Commissioners in respect of employees to be in the region of £165,500.

b) Auto enrolment pension scheme (NEST)

- i) Further to minute B.3749b, the Treasurer reported that the enrolment in the NEST scheme commenced October 2015 and that the contributions made by the Commissioners in respect of employees in the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 will be £24,176.98 and that the minimum contribution rate was 4%. For the financial year 2023/2024, the minimum contribution rate remains at 4%, the contributions to be made by the Commissioners in respect of employees will be in the region of £41,700.00.
- ii) The Commissioners considered the future contribution rate payable by the Commissioners in respect of employees in the auto enrolment pension scheme. As from 1st April 2023 the minimum employer contribution rate will be 4%.
- iii) The Chief Executive reported that the Nest pension service has been contacted concerning death in service, provide a quote for a 'death in service' insurance for employees on this pension scheme, so it provides the same benefit as the LGPS.

B.3819 Property & Land Registry

a) Cardea site

Further to minute B.3787(a), the Solicitor advised that the property needed to give the Commissioners access to the balancing ponds, had been purchased back by Persimmon. The Commissioners had also previously agreed an amendment to the Transfer Agreement at the request of Persimmon to enable some of the land previously agreed to be transferred to be used for access if required for any future development. The amended documentation for the transfer of the land is now awaited and is currently with Persimmons Solicitors.

b) 33 Sluice Road – tenant issues

Further to minute B.3716(b), the Solicitor reported that there were no current matters requiring attention at the property, but that a re-inspection was currently scheduled to be conducted at the property.

c) Woodwalton Reservoir Update.

Further to minute B.3787(b) the Chief Engineer reported that the overspill works are now complete. The Panel Engineer will give a certificate when the grass and vegetation recover.

The Chief Engineer confirmed she would contact the Panel Engineer for the final certificate.

d) 18 Sluice Road

The Solicitor confirmed that the sale of the property had been agreed for £300,000 and the conveyancing process was now underway. The Board advised that if this sale resulted in 31 Sluice Road becoming vacant, then that should be considered for the rental market.

B.3820 Banking arrangements, inc changes to signatories

The Treasurer reported that signatory changes to new Chief Executive had been approved, primarily for the National Savings and Investment Account.

RESOLVED

That Mr P Burrows, as Clerk to the Board and Mr J Brown, as Chairman, be the authorised signatories of the National Savings Investment Account and that the account of Middle Level Commissioners with National Savings and Investments be changed accordingly.

B.3821 Environment Agency Precept

The Chief Executive reported that at the Anglian (Great Ouse) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (RFCC) determined that there were exceptional circumstances to consider on the agreed 2% increase on the precepts on Internal Drainage Boards. The Committee voted for an additional 1% increase (reflecting exceptional circumstances) above the agreed 2% for the year ending 31st March 2024 – total of a 3% increase on the level of precept on Internal Drainage Boards for the year ending 31st March 2024.

The Precept for 2022 was £1,985.51.

B.3822 Treasurers Financial Update

The Treasurer reported on the likely out-turn figures for 2022/2023 and to the requirements of the 2018 Navigation Act.

The Treasurer referred to the split between flood defence and navigation expenditure and that the out-turn figures, after adjusting for the unbudgeted works on Well Creek had a deficit for the Navigation account of £3,500.00. He stated that £140,000.00 of balances had been authorised last year and the sum of £60,000 been included within the budget for the likely impact of inflation and this had been absorbed across all heads of expenditure. He further reported that the required works to the embankment and the provision of a spillway at Woodwalton Fen reservoir had been completed. However, environmental requirements concerning the materials to be used increased

costs significantly, which resulted in an overspend of approximately £100,000 against the budget costs.

The Board considered their current system of internal controls.

The Treasurer advised that as had been previously reported the position of internal auditor had gone out to tender during the autumn and after a full review of the received tenders Whittings LLP had been appointed as internal auditors to the commissioners for a five-year period commencing 1st April 2023 (financial years 2023/2024 to 2027/2028).

The Board reviewed their risk management policy and procedures and the current insured value of properties.

RESOLVED

- i) That the report of the Treasurer be approved.
- ii) That the auditors reports and comments concerning the completion of the 2021/2022 accounts be approved
- iii) That the Board approve their current system of internal controls.
- iv) The board approve the appointment of Whiting & Partners as Internal Auditor for the five-year period commencing 1st April 2023 and the approved audit strategy and plan.
- v) That the Board approve their current risk management policy and procedures and insured value of properties.

B.3823 Estimates of revenue expenditure and rate and special levy requirements for the financial year 2023/2024

The Board considered estimates of expenditure and proposals for special levy and drainage rates in respect of the financial year 2023/2024 and were informed by the Treasurer that under the Land Drainage Act 1991 the proportions of their net expenditure to be met by drainage rates on agricultural hereditaments and by special levy on local billing authorities would be respectively 65.04% and 34.96%.

RESOLVED

- i) That the following recommendations be submitted to the Commissioners, viz:-
 - a) That the estimates be approved.
 - b) That a total sum of £3,129,522 be raised by drainage rates and special levy.
 - c) That the amounts comprised in the sum referred to in b) above to be raised by drainage rates and to be met by special levy are £2,035,389 and £1,094,133 respectively.
 - d) That a rate of 30.50p in the £ be recommended to the Commissioners and assessed on Agricultural hereditaments in the District.

- e) That Special levies totalling £1,094,133 be made and issued as follows for the purpose of meeting such expenditure if the rate was approved, viz:-

£603,637 to Fenland District Council

£247,449 to Huntingdonshire District Council

£243,047 to the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

B3824 Upcoming MLC Sub-committee meetings

The Chief Executive advised that Chair's Meeting will be held on the 6th October 2023.

B.3825 Dates of the Next Meetings

RESOLVED

That the next meeting of the Commissioners and the Middle Level Board be held as follows:

Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 9.30am

Thursday 25th April 2024 at 9.30am

And the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on:

Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 9am

B.3826 Any Other Business

That a letter be sent to David Thomas to thank him for his work with the Commissioners.

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Chairman

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Date