

# Lower Severn IDB

## MISSION STATEMENT

We provide land drainage, flood risk management and surface water management to achieve safe, prosperous communities that enjoy the amenity and biodiversity benefits of the water environment.

### **Draft Minutes from the Executive Committee held on Wednesday 24<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 10.30am at the Board's Offices/ Hybrid**

*Minutes taken by Glenn Taute      Meeting started at 10:32*

#### **1. Apologies/Welcome Board Members**

Present: Chairman Michael Barnes, Vice Chairman Matthew Riddle, Geoff Simms, Roger Godwin, John Hore.

Officers Present: Glenn Taute, James Thomas, and Jim Druett.

Apologies: None.

#### **2. Declaration of Members' Interest**

None received.

#### **3. Minutes of the last committee meeting for approval**

The Chairman paged through the minutes of the last meeting held on the 23/7/25, and suggested that the committee approve them. There were no comments or questions. All agreed that the chairman sign off the minutes as approved.

#### **4. Comments on brought forward Exec Actions**

GT mentioned the single open action regarding demaining and referred it to JM to comment on. JT made reference to the river Lugg which had undergone demaining in the past. He mentioned his contact with the relevant IDB clerk regarding this river, and spoken to MR, and has also written to MQ of the EA about their support for such an exercise. Longdon Brook would be the most relevant river to demain as a first project. There are many considerations, permissions, and support required. We will prepare a proposal for probably the February 2026 board meeting to consider demaining. Further comments were made by MR re the Lugg about tree clearing. MB highlighted the need to look at routine and regular maintenance, and removal of fallen trees. GS reminded the committee about the inclusion of the demaining objective in the draft strategic plan, GT confirmed this it is included as an objective for the medium/long term. GT also commented generally on the other closed actions.

#### **5. Comments on SLT Reports**

SLT reports were commented on by each of the responsible officers, including the financial statements in detail; there was general discussion on the reports, but no particular issues raised.

#### **6. June & July Board Meeting Actions**

GT read through the actions and there was some general discussion, in preparation of the November AGM.

## **7. Pump Program Report/Update, and Outcome re Programme requests**

GS presented the pump programme report. The following points were highlighted: -

- The spend profile for the current period to the end of March 2026, to satisfy the grant fund payment and timeline requirements, is pending
- Onsite presence by JT and others,
- Weekly update report being developed for future circulation
- Wicks Green Pump fitting adaption solution completed
- Overall reporting to the board including financial forecasts to be finalised, including associated funding of the programme

The committee expressed their satisfaction with the progress of the programme to date.

## **8. Any Other/New/Update Item which the Chair/CEO decide is urgent/be mentioned**

GT mentioned the following: -

- VB has resigned and we are looking at options, there was some discussion around this
- A successful Heritage open day took place on 17/9/25
- Board Meeting on the 12/11/25, being the AGM, for info.
- GT mentioned that the AGAR external audit had completed, with points raised, being adjusted numbers on the return, and that the risk register was not formally reviewed and approved in the year.
- DEFRA audit of all IDBs is coming up, expected to be low impacted and at a high level
- Mentioned a few aspects in the activity schedule, namely that the Hallen ditch is planned to be reinstated, and the new Hitachi due end November.

## **9. Confirmation of new Actions**

There weren't any specific actions recorded.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

Confirmed as Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> October 2025, at the Lapperditch Compound

## **11. Meeting Closed: 12.24**

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