Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board

Operations Service Committee

Minutes of the Operations Service Committee held on

Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 11.00am, Lower Severn IDB Offices/Hybrid

Meeting Notes

Minute Number	Notes
OSC/2026/01/001	Welcome/ apologies Chairman Mike Barnes welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies: Simon Phelps, Roger Godwin Present: Mr M Barnes (Chair), Mr T Cullimore, Mr J Hore, Mr R Hyslop, Mr J Cornock, Cllr C Wild, Mr Glenn Taute, Mr Jim Druett, Mr James Thomas, Mr Geoff Simms and Mr Richard Hewlett
OSC/2026/02/002	**Declaration of Members' Interest** None received
OSC/2026/03/003	**Comments on SLT Reports Page JD/JT/GT** JC concerned over the cost of payments to Jacksons; GS said it is within agreed budget. JH agreed that the work is going very well, and he is very impressed with the work of Programme Board and Jacksons. JH said that financially he is reviewing costs with GT and everything is line with budget expectations GT noted that the current pump programme is in line with the costings from the 1970's pump replacement programme when taking into consideration the cost of inflation JT added that although the design elements are expensive it is not a simple process; there is a huge amount of work in terms of approving design specifications LSIDB are using Jacksons for over pumping as it was already scoped. LSIDB pump is still strategically at the offices in case of an

	emergency Engineers JT and JD meet at Lapperditch every Tuesday, and Programme Board meet every Wednesday to ensure the contract is being run as effectively as possible; MB very impressed.
OSC/2026/04/004	**Updated Operations Asset schedule for the Next Year** JD referred to his replacement programme; there are no machinery replacements to discuss for the forthcoming financial year. JD has added the forecast for the various vehicles up to 2032 on GT'S spreadsheet JD hoping to keep the spare Hyundai excavator for another two seasons GT added that the purchase of land at Wicks Green will be seen as a separate land asset to the pump station capitalisation. 2027 will see low capital expenditure and in 2028 it's likely that one excavator will be replaced. Lifespan of machinery fluctuates based on the amount of time machinery is used. JD May buy a decent second-hand machine if needed. Energreen was purchased in 2012 and still working well.
OSC/2026/05/005	**Land parcel proposed to be zero rated due to moved sea defence at Aylburton Warth** JT shared photographs to demonstrate the area of land reverting back to salt marsh (EA owned) AT Aylburton Warth. JD continued, noting that outfalls have gone so there is no protection to land; flooding now reaches railway defences. Channels become heavily silted; landowner has been desilting on his own accord, and disposing of the silt. JD feels that the landowner paying drainage rates is not justifiable; advised zero rating his and neighbours combined 95 acres (£350 - £400 in rates per year) Railway is protected by defences by major engineering construction so not a concern GS asked if this could set a precedent; JD said not at the moment but this could happen at Awre in the future and possibly at Frampton JT recommended a boundary review in the future GT added that this links with strategic plan, and there will be a clear review of the boards area regarding risks and issues going forward
	RH concerned about the future of outfalls not protecting lower land due to lack of EA maintenance. MB asked for a vote; RH in support of zero rating; all in favour; motion carried.

	Strategic plan objectives for Operations · Demaining (Longdon Brook, Tirley Main Drain) and Pump Replacement Program (current) in the short/medium term 2025-2028 JT summarised de-maining report, which will need Board approval. Hoping for Committees approval and comments on the strategy. JT covered legal and stake holder matters and would like feedback; gave reasons for the rivers selected (most practical choice at present at 12km and in line with Board's current watercourses maintained.)
	GT this is within strategic plan JT will, if Board agrees on de-maining, investigate this further MB has been concerned about Longden Brook for many years and agrees with JT's suggested approach of working with stakeholders collaboratively MB sees de-maining these rivers as the logical thing to do as it can be undertaken with Boards current machinery and ability JT has not detailed costings yet Major reprofiling scheme done on Tirley Brook in the past; bucketed by LSIDB to keep it in good condition; need to get the formalities sorted out CW added support to what MB said in agreement with pursuing de-maining JT updated all on pumps at Lapperditch and Marshfield; using temporary pumps, old buildings are now demolished, now have new temporary site offices, steel work is taking place to extend some of the sheet pilings lifespan by 25 years GT added that the programme construction is on target until the end of March 2026, training and handover in early April and he will update on this further at Full Board next week JT added that the cost of the Wicks Green project should come in by the end of the calendar year Programme Board confident in progress JT will report on variances at the Full Board GT indicated that the grant funding needs to be spent within a certain timeframe, planning so that the payment profile spend is within the grant criteria to the end of March; will give further details in Full Board JC asked if the building at Oldbury will remain JT said the building would be removed JT said pumps at Elmore Back working well and telemetry will be

	put in January 2026 Telemetry will be managed by phones, laptops and on a screen in the office. Text message alerts will be sent via a centralised telemetry system RH asked if there would be electrical back up; JD said there is a mobile generator to aid in this situation, as well as a mobile pump. JT added LSIDB is very well covered in a high-risk situation GT updated that the Land Registry have visited the offices to survey the land in question, and the application for the inclusion of this land at the back of the LSIDB offices is progressing
OSC/2026/07/007	**Other/New/Update Item which the Chair/CEO/HoOS decide is urgent/to mention** Nothing to note.
OSC/2026/08/008	**Confirmation of new Actions** One action: Zero rate land at Aylburton Warth (agenda item 5)
OSC/2026/09/009	**Date of Next Meeting:** 8th April 2026
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