

17th. April 1939. At the First Meeting of the DEEPING FEN,
SPALDING and PINCHBECK INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD held at the
Office of Messrs Calthrop & Leopold Harvey, 11, Market Place,
Spalding at 11-30 a.m.

Present.

Lord Exeter, Messrs L. Atkinson, A.H.Carter, R.Cooke Jr.,
E.E.Welby-Everard, L.L.Perkins, T.A. Pick, T.H.Richardson,
R.Riddington, A.H.Smith, H.C.C.Tinsley, A.W.White and S.Worth.

Apologies for absence were reported from Messrs W.F.Clayton,
F.W.Dennis and T.R.Pick.

The notice convening the meeting was read.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. RESOLVED on the proposition of
Lord Exeter, seconded by Mr.Carter that Mr.E.E.Welby-Everard
be elected Chairman of the Board.

Mr.E.E.Welby-Everard In the Chair.

2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. The following Committees were
appointed :- (a) FINANCE : Lord Exeter. Messrs A.H.Carter,
T.A.Pick, R.Riddington, A.H.Smith
and A.W.White.

(b) WORKS : The whole of the Members of the
Board to constitute the Works
Committee with a Sub-Committee
for each internal body -

Spalding and Pinchbeck - Messrs Cooke, White and Smith.
Fourth District - Messrs Cooke, White and Smith.

Crowland and Cowbit Washes - Messrs Atkinson, T.A.Pick
and Riddington.

Deeping Fen - Lord Exeter, Messrs Carter, Clayton, Cooke,
Dennis, Perkins, T.A.Pick, T.R.Pick,
Richardson, Tinsley and Worth.

The Chairman of the Board being ex-officio on all
Committees and Sub-Committees.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURERS. RESOLVED on the proposition
of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, that Messrs Lloyds
Bank Ltd., be appointed Treasurers to the Board.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CLERKS. RESOLVED on the proposition of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. White that Messrs Calthrop & Leopold Harvey (Leopold Charles Harvey, Raymond William Hastings and Robert Fovargue) be appointed Clerks to the Board.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COLLECTORS. RESOLVED on the proposition of Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Worth, that Messrs Calthrop & Leopold Harvey be appointed Collectors to the Board and Messrs Sharpe & Wade, Sub-Collectors as Agents for Messrs Calthrop & Leopold Harvey in respect of the area of the former Fifth and Sixth Districts.

6. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT. RESOLVED that the appointment of an Accountant and the question of the remuneration of the various Officers be referred to the Finance Committee.

7. APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER. The Board having considered the appointment of an Engineer, the Clerk read the following letter from Mr. Henry Bain -

DEEPING FEN DRAINAGE BOARD.

Engineer's Office,
11, Market Place,
Spalding.
31st. March 1939.

Leopold C. Harvey Esq.,
Clerk to the Board,
Spalding.

Dear Sir,

I have no knowledge of the intention of the new Drainage Board in regard to the appointment of an Engineer, but should my name arise in that connection I shall be obliged if you will acquaint them with the views expressed in this letter.

The changes which are likely to result from the creation of a new Board and an enlarged District will entail considerable additions to the duties of their Superintendent Engineer.

It will be necessary to study closely each of the existing systems in order to advise the Board in regard to possible improvements or the re-arrangement of drains to benefit the district as a whole.

The present method of keeping accounts too must be revised and altered in conformity with the requirements of the Public Auditor to whom the Accounts will be submitted in future.

Under these circumstances I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that it will not be in the best interest of the Board that I should continue in the Office which I have held with the Deeping Fen Drainage Board for almost 35 years.

Continuity of service with the resultant knowledge of the characteristics peculiar to the District is valuable in the management of a drainage area, and I feel that the appointment of a younger man enjoying the natural expectation of longer useful service, would lead to more satisfactory results.

I understand that some compensation for loss of office will become due to me. If that is so, and my service as honorary adviser to the Board is considered to be of any value to them and my successor I should be pleased to act in that capacity.

I am, Sir
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H. BAIN.

On the motion of the Chairman it was unanimously RESOLVED that an expression of the Board's regret at Mr. Bain's retirement be recorded on the minutes and communicated to him with an intimation of the appreciation of the Members for his services as Engineer to the Deeping Fen Trustees over such a long period, and further, that as a compliment to Mr. Bain the new Engine and Pump to be installed at Pode Hole be named after him.

It was also RESOLVED that a Sub-Committee comprising Messrs A.H.Carter, T.A.Pick and H.C.C.Tinsley, be appointed to meet the River Welland Catchment Board to discuss the appointment of an Engineer, or Engineers, for the two Boards, together with the requisite Staff or Staffs and report to the next meeting and that Mr. Bain, his Assistant and Staff be requested to continue duties at their previous rates of remuneration until such time as a New Engineer is appointed.

8. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS. RESOLVED that (a) the action of the Clerk in opening an Account with Lloyds Bank Ltd and all cheques drawn thereon since 1st, April 1939, be confirmed.

(b) Cheques drawn on the Board's Account at Lloyds Bank Ltd., be signed by one member of the Board and Counter-signed by the Clerk.

(c) A separate Wages Account be opened by transfer from the General Account and the Clerk authorised to draw weekly wage cheques thereon.

9. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD. RESOLVED that the Board meet on the last Thursday in alternative months at 11-30 a.m., the next meeting being fixed for Thursday, 25th. May.

10. BOOKS, STATIONERY &c. The Clerk was authorised to purchase the necessary Minute Books, Books of Account, Stationery &c., requisite upon the constitution of the Board.

11. LAND IN LITTLE LONDON. RESOLVED that a plot of land in Little London, now vacant, be let to the River Welland Catchment Board on a lease, for building purposes.

12. LAND IN PODE HOLE. The Clerk was authorised to sign the Contract on behalf of the Board for the purchase of a plot of land in Pode Hole from Mr. William Smith.