

States Water Board Committee
Anne French Room
Tuesday 14th May 2013
12:00am

Present:

Mr L Jean, Chairman

Mr I Tugby

Mr R Berry

Mr C Rowley

Mr R Burke, Chief Executive

Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer

Ms J Turner, States Engineer

Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary

In attendance: Mr P Rose, Water Board Manager

19/2013 **Minutes of previous meetings of 9th April 2013** tabled and **approved**.

20/2013 **Matters arising from the previous minutes** The States Engineer advised that she had discussed voltage optimisers with a local electrician to reduce electricity costs at the Battery Quarry Filtration Plant. The electrician will measure the voltage for a period of time to allow a decision to be made on this piece of apparatus. **Noted**.

21/2013 **Waterboard**

21.1 Capital Projects – Water Phase 3 and 4 Paper from the Water Board Manager tabled and the following items were noted:-

- The Water Board is to purchase and install insulation and cladding for all pipe work and external electric communication boxes at the new High Level Pumping Station. This will protect the equipment from weather and UV, and minimise breakdown. It was noted that funding is available from the Phase 3 Capital allocation.
- The new pumps at Battery Quarry have been installed and will be commissioned shortly. One pump suffered a drive-failure and a site visit by an SPX engineer has been arranged.

21.2 Water Consumption Report – April 2013 tabled and **noted**.

21.2.1 Battery Quarry Electricity Consumption – March and April 2013 tabled and it was noted that costs were down by approximately £1,500 compared to April 2012. The Water Board Manager advised that this may in part be due to the new pumps running more efficiently and the situation will be monitored. **Noted**.

21.3 Water Board Major Works Report – April 2013 tabled and the following items were noted:-

- Leakage repairs have reduced following a significant number fixed during March.
- A new replacement submersible pump set, along with 7 meters of 80mm delivery pipe work, has had to be installed at Bonne Terre Pumping Station due to serious corrosion over the past years. The pump suppliers/manufacturers were contacted to ascertain whether the current replacement pumps are suitable for the site "head" because pumping conditions have changed and was advised that some impellers and stages should be removed from the current pump sets. It was noted that this is a more cost effective exercise than to purchase a new pump.
- A general audit and review of the Membrane Filtration Plant operations was carried out by Siemens in April. The plant is performing well, and recommendations were made to ensure this continued. It was noted that this audit is part of the maintenance contract which is due for renewal.

21.4 Water Board Management Accounts – March 2013 tabled and **noted**. The Treasurer advised that the Mains and Machinery budget would need to be reviewed and revised during the budget process.

21.5 Filtration Plant – Weather Proofing and Insulation Paper from the Water Board Manager dated 7th May 2013 tabled and considered. The external pipework and equipment of the Battery Quarry Centralised Filtration Plant, which is vital to the continued provision of filtered water, is exposed to UV and weathering and continues to degrade and may lead to failure unless protected from the elements. The Treasurer advised that sufficient funds are available at present in the general capital fund to cover this expenditure. **Noted.**

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the following from Water Board general capital expenditure:-

- a) To purchase and fit the weather proofing and UV protection for the external controls and pipework at Battery Quarry, at a cost of £5,200; and
- b) To fit the insulation jacket for the CIP tank, at a cost of £1,200.

Water Board Manager and Treasury to deal.

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21.6 Any other matters relating to the Water Board

Water Board Staff Hours – The Chief Executive and Water Board Manager updated the Committee regarding planned changes to the working hours at weekends and bank holidays. The Water Board Manager explained that the investment into the telematic devices on the new tanks and filtration plant reduces the requirement for staff members to work full days on weekends and bank holidays. The Committee fully endorsed the changes as proposed. **Noted.**

12:30 Water Board Manager left the meeting

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Sewage

22.1 Mouriaux to Platte Saline Mains Drainage The States Engineer advised that the public consultation was carried out by Mott McDonald and a report will be circulated to Members shortly. Works on the tender documents will now commence and the Committee will be kept updated during the process. **Noted.**

Members discussed issues regarding the sewage outlet/outfall at Fort Doyle and the possibility of extending the pipe or building a sewerage treatment work/farm. The matter will be discussed during the forthcoming capital prioritisation by members, and if the scheme is prioritised, then the States Engineer will investigate extending the outfall.

ENGINEER

22.2 Any other matters relating to sewage None.

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Any Other Business

23.1 Appointments – Member with responsibility for Water & Sewerage matters The Chief Executive was requested to discuss the appointment with the newly elected States Member.

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Meeting closed: 12:45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 11th June 2013

Signed:

Dated: