

ICE Reservoirs Committee Minutes

Meeting

Date	Thursday 6 th October 2022
Time	14.00 - 17.30
Venue	MS Teams
Chair	Richard Coackley

Panel members

Sub-Committee 1

Chris Scott (Chair)
David Brown
Tom Wanner
Martin Airey
Anthea Peters

Sub-Committee 2

Kenneth Barr (Chair) – Leave at 4.00pm
Dave Crook
Matthew Hill
Andrew Kirby
Jeremy Benn

Alice Baverstock – DEFRA
Tony Deakin – Environment Agency
Claire Dodd – Scottish Government – leave at 4.30pm
James Ashworth – SEPA – leave at 4.30pm
Matt O’Brien – Natural Resources Wales

By Invitation

Alan Brown (observer)
Craig Goff (observer)
Stuart King (observer)
Ian Scholefield - On Leave

Apologies

Jan Kiernan – DEFRA
Mary McKeown – Department of Infrastructure, NI - Retired
Jeremy Parr – Natural Resources Wales
Fiona Lennon - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Shaun Donnelly - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Quentin Campbell - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Lori Frater – Welsh Government

Secretariat

Rabinder Phull (ICE)
Kerrie McPeake (ICE)

Summary of Applications in October 2022

New Applications

6 new applications were submitted to the Supervising Engineers Panel this cycle.

3 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment in England and Wales and 2 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment in England, Wales and Scotland.

Re-applications

4 re-applications were made to the Supervising Engineers Panels, 2 re-applications were made to the All Reservoirs Panel and 1 re-application was made to the Service Reservoirs panel.

1 All Reservoirs Panel re-application has been recommended for re-appointment to England, Wales and Scotland. 1 All Reservoirs Panel re-application has been recommended for re-appointment to England and Wales.

4 Supervising Engineers Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment and; 1 of which is re-appointed to England, Wales and Scotland, 1 to England and Wales, 2 to Scotland.

1 Service Reservoirs Panel re-application has been recommended for re-appointment to England and Wales.

Item No.	Part 2	Action
2229	Legislative changes and jurisdictional impacts	
	<p>Update on current legislative situation in each of the jurisdictions:</p> <p>i. England – Alice Baverstock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no new legislation changes. There is a new Secretary of State for Environment and a new Environment minister, Trudy Harrison. She will be responsible for floods and water and although her portfolio has not yet been officially confirmed, she had already visited ToddBrook Reservoir in the previous week and met various people from the Canal and River Trust and Jan Kiernan from AB’s team. • A ministerial statement was published on 21st July and most people will have seen it stating that the legislation will be reformed and they are hoping for a new primary legislation. • Also on the agenda is the report commissioned via ICE on the future supply of engineers. <p>ii. Scotland – Claire Dodd</p> <p>Nothing to report regarding legislation.</p> <p>RC stated that following a conversation with JA over the last couple of months, JA would be sending a confirmation letter of appointment to the new ICE representative on the Reservoirs Safety Stakeholders (RSS) Group. It was agreed that Martin Hewitt will take on the role from Alex MacDonald who is stepping down. Alex will be sent a letter of thanks.</p> <p>Action: RC to draft letters with the RC secretariat and send for approval to JA and CD.</p> <p>iii. Northern Ireland – Fiona Lennon</p> <p>A written report was provided by Fiona Lennon who was unable to attend the meeting:</p> <p>As you will be aware DfI consulted on the commencement orders and regulations to be taken forward, in terms of the commencement and implementation of the Reservoirs Act (NI) 2015 earlier this year. Consultation responses have been analysed and a consultation report developed. Officials are currently working with the Minister to seek final approval of the report, which will hopefully be published soon. This will prepare the way for commencement orders and regulations</p>	<p>RC/RP/KMP</p>

	<p>to be made, to implement the reservoir safety regime envisaged by the Act. However, implementation of the Act is dependent on a fully functioning NI Assembly which is currently not in place.</p> <p>iv. Wales - Matt O'Brien</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no legislative changes on the near horizon. • There will be a public consultation in the next week on the revision of the charging scheme and it will be available through their website. • Regarding David Balmforth's review, Wales are working with the EA on what can be delivered via guidance changes or legislation e.g. incident reporting, post incident learning etc. <p>RC offered all jurisdictions support as and when needed, particularly via the new Panel Engineers Committee.</p>	
2230	Reports	
	<p>i. British Dams Society (BDS)</p> <p>MA provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BDS finally had their biannual conference, the first in 4 years due to Covid. It had very good attendance of 275 people, including some members of the reservoirs committee. Positive feedback was received following the event on aspects such as good networking opportunities, quality of papers and venue. - A BDS meeting took place on Monday this week, including discussions on the next SE Forum in 2023 and the bi-annual conference in 2024. - The work on the knowledge, professionalism and educational working groups is moving ahead. There are two new initiatives. Amy Carter is the new champion for diversity and inclusion. BDS are also looking to strengthen links with ICOLD and David Neeve, ARPE working for Arup will be the new BDS representative on the ICOLD committee. <p>MA is leaving the reservoirs committee so we will need to find a new RC representative for the link to BDS. [Post Meeting Note: Tom Wanner has a direct link to David Littlemore (BDS Chair until March 2023) and is happy to take over the BDS Representative role on the reservoirs committee for the present time. David Littlemore, current BDS Chair is happy with this also.]</p> <p>There will be a nominations process in place to appoint a new BDS Chair and a Vice-Chair as David Littlemore will be leaving after the AGM.</p>	

	<p>TD raised the point that ICOLD are advertising for committee members. A discussion followed on difficulties getting UK representatives on ICOLD and the need to make the process easier while attracting those with good expertise, experience, skills and knowledge.</p> <p>MOB asked whether the UK should have a presence to absorb ICOLD's experience into the UK rather than/as well as contributing. RC thanked TD, MOB, and MA for their comments and asked MA to take the absorbing expertise discussion as well as the previous discussions in this meeting on health and safety etc. to BDS to maintain momentum and bring the international training process into our understanding.</p> <p>ii. Reservoir Safety Research Advisory Group (ReSRAG) June meeting minutes circulated in the papers. A new meeting was held recently in September although the minutes had not yet been finalised. RP will circulate these once received.</p>	
2231	<p>Reservoir Safety Review – 2nd report</p>	
	<p>i. Update on progress AB – discussions are being held with TD and other EA colleagues on the programme planning and they are looking at the links between all the various works/projects. There is still a long way to go as it requires planning works in a logical and efficient way. Part of this is looking into how to engage with the owners community, reservoirs community and wider.</p> <p>ii. Panel Engineer Committee (PEC) RC stated that the PEC has been formed to help the EA and other regions to provide feedback and are very keen to help with the planning and anticipated work. The PEC has had a couple of meetings and RC has asked JK to arrange an introductory meeting with the Defra/EA as soon as possible to get early involvement and maintain momentum.</p> <p>Feedback from the PEC on Andrew Crudgington's future supply of engineers work chaired by Robert Mair was excellent and gives a useful understanding of challenges.</p> <p>A central sharepoint site for the reservoirs community will be created where comments and information can be shared. Once this is ready, we can make a public announcement on PEC and its purpose. It was agreed that ICE would create the site and set up an article with the name of the community, purpose and how people can express interest in various discussions on the website so there is two way communication.</p> <p>As Defra/EA plan and prioritise workloads on the 9 pieces going forward, people with</p>	

	<p>the appropriate expertise can be called upon for specific projects over the coming months. There should be an easy system to allow for opportunities for involvement once engagement begins.</p> <p>iii. Future supply of engineers Action: RP to circulate future supply of engineers presentation given by Robert Mair/Andrew Crudgington. Proposals can then be made to Defra.</p>	RP
2232	<p>Interview Review Process</p> <p>i. Interview review RP spoke to John Laverty, ICE Head of Qualifications on knowledge and experience of interviewing. John Laverty will be sharing techniques, samples and videos and happy to attend future meetings.</p> <p>ii. Re-interview intervals for re-applicants Work in progress.</p> <p>iii. Applications and proposed/revised application form Revised forms were circulated for review, no further changes and are being uploaded.</p>	
2233	<p>Reservoirs Committee membership</p> <p>RC thanked DB, MH, MA and KB for their work, commitment and expertise as committee members and undertaking assessments/interviews. Their positive input to the regulation of the industry is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>RC welcomed Stuart King, Alan Brown, Craig Goff and Ian Scholefield (who is on leave) as new members of the reservoirs committee to continue this process.</p> <p>RC thanked KB for his chairing acumen for Sub-Committee 2 (SC2). RC has spoken to AK and JB, and thanked JB for volunteering as Chair of SC2. The secretariat will send the various confirmations. CS remains as Chair of SC1.</p> <p>RC has been the committee Chair over the last 4 years and the next Chair will be Ed McCann (current ICE President). RC has recently had two handover meetings with Ed. A third meeting will be arranged once Ed reviews all the paperwork. Unfortunately, Ed was not able to join today’s meeting but will attend the face-to-face meeting in February as an observer.</p>	

2234	Any Other Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Confirm next meeting dates, particularly face-to-face meeting in February.ii. Induction for new members and Ed McCann - get dates in diary as soon as possible.iii. RC thanked all the committee members, knowing how much voluntary work goes into committee duties.	RP/KMP KMP
	Future meeting dates: TBC	

