

The North Level District Internal Drainage Board appoint Jamie Hemming as new CEO

A message from Michael Sly, Chair of the Board

“As Chair of the North Level we entrusted the appointment of our new CEO to Simon Pawsey and the executive team at MorePeople. This has been a thorough recruitment process over several months as we looked to replace our current CEO Paul Sharman due to his impending retirement.

Paul has given a sterling 38 years to the North Level family. As Paul looks forward to his retirement, I'd like to thank him for his guidance and expertise over his tenure.

I am delighted that we are able to appoint and welcome Jamie Hemming to the role of CEO to the board, and we look forward to introducing him to our water level management world.

Jamie joins at a time of challenges and opportunities, particularly around climate change and water resource management within the unique Fenland landscape.”

Jamie Hemming comments;

“I'm delighted to be returning to the Fens to take up the role of Chief Executive at North Level District Internal Drainage Board. Having worked in the area for many years earlier in my career, I understand how important the management of water and infrastructure is to the communities, businesses and agricultural economy of the Fens.

I'm particularly excited about the opportunity to build on the strong foundations already in place at North Level, while looking at how we can continue to develop and modernise the organisation for the future. I'm looking forward to working with the Board, the North Level team, our neighbouring drainage boards and the many partners and stakeholders across the district.”

Jamie has more than 20 years' experience across the marine, ports and operational management sectors in the UK and United States. Before moving to the US, Jamie worked in the Fenland area, progressing into senior management and serving as Harbour Master and Head of Marine Services. Responsibilities included statutory harbour authority functions, marine operations, infrastructure, commercial development and working with local authorities, businesses and other stakeholders.

For the past three years, Jamie has worked with Canal Barge Company in the United States, supporting the senior leadership team and overseeing marine operations in the Chicago area. The role has included operational leadership, regulatory compliance, safety, workforce development and supporting the continued development and improvement of the business.

Jamie has combined public-sector and commercial leadership, regulatory responsibility, operational management and infrastructure, with experience gained both locally in the Fens and internationally.