

INTERNATIONAL ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Board meeting Held in Washington, DC

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM April 12th and chaired by COL Jack Drolet, Alternate U.S. Chair. Those in attendance were:

United States		Canada
	Board Members	
COL J. Drolet Mr. J. Bernier Mr. T. Brown Dr. T. Hullar Dr. F. Sciremammano, Jr.		Mr. J. Vollmershausen Mr. A. Carpentier Ms. J. Frain Mr. P. Yeomans
	Secretaries	
Mr. J. Kangas		Ms. G. Faveri
	Regulation Representatives	
LTC S. Bales Mr. P. Yu (Alt.)		Mr. D. Fay Mr. R. Caldwell (Alt.)
	Associates	
Mr. T. Lavigne Mr. Z. Jeffries Mr. J. Oyler Mr. G. Cotroneo Mr. B. Whitcomb Ms. C. Fisher		Mr. S. Robert Ms. P. Clavet Mr. L. Lefebvre
	Others	
		Ms. C. Warwick, IJC

1 Approval of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of one item under other business (attached).

2 Current Conditions and Regulation Strategy

Mr. Yu presented the current conditions. Total and basin supplies were above average in March. Lake Ontario's level had been below average throughout the winter, then rose sharply to reach average level due to heavy rains and melting of much of the snow pack in early March. Since then, the level has risen slowly and is again below average. Lake levels are about 26 cm (10 in) lower than they would have been under pre-project conditions. There are no reported deviations on Lake Ontario. The snowpack was reported to be near average on the upper Ottawa River basin. There is very little risk of exceeding either the upper or lower water level criteria for Lake Ontario over the next six months. The Board agreed to follow the regulation plan, while providing for critical needs, and allowing for deviations to avoid flooding conditions

downstream. Any under-discharge deviations accumulated will be held until the next Board teleconference. Over-discharges will be restored as soon as possible. A media release will be prepared and issued by the Secretaries.

3 Review minutes, action items of March meeting

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes, subject to the incorporation of edits. The final version will be forwarded to the IJC for translation and posting on the Board web site.

4 Appearance preparation: a) sign Progress Report; b) review slides

Board Members signed copies of the Progress Report and reviewed the presentation slides for the Appearances. Changes were made to several slides. Mr. Vollmershausen noted that it might be his last IJC Appearance.

5 Meeting with IJC staff, re: Working Group

The Board was briefed by Ms. Warwick on a discussion to be held later in the day with IJC staff on the work of the Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Working Group. The discussion is intended to focus on governance issues. The Board identified five areas for initial discussion:

- a. Board composition and expertise
- b. Dealing with increasing numbers of stakeholders
- c. Expanded management horizon (beyond 6 months)
- d. Board staffing and resources to accommodate new experts and supports groups
- e. IJC direction and next steps in the process

6 Future events

Mr. Kangas provided an update on future events, including monthly conference calls (May 11, June 8, July 13, and August 10), meeting with the public (September 20 in Oswego and Cornwall), and Board meeting (September 13 in Quebec at a location to be determined). COL Drolet noted that the Appearances would begin the next day, starting with the International Upper Great Lakes Study at 8:30 am.

7 Other Business

a) Seaway grounding

Mr. Lefebvre briefed the Board on the grounding of a vessel in the South Shore Canal on March 31st, 2011. This occurred with a eastbound vessel having exited the St. Lambert Lock in the South Shore Canal. There were no injuries, no pollution and no ingress of water in the vessel. The vessel was refloated and towed to Montreal Harbour for inspection. A total of eight vessels were delayed. A Board member is pursuing the cause of the grounding in this incidence and analyzing what, if any, preventive measures may be taken in the future.

b) IWI proposal (Facebook)

Ms. Faveri updated the Board on developing a draft proposal for IWI funding to support the Board's move to using social media. Ms. Warwick noted that the Commission is also considering the use of Facebook and other social media.

c) Retirement of Dr. Murray Clamen

The Board noted the recent retirement of Dr. Murray Clamen from the IJC staff in Ottawa. Dr. Clamen had worked with the St. Lawrence Board for many years, first as the Engineering Advisor and then as the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Commission. Board

Secretaries were asked to send a note to Dr. Clamen to thank him for his support and congratulate him on his retirement.

d) NYPA ice sluice study

Mr. Kangas and Mr. Whitcomb informed the Board of a study commissioned by NYPA to look at the use of ice sluices at the Moses-Saunders powerdam. Since construction completion in 1959, the sluices had not been used to pass ice and the Power Entities are considering closing them permanently. The Board directed that NYPA send the report to the IJC who can then determine if it needs to be sent to the Board for analysis or comment.

The Board meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

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APPROVED AGENDA

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2. Current conditions and regulation strategy
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 - b. Review slides
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6. Future events
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