The International Joint Commission met by conference call on January 18, 2013, chaired by Lyall Knott.

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AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda with the addition of one item.

MINUTES

2. Commissioners approved the minutes of the December 10-11, 2012, Executive meeting, as amended. With regard to the item on 2012-2015 Great Lakes Priorities, staff were requested to provide the draft Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority reports when they are available to any Commissioner interested in reviewing them. Commissioners requested that minutes be more specific on the presence of Commissioners during Executive discussions.

APPOINTMENTS

3. **A. International St. Croix River Watershed Board**
   Commissioners approved the reappointment of Dr. Robert Lent to be a U.S. member of the International St. Croix River Watershed Board for a three year term effective until January 17, 2016.

   **B. International Lake Superior Board of Control**
   Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Jaymie Gadal to be the Canadian member of the International Lake Superior Board of Control for a three year term effective January 4, 2013, to January 3, 2016.

   **C. International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board**
   Commissioners directed staff to pursue the identification of possible government nominees and possible public members for the new Board, taking into consideration gender equity. Commissioners focused on how best to identify potential Metis nominees.

IJC ACTION ITEM LIST

4. Commissioners reviewed the Action Item list without comment.

SPRING 2013 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING BOARD APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

5. Commissioners approved the Spring 2013 Semi-Annual meeting Board appearance schedule, as modified.

INTERNATIONAL SOURIS RIVER BOARD

6. Commissioners approved public release of the Plan of Study and scheduling by the International Souris River Board of their public review process for winter of 2013.
GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT TASK TEAM

7. Commissioners approved transmittal of Commission comments to the Task Team on their draft report for consideration prior its release for public comment. Commissioners approved asking the co-chairs of the Great Lakes Control Boards to provide the Boards’ comments on the draft AM plan at the Spring Semi-annual meeting.

FEBRUARY 2013 RETREAT CONCERNING IJC ACTIVITIES UNDER THE BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY WITH EMPHASIS ON RESPONSIBILITIES OUTSIDE OR BEYOND THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT

8. Commissioners approved the draft agenda for the February 13-14, 2013, retreat, as modified to strike a better balance between discussions on the boards and on the IWI.

HUMAN HEALTH INDICATORS WORKSHOP

9. Commissioner’s received an update on preparations for the January 31-February 1, 2013, human health indicators workshop and noted that 47 invitees already had confirmed their participation.

16TH GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY BIENNIAL REPORT

10. Commissioners approved the final text of the report for publication, as modified and thanked staff for all their efforts in producing this important report.

GREAT LAKES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11. Commissioners reviewed a draft response to the Great Lakes Executive Committee’s request for input on annex subcommittees and membership, provided their comments, and asked staff to provide a revised draft for Commissioner approval.

GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

12. Commissioner’s received a read out on informal discussions held with the Parties regarding the general approach the Commission is considering for the functions and membership of the Water Quality Board and Science Advisory Board. Commissioners provided guidance on principles for Water Quality Board membership and governance and directed staff to develop detailed options for Commissioner consideration.

LAKE ONTARIO-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WORKING GROUP

13. Commissioners received an update on activities related to the work of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Working Group.
DECISIONS TAKEN VIA POLLING

Windsor Hum
On December 20, 2012, Commissioners approved a draft report on the Windsor Hum issue, as modified, and a transmittal letter to Canadian Foreign Minister Baird, who had requested the report.

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