INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS’ CONFERENCE CALL
January 16, 2014, 11:30 AM - 2:15 PM


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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. The agenda was accepted with the addition of two items under Other Business.

MINUTES

2. Commissioners approved the minutes of the December 9-12, 2013, Semi-Annual Executive meeting, as modified.

APPOINTMENTS

3. A. International St. Croix River Watershed Board
   Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Ms. Jesse Davies and Dr. Robert Stephenson as Canadian members of the Board for three year terms effective January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2016.

   B. International Red River Board
   Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Dr. Gordon Goldsborough as a Canadian member of the Board for a three year term effective May 1, 2013, to April 30, 2016.

   C. International Niagara Board of Control
   Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. Aaron Thompson as the Canadian Co-Chair of the Board for a three year term effective February 4, 2014, to February 3, 2017.

D. Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Water Quality Plan of Study Task Force
   Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Mark Brigham to be U.S. Co-Chair of the Plan of Study Task Force effective immediately for the duration of Task Force.
   Commissioners also approved the appointment of Dr. Paul Pilon to be Canadian Co-Chair of the Task Force effective immediately until such time as the Commission might receive a nomination from the Province of Ontario.

IJC ACTION ITEM LIST

4. Commissioners reviewed the updated action item list and noted that First Nations are interested in meeting with the Commission to discuss Shoal Lake.
GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE GOVERNANCE

5. Commissioners received an update from the Commission task team on its efforts to develop a background paper on Great Lakes Regional Office governance issues and noted that the team will provide Commissioners with a draft paper on January 17, 2014. Commissioners agreed to hold a one-day discussion session on the issues on Monday, February 10, 2014 and consider participants for that session.

GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT ANNEX WORK PLANS

6. Commissioners received an update on development of Commission work plans to carry out its responsibilities under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement annexes.

LAKE ERIE ECOSYSTEM PRIORITY REPORT

7. Commissioners received an update on the Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority report and noted that a revised draft would be provided to them on January 17, 2014. Commissioners agreed to hold a conference call on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 2:00 PM EST to review the revised report.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE INDICATORS WORKSHOP

8. Commissioners received an update on the management response indicators workshop that will take place in Windsor, Ontario, January 22-23, 2014.

IJC STRATEGIC PLAN

9. Commissioners received an update on planning for the development of a Commission strategic plan and agreed to have one Commissioner from each section participate on the planning committee and to hold a two-day workshop in the mid- to late March timeframe.

IJC HUMAN RESOURCES

10. Commissioners received an update on recent and planned staffing actions in the two sections office and the GLRO.

LAKE ONTARIO-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

11. Commissioners received an update on development of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River report and noted that staff plans to provide Commissioners with a draft during the week of January 27, 2014.
OTHER BUSINESS

12. A. U.S. Section Meeting with State Department
Commissioners received a read out of the U.S. Chair’s January 14, 2014 meeting with State Department officials concerning the Lake Superior Order of Approval and the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River report.

B. Great Lakes Water Quality Board and Science Advisory Board Appointments
Commissioners discussed the status of nominations and appointments to the Water Quality Board and Science Advisory Board. Commissioner Moy expressed reservations about eroding the longstanding policy for IJC Board members to serve in a “personal and professional” capacity. Commissioners did not reach any conclusions, and agreed to discuss the issue on a follow up Commissioner-only conference call on January 20, 2014.

Camille Mageau
Secretary
Canadian Section

Charles A. Lawson
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U.S. Section