



Final Minutes

International Souris River Board
Conference Call – October 28, 2011

Attendees: Russell Boals, Dwight Williamson, Megan Estep, Ed Eaton, Scott Gangl, Bob Harrison, Doug Johnson, Bob White, Frank Durbian, Girma Sahlu

Agenda:

1. Update on current flow and reservoir conditions and plans for winter releases
2. Water quality program for the fall and winter period
3. 2011 Flood Report
4. 2010 Annual report
5. Roundtable

1. Update on current flow and reservoir conditions and plans for winter releases

Russell B. – The purpose of the meeting is to do a quick update since the last Board meeting. He also asked if there were any additional agenda items. None were identified.

Doug J. We still see higher flows in the system. Rafferty and Alameda are higher than their February 1st target elevation. Rafferty at 549.83 m is 33 cm or a foot higher and Alameda at 561.156 m is 15 cm higher than their February 1st target elevation. B. White asked what the Alameda target elevation is going to be by February 1 2012. Doug J. suggested waiting for Martin to join the call to answer the question. Doug J. also mentioned there will be winter releases again this year and provisions should be made to monitor dissolved oxygen (DO) in particular.

Megan Estep/Frank Durbian – Dam 87 is being repaired. Several of the gates at Lake Darling are not currently operational. The reservoirs are below their target levels for February 1st 2012. There are no flows out of J. Clark. B. White reported that the flow at Westhope was 954 cfs today (October 28, 2011). Bob Harrison noted flows at Wawanesa were dropping and were at 1,200 cfs.

Saskatchewan Operating Plan – Doug J. mentioned SWA has been salvaging fish out of the stilling pond downstream of the Rafferty spillway. Once that is done, flows will be back to 2-3 cms to bring the reservoir level down to 549.5 m. As for Alameda, there is a meeting next week with the infrastructure people that Martin will be attending. The outcome of the meeting will be communicated to the Board.

2. Water Quality – Nobody was on the call – will follow-up.

3. 2011 Flood Report

Ed Eaton/Col. Price – the draft is expected to be ready by end of December 2011.

4. 2010 Annual Report – Bob White – has received all the comments and will have the report ready in three weeks. Bob W. will also send an electronic copy to Jeff Lelaberge (IJC Information Management Specialist) in Ottawa. Doug J. thanked Bob White on behalf of the Board for preparing the annual report.

5. Roundtable

Megan E. - Nothing to add.

Scott G. - Nothing to add.

Bob H. – Nothing to add.

Doug Johnson - Will keep everyone updated with information with respect to the planned operations for the Saskatchewan reservoirs.

Doug J. also mentioned this will be his last meeting with the Souris Board.

Col. Price – Thanked the Board. He also mentioned the Weather Service could help in providing timely information during flood operations.

Ed Eaton – Nothing to add.

Dwight Williamson – Thanked Bob White for putting the annual report together.

Bob White – Nothing to add.

Girma S. – Nothing to add.

Conference call ended at 9:25 a.m. CST.