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Final Minutes

International Souris River Board
Conference Call – September 1, 2011

Attendees: Gregg Wiche, Tom Econopoly, Bob Harrison, Todd Sando, Russell Boals, David Donald, Scott Gangl, Doug Johnson, Colonel Price, Dennis Fewless, Girma Sahlu, Bob White.

Regrets: Dwight Williamson

Todd S. – We had a meeting in Minot called by Senator Hoeven, but he did not make it. It was a sounding board. The Senator wants to look at and change the operating plan. The Senator's group might want a meeting in Souris before the public meeting.

Gregg W. – Todd pointed out, given the magnitude of the event, it will take a combination of actions such as more storage, higher levees, greenway, etc., to handle the higher flows.

Scott G. – On some of the conference calls 5000 cfs was mentioned because that is the maximum design flow at Minot.

Doug J. provided the following breakdown of flows:

- Rafferty and Alameda are below FSL
- 15 cms being released from Rafferty
 - Alameda is passing inflow
 - 1100 cfs at Sherwood

Gregg W. mentioned that the USACE is to reduce releases from Lake Darling to inspect levees and will increase the release once the inspection is complete, perhaps by Thursday. Bob Harrison noted the flow at Wawanesa is still 5000 cfs.

Russell B. stated that at the public meeting we will need to explain the flood event, what the agreement calls for, and how the system was operated.

Doug J. said that John Fahlman from SWA intends to be at the meeting and will present

information for the Saskatchewan portion of the basin. Bruce Holliday will present water quality information.

Todd S. asked if we want operators to be present. Russell B. replied that we will have Doug and Gregg speak to the significance of the event, control points, etc. Doug J. and the USACE would speak to dam operations.

Gregg W. said he would expand on the handouts in Minot, show volumes and their significance, show peaks and their significance, highlight Long Creek near Noonan, and will do Westhope.

Russell B. asked if there are any water quality issues. David Donald replied there were no concerns that he is aware of.

The public meeting was advertised in the US and Girma confirmed that it was advertised in local Saskatchewan and Manitoba papers.

Division of duties at the Public Meeting:

- Bob Harrison – Intro about ISRB
- Paul or Mark – Intro about the role of IJC
- Corps with SWA need to talk about the operations.

Gregg W. asked if this event is great enough that the Board prepares a report, (unbiased) about the hydro-meteorology.

Todd S. mentioned that he believes Minot would like better precipitation data and runoff forecasts. Minot has brought up Weather Bug or Weather Farm. They want to be warned sooner.

Russell B. noted that Environment Canada is hearing from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that the National Weather Service that they did not get timely info from Canada.

Bob Harrison mentioned that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will be accessing Weather Farm now as they thought they were under-forecasting. The National Weather Service needs to be at public meeting.

Meeting adjourned.