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Final Minutes

International Souris River Board
Conference Call, May 26, 2011

Attendees: Russ Boals, Col. Michael Price, Bob Harrison, Megan Estep, David Donald, Doug Johnson, Bob White, Girma Sahlu.

Regrets: Todd Sando, Richard Zitta, Scott Gangl, Dennis Fewless, Mike Sauer, Brian Connelly, Gregg Wiche.

Agenda:

Request for Deviation to the Operating Plan of Lake Darling

Over view of the Current Situation – Bob White provided the current status of Lake Darling. Bob mentioned Lake Darling was releasing 5,500 cfs yesterday (May 25, 2011), and could go up to 6,500 cfs by the weekend. The US ACE is working on a 4,500 ft long dyke to provide the City of Minot with additional flood protection. The new dyke will provide flood protection to 9,000 cfs plus one foot of freeboard. The stage at Sherwood is currently falling because has cut back release from Rafferty and Alameda reservoirs. Two events are forecasted which could bring 0.5-0.75 inches of rain this Monday and Tuesday and 0.5-1.25 inches of rain next week. The gage at Minot is holding steady. On the worst case scenario, we might see up to 8,000 cfs on May 29 and possibly 8,100 cfs on May 20.

As a result of this new forecast, the US FWS had another flood operations discussion with the US ACE. The new proposed plan to operate Lake Darling was emailed to Board members seeking their concurrence by Thursday, May 26, 2011. All those who were able to receive the email have indicated their agreement to the new proposed operating plan as stated below.

Megan Estep motioned that the Board approve surcharging Lake Darling to an elevation of 1601.5 ft to reduce flooding downstream at Minot. The motion was seconded by Col. Price. Carried.

Other discussion – There was a question about the flow at the border after June 1 based on the Agreement. Russ Boals thought that the Agreement Clause states the flow should be 90 m³/s; and currently, the flow at the border is 170 m³/s, which is almost double than what is in the Agreement. Russ will verify the Agreement and report back to the Board.

Next conference call at 8:30 a.m. CST/9:30 a.m. CDT on June 3, 2011.