MEETING SUMMARY

Joint Meeting of the International Rainy - Lake of the Woods Watershed Board and its Community Advisory Group and Industry Advisory Group March 7, 2017

Rainy River Community College, International Falls, MN 15:30 – 16:30 CT

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1. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

The Canadian Board co-chair called the meeting to order and welcomed Board members, Advisory Group members, Commissioner Moy and guests. Meeting participants provided brief introductions.

2. IRLWWB Update

Advisory group members were provided with a brief update of the Board's activities which included:

- Engagement with government officials and review of documents regarding the ongoing Binational Approach
- Water level committee activities regarding monitoring conditions as the freshet approaches and working with dam operators to enhance communication of management decisions and actions
- Aquatic ecosystem health committee activities pertaining to the IJC's water quality objectives review, AEH reporting and the boundary waters emergency planning, preparedness and response review
- Engagement committee activities regarding website improvements, media releases, engagement opportunities and IWI proposal development on support water education in the basin

3. Roundtable/Discussion

CAG Update and Perspectives

The CAG has met on numerous occasions since the previous joint meeting in August 2016. Meetings involve discussion and presentations on issues of importance to advisory group members. Topics, issues and comments presented by the CAG for discussion during the roundtable were:

- Appreciation by the CAG for acting on their concerns by undergoing a review of emergencies response and planning
- Ongoing concern over the management and development of unorganized areas in Ontario. There is currently little oversight and CAG members have seen changes in land use occurring that could lead to impacts to the boundary waters
- Concern with the Binational Approach specifically:
 - o not losing the other components of the Water Quality Plan of Study. Do groups have to wait until current funding is completed in 2020 before addressing the other components?
 - the geographic scope of proposed activities
 - o stronger public engagement to ensure local buy in for the approach
 - o inclusion of a broader range of stakeholders
- Status of the cumulative effects letter to governments. There was a suggestion to look at the Joint Oil Sand Monitoring program as a case study on what worked and didn't work from a cumulative effects monitoring perspective.

Action: IJC to follow up with governments on the status of the cumulative effects of mining letter at the upcoming spring semi-annual meetings.

IAG Update and Perspectives

IAG U.S. co-chair provided an update of the IAG's activities. The group has met on a number of occasions since last summer and meetings have allowed members to provide industry perspectives on water issues in the basin. Of note was the common view that industries are proud of what they accomplish in their communities and for the environment and that they do a good job. The group is thinking of a good way to showcase this and get this information across to a larger audience. Ideas suggested were to use the Board's webpage to communicate good news were possible. Also noted was the fact that economic arguments for the significance of the region will become more important over time to assist with water management issues.

6. Review Action Items and Adjournment

Action items were reviewed by the Secretariat. The meeting was adjourned by the Canadian co- chair at approximately 16:30 CT.