

**MINUTES
INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
Commissioners Conference Call**

September 13, 2018

The International Joint Commission met by conference call, on September 13, 2018, from 2:00 to 4:00PM EDT chaired by Gordon Walker.

COMMISSIONERS

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Lizhu Wang
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Biological Scientist
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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda as amended with the addition of several items under Other Business.

BRING FORWARD

2. Commissioners reviewed the Bring Forward list of correspondence and identified issues to be raised during the Fall Semi-Annual meeting with governments.

ACTION ITEM LIST, COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR, AND COORDINATED CALENDAR

3. Commissioners reviewed the IJC Action Item List as well as recent and upcoming Communications activities, discussed the communication analytics as well as the coordinated calendar. Commissioners discussed the need to take stock of the effectiveness of the Commission's investment in various social media and requested that the Communication team, at the upcoming October Executive meeting, report back on an initial cost benefit analysis with a more detailed report in December.

GLRO FINANCIAL RESOURCES

4. Commissioners received an update on the state of GLRO expenditures at US year end and near mid-year for Canadian fiscal year.

IJC HUMAN RESOURCES

5. Commissioners received an update on staffing of Human Resources in the three offices.

IJC GUIDING PRINCIPLES

6. Commissioners reviewed the evolution of the IJC guiding principles noting the differences between the version posted on the website, the Guiding Principles included in the 2015-2020 Commission Strategic Plan and a third set of guiding principles developed as part of a strategic planning workshop. Commissioners agreed that the synthesized, shortened set of guiding principles included in the strategic plan were not explicit enough. Commissioners agreed to review the more detailed ones developed during the workshop and come to agreement on any changes to this set.

IJC WEBSITE MODERNIZATION

7. Commissioners received an update on the launch of the new IJC website, which is now scheduled for October 25, 2018, and were briefed on the need for IJC staff and boards to learn the new process for uploading content onto the site. The hiring of a short term (6 month) webmaster by the U.S. section to manage website content and provide support and guidance to the boards to adjust their website was confirmed.

REFERENCE STUDIES: LAKE CHAMPLAIN-MISSIQUOI BAY-LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG AND SOURIS STUDIES

8. Commissioners received oral updates on the Lake Champlain-Richelieu River study, the Lake Memphremagog-Lake Champlain studies and on the Souris River study. Staff provided indications of potential issues to be raised during the study board appearances at the fall Semi-Annual meeting.

FLOODING AND DROUGHT OUTLOOK

9. Commissioners received an oral update on the outlook for flooding and drought along the boundary and discussed the recent community meeting in Long Sault during which concerns for the low water levels in the St. Lawrence Lake were voiced.

TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS REPORT

10. Commissioners received an update on preliminary discussions with the TAP Study Board and reviewed decisions that will need to be taken once the Great Lakes Advisory Boards have provided their recommendations at the October 23rd meeting with Commissioners.

RAINY-NAMAKAN LAKES ORDER

11. Commissioners reviewed and approved for signature and posting as soon as possible the Official Rainy-Namakan Lakes Compiled Order.

OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND PIPELINES WATCHING BRIEF

12. Commissioners received an update on recent developments concerning hydrocarbon transportation via pipelines.

FALL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

13. Commissioners approved the schedule for the Semi-Annual meeting, including the final board appearance schedule. Commissioner agreed to provide any feedback they might have regarding potential agenda topics for the Semi-Annual IJC meeting with Governments.

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

14. Commissioners approved the schedule of meetings for 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS

15. **A) Minutes of the July 27, 2018, Commissioners' Conference Call**

Commissioners approved, as amended, the minutes of the July 27, 2018, Commissioners' Conference call

B) Great Lakes SPARROW Maps

Canadian Chair requested time be allocated during the October executive to consider how the Great Lakes SPARROW MAPS developed by USGS and NRC could best be used to inform the public about the sources of nutrient loading. The Communications team will follow up to see what USGS and NRC publication plans might be.

C) IJC Diversity Policy

Commissioners requested a status report of acknowledgments received from IJC boards concerning their receipt and distribution to board members of the Commission's Diversity Policy.

DECISIONS TAKEN VIA POLLING

International Lake Champlain-Richelieu River Study Board

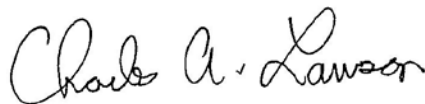
On September 5, 2018, Commissioners approved the appointment of Dr. Ann Ruzow Holland Caruso to be a U.S. member of the study's Public Advisory Group for a term effective immediately for the duration of the study.

International Souris River Study Board

On August 13, 2018, Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Brian Caruso to be a U.S. member of the study board for a term effective immediately for the duration of the study, which is anticipated to end in August 2020.

International Lake Superior Board of Control

On August 3, 2018, Commissioners approved issuing a temporary Supplementary Order that will allow Brookfield Renewable to close Gate #1 of the Compensating Works so that it can conduct a dam safety and maintenance inspection of that gate.



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