

International St. Mary and Milk Rivers Study Board

Dec. 13, 2021 10:00 – 12:00 MST

Agenda

1. Agenda review (Co-Chairs)
2. Nomination and appointment of Co-Study Managers [Action Item] (Co-Chairs)
 - a. Broad questions about board operations
 - b. Role of study managers was discussed and will be formalized in a document by the board
 - c. Motion to appoint CSMs
3. Selection of next meeting date/time and standing recurring meeting date/time in 2022 (Co-Chairs)
 - a. Next call 12/22 800-10 am
 - b. Study managers will arrange calls
 - c. Who from the IJC is needed
4. Directive – detailed look
 - a. Timelines
 - i. Presentation
 - ii. Study board appointed **Nov 10, 2021**
 1. 1st board meeting
 2. Study managers appointed **12/13/2021**
 3. IJC Gov Forum
 - iii. Initial Work plan **Feb 2022** to the IJC
 1. Formation of Advisory groups
 - a. Indigenous
 - b. Public
 - c. Resource Agency
 - iv. Public and Indigenous Outreach Plans
 1. Independent Review stood up by IJC
 2. Technical working groups created
 - a. Options and formulations
 - b. Climate
 - c. Hydrology and Hydraulics
 - d. Socio-economics
 - e. Infrastructure
 - f. Aquatic Ecosystems
 - v. Detailed Methodology Report **April 2022**
 1. Presentation to Commissioners **April 2022**
 - a. Meet every 6 months (April and October)
 - vi. Longer term
 1. Meet with advisory boards before each commissioner meetings and bring those discussion to commission

- a. Slide decks will be prepared
 - i. Issues
 - ii. Status updates
 - iii. Funding priorities
 - 2. Annual reports for each spring
 - a. Viewable by the public
 - i. Status
 - ii. Future
 - 3. Minutes from approved by study board and posted
 - 4. Final report June 13, 2025
 - b. Draft governance structure
 - i. All meetings need to be bi-national
 - ii. Study managers effective management of the study board work plan
 - iii. Options Formulations and Evaluations Group
 - iv. Study board sets up Advisory boards and how to engage
 - v. Communication Committee is important
 - 1. Technical writer is important
5. Government Forum
 - a. Makeup
 - i. First Cut – proposed by IJC
 - 1. US
 - a. Blackfeet
 - b. Fort Belknap IC
 - c. Montana DNR
 - d. US BOR
 - 2. Canada
 - a. Alberta Environment and Parks
 - b. Blood Tribe
 - i. Blackfoot Nations maybe need to approached
 - c. Saskatchewan Water Security
 - d. Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - b. Appointment process
 - c. Role
 - d. Special liaisons
 - i. One from US and Canada
 - 1. Appointment from IJC
 - ii. Facilitate the work of the Gov forum
 - iii. Coordinate between Gov Forum, Study Board, and IJC
 - iv. Maintain situational awareness
 - v. Advise IJC on govt engagement
6. Sharing strategies for success (All)
 - a. Binational nature of the effort
7. Background/Context – How did we get here?
 - a. Review of the AOs review of their administrative procedures

8. Proposed agenda items for next meeting

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Dec. 22, 2021 8:00 – 10:00 AM MST

Agenda

1. Review and approval of [Dec 13, 2021 meeting notes](#)
2. Review and discussion of recent IJC Letters
 - a. Letters were sent out to the special assistants and government agencies
 - b. Alternate co-chairs also have received appointment letters
3. Background/Context –
 - a. How did we get here? ([Overview of Previous Recent Studies – Final](#))
 - b. Administrative measures task force
 - c. Joint initiative team
 - d. Review of the AOs review of their administrative procedures
 - e. Board and AOs with engineering leads
4. Future Action Items
 - i. Work out climate and modelling strategy
5. Proposed agenda items for next meeting (Jan 7)