

**MINUTES**  
**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**Kalispell, Montana**  
**July 14, 2014**

The International Joint Commission met in Executive Session by conference call on July 11, 2014, from 12:00 Noon to 2:45 PM EDT, with Gordon Walker in the Chair; and in person in Kalispell, Montana, on July 14, 2014, from 8:30 AM to 3 PM MDT, with Lana Pollack in the Chair.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Lana Pollack	Chair, U.S. Section
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Dereth Glance	Commissioner, U.S. Section
Benoit Bouchard	Commissioner, Canadian Section

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**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF**

Mark Burrows	Acting Director*
Shahbaz Ahmed	Visiting Scientist*
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Hugh Mcdermid	Public Affairs Officer*
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**\* Participated in the meeting via teleconference**

**Note: Items 1-12 were discussed during the Commissioners' conference call of July 11, 2014. Items 13-18 were discussed during the July 14 Executive meeting.**

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

1. Commissioners approved the agenda with the addition of two items under Other Business.

## **MINUTES**

2. Commissioners approved the draft Minutes of the July 2, 2014, Commissioners' conference call, as modified.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **3. A. Health Professionals Advisory Board**

Commissioners approved the appointment of Dr. David Buckeridge as a Canadian member of the Health Professionals Advisory Board for a two-year term effective July 11, 2014, to July 10, 2016.

### **B. International Red River Board**

Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. Mike Renouf as Canadian Co-Chair of the International Red River Board for a three-year term effective June 1, 2014, to May 31, 2017.

## **BRING FORWARD**

4. Commissioners reviewed recent communications between the Commission and the governments, requested addition of the letter to governments transmitting Plan 2014 to the list, and noted that several issues raised would require follow up.

## **ACTION ITEM LIST**

5. Commissioners reviewed the latest Action Item list and Communications Activities list, discussed follow up on the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Plan 2014 report, and received an update on development of a Commission Information Management-Information Technology plan. Commissioners requested that two items be added to the list, one on a workshop in September 2014 on the Great Lakes triennial assessment of progress report and one the scheduling of an internal discussion on the Commission-government relationship.

## **IJC HUMAN RESOURCES**

6. Commissioners received an update on human resources issues in the two section office and the GLRO, and the Chairs signaled their desire to be involved in the GLRO Director selection process.

## **IJC STRATEGIC PLANNING**

7. Commissioners received an update on the development of the IJC's strategic plan, discussed draft summary document, and agreed on a timeline for completing the plan in early 2015.

## **IJC GEOSPATIAL STRATEGIC PLAN**

8. Commissioners received an update on the development of the IJC's geospatial strategic plan and recognized challenges staff faces in developing the plan. In order to move the process forward, Commissioners Moy and Bouchard agreed to be lead Commissioners on the steering committee developing the plan, and Commissioners approved holding a facilitated face-to-face meeting in the fall involving relevant IJC staff and a few outside GIS specialists to frame the vision, mission and key objectives of the plan.

## **PIPELINE UNDERLYING THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC**

9. Commissioners received information about the Enbridge pipeline underlying the Straits of Mackinac, known as Line #5. They requested that staff initiate discussions related to several options for possible follow up, including: discussing the issue with the Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission; drafting a letter to the Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and initiating discussions with federal agencies regarding potential briefing of the Commission on the matter.

## **WATCHING BRIEF - NUCLEAR**

10. Commissioners received an update on issues related to nuclear power projects in the Great Lakes region, including: a deep geologic repository for low and intermediate radioactive waste proposed to be located in Ontario near Lake Huron; the search for a site in Canada for a deep geologic repository for high level radioactive waste, with several possible sites in the Great Lakes basin; safety concerns at a nuclear facility in Michigan; and a Canadian court ruling on environmental assessment for nuclear facilities in Ontario.

## **LAKE SUPERIOR SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER OF APPROVAL**

11. Commissioners agreed on the final text for the Lake Superior Supplementary Order of Approval and noted that it is ready for signature and transmission to governments.

## **SHOAL LAKE**

12. Commissioners reviewed recent incoming correspondence from the Iskatewizaagega No. 39 Independent First Nation and the Shoal Lake No. 40 First Nation concerning the use of Shoal Lake water by the City of Winnipeg. Commissioners directed staff to examine issues raised in the letters and provide recommendations for Commissioners' consideration at the October 2014 Semi-Annual meeting and to revise draft letters to the First Nations and to the governments for their signature.

## **LAKE CHAMPLAIN-RICHELIEU RIVER STUDY**

13. Commissioners reviewed an update on the development of a scope of work for study activities related to flooding in the Lake Champlain-Richelieu River. Commissioners recognized that the studies being developed utilize existing Commission funds and are only a small subset of the activities proposed in the Plan of Study given to the governments in 2013. Commissioners noted that they still support the full Plan of Study and requested that staff elaborate on the communications aspect of this file.

## **GLRO OPERATIONS**

14. Commissioners finalized text on how the Commission manages its binational Great Lakes Regional Office.

## **INTERNATIONAL WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE (IWI)**

15. Commissioners reviewed a draft list of IWI activities to send to the governments and asked staff to make some adjustments and provide Commissioners with a revised list.

## **INTERNATIONAL RED RIVER BOARD**

16. Commissioners reviewed a draft letter seeking governments' views on the designation of the International Red River Board as a watershed board, and asked staff to revise the letter based on Commissioners' and to submit a revised letter for approval.

## **GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT**

17. Commissioners received an update on planning for the establishment of a Great Lakes adaptive management committee that would assist the International Lake Superior, Niagara River, and St. Lawrence River Boards of Control and directed staff to provide: a revised draft directive for the committee; a draft letter to the Boards, and a draft timeline for establishment of the committee for Commissioners' consideration. Commissioners discussed recommendation #4 of the Commission's April 2013 report to governments on the International Upper Great Lakes, in which the Commission noted that it would provide its advice to governments on Great Lakes adaptive management. Commissioners directed staff to draft a report to governments that discusses the Commission's

establishment of an adaptive management committee and key elements of the Great Lakes Adaptive Management Task Team's report to the Commission.

## OTHER BUSINESS

19. **A) Upcoming speaking events or publications**

Chairs Walker and Pollack briefed Commissioners on speaking invitations that they had received.

**B) Rainy-Lake of the Woods Water Levels**

Chair Pollack and Commissioner Moy briefed Commissioners on the conversation they had with Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar concerning the current high water levels in the Rainy-Lake of the Woods basin. Commissioners discussed the possibility of doing an after action report once water levels recede to more normal conditions.

**C) Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority**

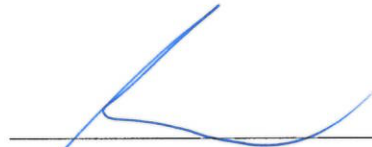
Commissioners reviewed possible fall 2014 dates for holding public meetings on the Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority work and approved the dates of November 12 and 13, 2014. One meeting will be held in Leamington, Ontario, and one in Oregon, Ohio.

**D) Presentations by the International Kootenay Lake Board and Accredited Officers of the St. Mary - Milk River**

As part of an IJC site visit to projects under the IJC jurisdiction in the Kootenay and St Mary-Milk Rivers region, Commissioners received updates from the International Kootenay Lake Board and Accredited Officers of the St. Mary - Milk River on activities in their respective basins. Commissioners toured the diversion works that move water from the St. Mary River into the St. Mary canal and the siphons that carry that water across to the Milk River.



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