

International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board
Industry Advisory Group
Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm CDT

Call in: Call in number 1-877-413-4790 Code 3243409#

Facilitator: Mike Hirst and Mike Goffin

Attending: Mike Hirst, Dennis Brown, Mike Hanson, Frank Ongaro, Pete Schultz, Mike Williams, Ron Brodigan, Perry Eide

Regrets: Allen Hasbargen, Kit Hasbargen, Craig Halla, Cyndy Strand, Bud Dickson, Doug McCaig, Jason Lindquist or Mark Hauke, Joe Henry, Steve Piragis, Paul Schurke, Lindberg Ekola, Brian Ney, Shannon Rawn, Gerry Cariou, Jim Krag, Kim Jo Bliss

Guests: Mike Goffin, IRLWWB Co-Chair; Jean-Francois Cantin, IJC; Nick Heisler, IJC

1. **Welcome:** The IAG took roll call and Mike Hirst explained the purpose for the meeting: To get input on the latest draft of the Water Quality Plan of Study (WQPOS) prior to the International Rainy – Lake of the Woods Watershed Board (IRLWWB), and International Joint Commission (IJC) meetings next week in Washington DC.

2. **Comments on the WQPOS:** Mike Goffin led the discussion on the various sections of the document.

- **Narrative:**

- Is the IJC and the IAG are reviewing the same draft document? **YES**
- Why isn't the Lake of the Woods SWCD an IMA Signatory? **In process**
- Lake SWCD should also become an IMA Signatory.
- Why did they choose the size of the watersheds on Pages 6-7?
- Page 12, paragraph 3, sentence 2: "Fairly well organized government" this sounds strange. Why this language? Is it not well organized?

- Algal Blooms and Nutrient Enrichment

- Vocabulary may be difficult for lay people reviewing this document.
- Can a glossary of terms be added to the document?
- Possibly provide opportunities to walk people through the document.
- Why do most of the proposed studies have a three year timeframe?
- Are studies listed by priority or by cost effectiveness or both?

- Aquatic Invasive Species

- Much of this document may be difficult for lay persons to comment on.

- Surface Water and Ground Water Contamination

- This version of the draft is much more specific, clear and straight forward.
- 5.1 page 40: First paragraph last sentence: the word "threats," could it be changed to "issues?"
- 5.3.1.3 page 42: Address both sides of the border? Are the listing thresholds the same?

- General Comments

- Provide more clarity of when draft documents are coming out and when the comment periods will be, well in advance.
 - There should be a press release notifying the general public about the CAG and IAG to inform the public that there are locals that are involved in making comments and overseeing the IRLWWB.
 - Is this draft public? **No, but the next version will be public, coming in July.**
 - How to generate discussion and recommendations?
3. Next Meeting: Mike Hirst discussed the possibility of having the next IAG meeting in mid to late June, with another meeting prior to the August meeting of the IRLWWB. More information to come.
 4. **Reminder to provide Gail Favre (gail.favri@ec.gc.ca) with comments on the Rule Curve Evaluation Scope of Work by April 28th.**
 5. Thanks to everyone that participated in the call. Meeting Adjourned.