

International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board (IRLWWB)  
Industry Advisory Group (IAG)  
Summary of Meeting  
February 2, 2016

The Industry Advisory Group (IAG) met via conference call and webex for its regular winter meeting on February 2, 2016 from 9:00-10:30 AM Central Standard Time.

**Present:**

**From the IAG:** Mike Hirst (co-chair), Jason Lindquist, Mike Hanson, Steve Piragis, Craig Halla, Ron Brodigan, Shannon Rawn and Kim Jo Bliss

**From the International Joint Commission (IJC):** Nick Heisler and Wayne Jenkinson

**Guest:** Matt DeWolfe: Rule Curve Review Study Board Co-Chair, Kelli Saunders: International Watershed Coordinator, Daniel RokitnickWojcik: IRLWWB Secretary

**Regrets:** Dennis Brown, Frank Ongaro, Joe Henry, Pete Shultz, Paul Schurke, Mike Williams, Allen Hasbargen, Kit Hasbargen, Lindberg Ekola, Brian Ney, Cindy Strand, Bud Dickson, Gerry Cariou and Doug McCaig

**1. Welcome and Introduction:**

Mike Hirst welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded rollcall.

**2. Introduction to the Rule Curve Review:** Matt DeWolfe gave a presentation on the Rainy and Namakan Rule Curve Review process. He discussed the purpose, scope and the timelines of the project and the need for input on the process from many sources including the Industry Advisory Group. See a copy of the presentation for further information.

**3. Update from the International Watershed Coordinator (IWC), Kelli Saunders:** Kelli introduced herself and gave an update on programs and projects that she has been undertaking under the IWC position. First she has been appointed the study manager for the Rule Curve Review project. In addition the International Rainy – Lake of the Woods Watershed Forum is coming up and she has had a role in organizing it and all of the binational entities that will be meeting. The SWCD's in the basin were recently surveyed, and from this survey the IWC will try and coordinate activities, needs and partnerships to better facilitate coordination in the basin. The next version of the "Watershed News" newsletter will be out soon. This newsletter gives updates regarding studies, projects and partnerships throughout the basin. And finally Kelli has been working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to determine the feasibility of a citizen science project in the basin that may focus on hydrology, algae blooms or another water management issue.

**4. Upcoming meetings:** Mike Hirst discussed the upcoming meetings:

- a. The International Rainy – Lake of the Woods Watershed Forum on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. For IAG member interested in attending, there will be a limited amount of spots reserved for free attendance for those IAG members not supported by their agency/organization.
- b. The next IAG meeting will be right before the Watershed Forum on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**5. Roundtable Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**6. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am