

**International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board (IRLWWB) Teleconference  
July 8, 2014**

**Summary of Discussion**

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**Canadian Member Participants**

Mike Goffin (Co-Chair)	Environment Canada
Gail Faveri	Environment Canada
Greg Chapman	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Trina Rawn	Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Mark Lee	Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship
Kiley Hanson	Nestor Falls, local member
Dennis Brown	Atikokan, local member
Todd Sellers	Minaki, local member
Karen Cederwall	Kenora, local member

**Canadian Member Absentees**

Chief Earl Klyne	Seine River First Nation
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**U.S. Member Participants**

Col. Daniel Koprowski	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Lori Dowling-Hanson	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Suzanne Hanson	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Jim Stark	U.S. Geological Survey
Mike Hirst	Lake of the Woods Soil and Water Conservation District
Lee Grim	Rainy Lake, local member
Charlene Mason	Ely, local member
Jenny Moorman	Baudette, local member

**U.S. Member Absentees**

Al Pemberton	Red Lake Department of Natural Resources
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**Invited Participants**

Kelli Saunders	Watershed Coordinator, Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation
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**Commission Liaisons**

Mark Colosimo	U.S. Section
Joe Babb	Canadian Section
Nick Heisler	Canadian Section

**Secretariat/Engineering Advisors**

Scott Jutila	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Matt DeWolfe	Lake of the Woods Secretariat
Andrew Liddiard	Lake of the Woods Secretariat
Diane de Beaumont	Environment Canada

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Canadian Co-Chair welcomed everyone and reminded participants that this teleconference was organized to plan the Board's meetings in the basin in August. He indicated that direction from the IJC on how best to address the expected greater public interest in water levels as part of our engagement plans in August will be required in order to finalize the meetings schedule. Before tackling the first topic on the agenda, the Water Levels Committee gave a summary on the water levels situation and members further provided feedback on what they have seen and heard regarding water levels in the basin.

### **2. Advice on best use of Board public meetings during the second week of August**

The Board discussed the need to address the water levels situation as part of its public engagement plans on the Water Quality Plan of Study. The Board agreed to request direction from the IJC on how best to utilize our public meetings scheduled for the week of August 11<sup>th</sup> and to offer the following suggestions: 1. Proceed with focus on Water Quality Plan of Study at the public meeting in Kenora but ensure presence of water levels expertise at the meeting. 2. Conduct a public meeting on water levels in International Falls and, in parallel, hold an open house on the Water Quality Plan of Study. 3. Hold a second public meeting on water levels in the southern end of the basin. 4. Hold a meeting by invitation with most affected interests in the basin. 5. Add water levels to the topics for discussion at the Board with the Community Advisory Board and the Industry Advisory Board.

***ACTION ITEM: IRLWWB Co-Chairs to write to the IJC today to request direction by July 11<sup>th</sup> on how best to utilize the Board's public meetings in August and offer aforementioned suggestions.***

### **3. Decision on topics for discussion at Board meeting with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) and the Industry Advisory Group (IAG)**

Members suggested a few topics for discussion, which included mining and water levels. It was also suggested that we identify, amongst the issues raised by the CAG and IAG, the ones that are directly related to the Board's mandate and consider addressing them at the meeting. There was also mention of asking the CAG and IAG for their top priority issues.

***ACTION ITEM: Secretariat to review list of issues raised by the CAG and IAG and identify potential areas for Board concern/IJC attention which could be addressed at the meeting with the CAG/IAG.***

### **4. Decision on agenda items for the August 12 Board meeting**

Participants were asked to comment on a draft agenda previously circulated. No changes were requested. The Water Quality Plan of Study Team was invited, via the Watershed-Plan of Study Coordinator, to give a presentation on the July 22<sup>nd</sup> version of the Plan of Study during the Plan of Study segment of the meeting.