

International Elk-Kootenai/y Watershed Study Board
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2025
13:30 –15:30 MST

Meeting Attendance

Study Co-chairs: Oliver Brandes and Tom Bansak

Study Board Members: Kelly Munkittrick, Clayton Matt, Jill Frankforter, Richard Di Giulio, Stella Swanson and Violet Birdstone

Study Management Team: Jeffrey Lemieux, Patrick Williston and Heather McMahon

IJC Staff: Glenn Benoy, Michael Laitta, Christina Chiasson, Yon Trimble, Cara Prest and Lyne Sabourin

Meeting Guests in attendance: None (*note—US statutory holiday and several IJC staff and SMT members not in attendance*)

1. Agenda

Elk-Kootenai/y Study Board approved agenda with the following additions:

- A task list discussion
- Dates for an in-person meeting in early June (2-6)

2. Minutes

Study Board approved December 19, 2024 meeting minutes.

3. Plan of Study

Study Board discussed completion of revisions to the Plan of Study and received input from IJC staff. Discussed sharing the draft Plan of Study with the Council of Knowledge Holders for input and advice.

4. Council of Knowledge Holders

Study Board discussed the co-chairs meeting with the Council of Knowledge Holders the week of January 13, and discussed meeting early and often.

5. In-person Meetings

Study Board discussed travel and logistics for a in-person meeting in late February to work through Advisory Group and public comments on the draft Plan of Study. Study Board discussed dates for a June in-person meeting in the Elk Valley.

6. Advisory Groups

Study Board discussed appointment letters for Advisory Group members and timing for sharing the draft Plan of Study for review.

7. Round Table Discussion

None