



International Souris River Board
AMC Committee Meeting
April 5, 2024

Final Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Rebecca Seal-Soileau (USACE), Mark Lee (Government of Manitoba), Lacy Kontzie (Government of Manitoba), Katie Slimmon (ECCC), Brian Caruso (USFWS), James Noren (USACE), David Pattyson (Upper Souris Watershed Assoc.), Morgan Berquist - filling in for Lisa Lone Fight (MHA Nation Dept. of STR) **Regrets:** Mike Shantz (ECCC), Gregg Wiche (USGS emeritus), Laura Ackerman (ND Dept. of Water Resources), Richard Aisaican (Cowessess First Nation),

Non-Committee Members: Briana Wagner (US Dept. of State), **Regrets:** Felicia Minotti (Global Affairs Canada)

Agenda for April 5th Full Committee Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Input to & Approve Agenda (Rebecca, 5 min)

Status of ISRB (Rebecca, 10 min)

- WMA Meeting in Minot Proposal
- AMC Membership update

Access to SharePoint Check (Jim, 5 min)

- Seems to work. Might take a couple attempts with different links and/or browsers.

AMC Slides in ISRB Appearances Deck (Slides number 13 and 25 on SharePoint) (Mark, 10 min)

- Submitted a Committee Workplan and
- Adaptive Management Plan Scope of Work (SOW)
 - Most people provided feedback
 - Adaptive Management Plan will focus on the Souris River basin including input from rights-holders, stakeholders and the public regarding WQ, reservoir management, water quantity, aquatic ecosystem health and climate change.
 - SOW submitted March 2024 to IJC for review.

- A consultant will be retained to develop plan.
- \$100K Budget from Canadian IJC funds
- Initiate in 2024, finish late 2025.

Review Committee Work Plan Items and Schedule (Mark, 10 min)

- Establish Committee
 - Waiting for official membership from IJC
- Plan on 3-5 meetings this year
- Maintain capacity to run evaluation (H+H) tools within the Int'l Souris River Study.
- Gather relevant data and reports by the WQC and its subcommittees plus the AEHC.
 - Supports 12-year review of operating plan.
 - Jim created folders on the SharePoint site for storing these documents.
- Develop AMC 2024 workplan.
 - Thanks for all the feedback!
- Update Performance indicators (PI).
 - AMC is keeper of PI documentation.
 - Collaborate with all the ISRB committees and subcommittees for developing or updating PIs.
- Oversight of AM funded projects
- Annual Reports
- AMC members are encouraged to attend other ISRB committee meetings
 - We are responsible to be aware of what is included in other committee workplans.

Discuss AMP SOW Plan for FY (Mark, 5 min)

- Send the SOW to the Committee
 - The SOW is Not the RFP will circulate the RFP while developing for your Input.
 - Request RFP Template from IJC
 - AMC will be the managers of the project once the contractor is hired.

Plan July 25th Meeting - (Rebecca, 15 min)

- Schedule
 - 7.25.2024 10 AM-Noon CST.
 - Agenda Items will be sent out before meeting.
 - Hoping to schedule speakers that can share their experience with Adaptive Management Plans for other basins. Adaptive Management is sometimes thought as being reactive, where as our committee is focused on gathering data and being proactive in making management changes.
 - Progress on Work Plan Items

- Adaptive Management Plan RFP
- RASCI

Discussion if we want to explore RASCI for the Adaptive Management Committee? (Rebecca, 15 min)

- Hearing no major concerns with using RASCI to figure out the responsibilities of the AMC.

Round Robin – Any exciting Adaptive Management News (Mark, 15 min)

- Will Membership appointments be confirmed soon or will it have to wait until the board is finalized.
 - Yes, we are just waiting for their approval. We thought some had already been completed. The only people not participating currently is Saskatchewan.
- Can we review the PIs and go over a couple of examples to explain the process a little more?
 - Yes
- Can we also discuss the IWI grants and proposals process? What's the AMC role with helping out those projects or selection of those projects?
 - There are 2 pots of money. One is the IWI money, which has been around for 25 years and has a well-defined application process. The other pot is the adaptive management projects which is managed in an ad hoc manner. Having IJC advisors come to one of our meetings to explain the process sounds like a good idea.
- Are there other potential projects in the works?
- - We do have a folder on the SharePoint that can be a “parking lot” for potential projects.