



International Souris River Board

Conference Call
Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Final Minutes

Attendees:

Board Members: Russell Boards, Todd Sando, Dennis Fewless, Gregg Wiche, Megan Estep, John Fahlman, Nicole Armstrong, Mark Lee, and Col. Michael Price.

Support Staff: Tom Econoply (US FWS)

Secretaries: Bob White and Girma Sahlu

Todd Sando called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. CST and stated the purpose of the meeting was to declare Flood Operations in Spring 2013.

John Fahlman mentioned that he had a meeting with the Souris River Flow Forecasting and Liaison Committee on March 18, 2013 and informed the Board that there have been changes since March 1, 2013 forecast.

J. Fahlman noted that there are two conditions that would trigger flood operations under the 1989 Agreement between Canada and the United States:

- The estimated 30-day unregulated volume at Sherwood Crossing equals or exceeds a 10-percent (10-year) event which is equal to 175,000 ac-ft (216,110 dam³); and/or
- When the local 30-day volume at Sherwood Crossing is expected to equal to or exceed 30,000 ac-ft (37,000 dam³).

J. Fahlman stated that the revised forecast is calling for local 30-day volume at the Sherwood Crossing in excess of 40,000 dam³ and approaching a greater than 1:10 year event. Therefore, it would be prudent to declare flood operations for Spring 2013.

Rafferty and Alameda are below their full supply levels (FSL). J. Fahlman added that the Water Security Agency (WSA) will release 11,000 dam³ from Boundary Reservoir. Releases from Rafferty will increase from 7 m³/s to 10 m³/s as of today (March 19, 2013). Similarly, flows in Alameda will increase from 0.5 m³/s to 1.5 m³/s.

The Flow Forecasting and Liaison Committee requested the ISRB to declare Flood Operations given one of the triggers has been met.

Motion: Gregg Wiche moved that the Souris Board declare Flood Operations for Spring 2013. The motion was seconded by John Fahlman. **Carried.**

The Board also discussed the Public Information Session regarding the Plan of Study (POS) to be presented to the general public in Minot, North Dakota on March 20, 2013. The information session will be held in the Executive Room of the Grand International Hotel. Col. Michael Price will present on behalf of the Board.

The Co-Chairs thanked the Co-Secretaries for organizing the meeting and the conference call was adjourned at 3:28 p.m. CST.