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International Souris River Board

Conference Call

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 10:00 CDT/9:00 CST

**Final Minutes**

Present:

**Board Members:** Nicole Armstrong, , Col. Price, John Fahlman, Gregg Wiche, Meg Estep, Todd Sando, and John-Mark Davies.

**Support Staff:** Heather Duchscherer, Tom Pabian, Frank Durbian, Scott Jutila, Lisa Nelson, and Bob White.

**IJC:** Ted Yuzyk and Mark Colosimo

**1. Spring 2013 Flood Follow Up**

J. Fahlman reported in early spring it looked like Rafferty would just fill and Boundary and Alameda may not. In late May rains started. Rafferty will be above FSL until June 17-19 and is currently releasing 20 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Alameda is releasing 5 m<sup>3</sup>/s at the moment. Both Rafferty and Alameda will continue releasing a total of 25 m<sup>3</sup>/s until mid-June. If there is more rain in the next couple of weeks, we may increase releases. We would have had 52 m<sup>3</sup>/s going through Estevan but, we mitigated that to about 20 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

L. Nelson – Lake Darling releasing 950 cfs and will hold until local runoff drops off then go up.

T. Pabian – This morning all coulees have peaked and receding some 12” or more. The crest was between Burlington and Foxholm. Another 3 – 3.5 inches of rain fell and saturated roads and flooded fields. A farmer said many roads he never saw flooded are now flooded.

N. Armstrong – Mark Lee told her this morning most streams were above normal flows. The Winnipeg and Portage diversions were both used in the spring.

T. Sando – We will probably be in flood operation for a while yet.

## **2. Status of Plan of Study**

T. Yuzyk and M. Colosimo drafted a letter for the IJC Commissioners to forward to governments. The commissioners have not approved the letter yet. The IJC has a meeting next week.

Col. Price – How soon can everything get underway?

T. Yuzyk – It could be months; I cannot say.

M. Colosimo – Hard to say how long.

T. Yuzyk – The FY 2014 budget cycle is underway so FY 2015 budget should have most of the funds.

M. Colosimo– We put some seed money in the FY 2014 budget to keep it going.

## **3. Dates for Face to Face and Public meetings in Weyburn**

B. White to set up Doodle poll for the meetings in late July or early August.

Col. Price departs in two weeks. The new Colonel is Colonel Dan Koprowski.

Col. Price appreciates having been a member of the ISRB.