

Great Lakes Governors' and Premiers' Regional Body Meeting Summary
Embassy Suites Hotel Chicago Downtown Lakefront
511 N. Columbus Drive
Salon E, F, G
Chicago, Illinois
June 6, 2006

Notice:

Notice of the meeting was provided to the public through the Council's e-mail distribution list and the Great Lakes Information Network's distribution list on May 10, 2006. Notice was also posted to the Council of Great Lakes Governors' website at www.cglg.org.

Call of Meeting:

10:00 a.m. CDT—Meeting called to order by David Naftzger, Executive Director of the Council of Great Lakes Governors.

Roll Call:

The following Regional Body members, constituting a quorum, were present:

Illinois (designee of Governor Rod Blagojevich): Daniel Injerd, Manager, Lake Michigan Management Section, Illinois Department of Natural Resources-Office of Water Resources

Indiana (designee of Governor Mitch Daniels): Kari Evans, Policy Director, Environment, Office of Governor Daniels

Michigan (designee of Governor Jennifer Granholm): Ken DeBeaussaert, Director, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes

Minnesota (designee of Governor Tim Pawlenty): Kent Lokkesmoe, Director, Division of Water, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

New York (designee of Governor George Pataki): Don Zelazny, Great Lakes Programs Coordinator, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Ohio (designee of Governor Bob Taft): Sam Speck, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Ontario (designee of Premier Dalton McGuinty): Robert Taylor, Director, Lands and Waters Branch, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, representing Kevin Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Pennsylvania (designee of Governor Ed Rendell): Cathleen Curran Myers, Deputy Secretary, Office of Water Management, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Québec (designee of Premier Jean Charest): Louise Lapierre, Conseillère, Bureau des relations intergouvernementales et des changements climatiques, Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs

Wisconsin (designee of Governor Jim Doyle): Todd Ambs, Administrator for Water, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Actions Taken

A motion to adopt Resolution #1 was made on behalf of Governor Doyle and seconded on behalf of Governor Blagojevich electing Ohio Governor Bob Taft Chair and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty Vice Chair of the Regional Body. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adopt Resolution #2 was made on behalf of Governor Pataki and seconded on behalf of Governor Rendell appointing the Council of Great Lakes Governors, Inc., as the Regional Body Secretariat. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adopt Resolution #3 was made on behalf of Governor Blagojevich and seconded on behalf of Governor Granholm directing the Chair of the Regional Body to develop a report and a recommendation for the Regional Body's consideration regarding whether the Regional Body should incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation with the board of directors of the proposed corporation to be the members of the Regional Body, ex officio. The report and recommendation would be delivered to the Regional Body by December 13, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made on behalf of Premier Charest and seconded on behalf of Governor Daniels to adopt Guidance Statement #1 in recognition of a printing error in the English version of the Agreement, to correct an inconsistency between the French and English versions. The motion carried unanimously.

Each Regional Body member provided an update on their jurisdiction's efforts to implement the Agreements, including Compact legislation or other mechanisms as appropriate.

Illinois—Compact legislation has been introduced in the House and “shell legislation” has been introduced into the Senate. However, it is unlikely that the legislation will be acted on this year.

Indiana—The legislature has adjourned for the year and will not reconvene until January 2007. Indiana will adopt State-specific implementation policies in consultation with Indiana stakeholders before introducing Compact enactment legislation. It is also recognized that some implementation may occur through rule-making authority.

Michigan—Water management legislation that is “Compact friendly” has recently been enacted into law. Compact legislation has not yet been introduced.

Minnesota—The legislative session has ended for 2006. It is anticipated that the Minnesota legislature will seek to pass Compact legislation that includes Minnesota's State-specific implementation policies sometime after it reconvenes.

New York—On May 25, Governor Pataki proposed Compact adoption legislation. The State legislature is scheduled to recess on June 22, but will come back into session later in 2006 and will likely consider and vote on the legislation at that time. It is anticipated

that once the Compact is passed, New York would consider separate legislation as needed to implement State-specific elements.

Ohio—Compact legislation has been introduced and Council of Great Lakes Governors staff has testified on the legislation before House and Senate committee hearings. The legislature is now in recess until November and will likely consider and vote on the legislation at that time.

Ontario—Efforts to implement the Agreement are underway including the review of laws and regulations by all relevant Ontario ministries as necessary in order to identify needed revisions.

Pennsylvania—Legislation has not yet been introduced. It is uncertain if legislation will be introduced this year because of the short legislative schedule.

Québec—The Agreement is expected to be approved by the National Assembly which is required before further steps can be taken to enact the specific terms of the Agreement.

Wisconsin—Compact implementation will be reviewed in summer legislative study committees. It is unlikely that Compact legislation will be introduced this year.

Up-to-date Compact implementation information is available at the Council of Great Lakes Governors' Website at <http://cglg.org/projects/water/CompactImplementation.asp>.

The Chair called Lisa Wojnarowski, Program Manager for the Council of Great Lakes Governors, to provide an overview of the Council's Water Conservation and Efficiency Initiative. It was noted that representatives of Tribes and First Nations as well as regional stakeholders will be invited to participate collaboratively in the Initiative.

The floor was then opened for public comments.

The following individuals commented to the Regional Body:

- Deputy Grand Chief Nelson Toulouse, Union of Ontario Indians: Deputy Grand Chief Toulouse thanked the Regional Body for the inclusion of Tribal and First Nation representatives in the meeting. He commented on the importance of Tribes and First Nations in Great Lakes decision making and of respecting Tribal/First Nations authority.
- Tribal Chair Frank Ettawageshik, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians: Tribal Chair Ettawageshik commented that water unites everyone present. He noted that a fall meeting is being planned for the United Indian Nations of the Great Lakes.
- Lee Botts, Environmental Consultant, and Kay Nelson, Managing Director of Environmental Affairs, Northwest Indiana Forum (written testimony was submitted in conjunction with the Lake Michigan Federation, the Save the Dunes Council, BP, Mittal Steel, NIPSCO and U.S. Steel, and is available upon request):

Ms. Botts and Ms. Nelson stated their support for the confirmation of the Compact without change.

- Jon Andersen, Great Lakes Director, Great Lakes Program, The Nature Conservancy: Mr. Andersen stated that each of The Nature Conservancy's State Directors is prepared to work with the Regional Body to support Compact implementation.
- Reg Gilbert, Senior Coordinator, Great Lakes United: Mr. Gilbert suggested continued stakeholder involvement and the development of a formalized stakeholder Advisory Committee to the Regional Body.
- George Kuper, President and Chief Executive Officer, Council of Great Lakes Industries: Mr. Kuper expressed his support for the objectives of the Agreement and stated that the Regional Body has a critical role in ensuring the protection of Great Lakes waters and their availability for future use and economic development.

Following public comments, the meeting was adjourned.

The full-text of the resolutions is available online at www.cglg.org.