

**FOURTH PLENARY MEETING OF THE INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP  
A PROPOSAL FOR A SPRING RISE ON THE MISSOURI RIVER**

Best Western Ramkota Hotel  
3200 W. Maple Street  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
August 19, 2005  
8 am to 5:00 pm

***Draft Agenda***

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
8:00 – 8:30	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Welcome by Governor Michael Rounds, State of South Dakota</li><li>◆ Introductions and agenda review (Chris Moore and Joe McMahon)</li></ul>
8:30 – 8:40	<b>Facilitators’ Comments and Suggestions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Review of the Plenary Group’s Mandate -2006 spring rise, development of a long-term plan, adaptive management and creative responses to changing hydrologic conditions</li><li>◆ The process of interest identification and development of proposals which satisfy all interests to the greatest extent possible</li><li>◆ Work conducted by the Hydrology Technical Working Group, and the interagency technical team (COE and FWS) since the last Plenary Group Meeting</li><li>◆ The working proposal with three levels of specificity: 1) jointly agreed upon sideboards by agencies; 2) issues where there are ranges of flexibility identified by the agencies, where discussion of options and negotiation can occur, 3) areas where plenary group should make decisions and recommendations</li><li>◆ A consensus decision as the strongest form of agreement, one with the most predictability and lowest risk, and one that the COE/FWS are most likely to implement. Note, consensus does not mean unanimity</li><li>◆ Levels of agreement – 1) Group consensus on a total set of recommendations to the COE/FWS; 2) general agreement by a large or “super majority” of Plenary Group members on most recommendations to the COE/FWS, with those who cannot support specific components either: a) standing aside and remaining mute, i.e. neither supporting nor objecting, and allowing the group to make a decision on a recommendation; b) standing aside, but articulating verbally their concerns or objections; or c) standing aside and registering their views in written form in an annex or appendix to the document; 3) Consensus on specific recommendations with no recommendations from the Plenary on issues where there is not full agreement; and 4) no agreement on any</li></ul>

recommendations resulting in the COE/FWS taking the best thinking and input of the Plenary Group and making an agency final decision.

- 8:40 – 8:55      **Brief Report back on the Agency Staff Work** conducted on Spring Rise Issues by the Facilitators - The logic, rationale and process for putting together options, need to meet the standards and criteria established by the BiOp, agencies' current best thinking on sideboards and identification of where there should be more discussion before agreements on recommendations are reached
- 8:55 – 9:45      **Report from the Hydrology Technical Working Group** on its conclusions regarding flood control constraints, upper basin precludes and model runs for a Spring Rise.
- 9:45 – 10:15      **Public Comment Period** – Note, public comments will be limited to one half-hour. If more people want to make presentations than time allows, they will be asked to submit written statements to the Plenary Group, and/or make their oral statements at the Annual Operating Plan meetings conducted by the Corps of Engineers later in the Fall. The public comment period will not be extended beyond the half-hour allocated on the agenda.
- 10:15 - 10:30      **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:15      **Comments on Working Document and Hydrology Technical Working Group Presentation**  
♦ What is good about the options, questions, concerns and where more discussion is needed
- 11:15 – 12:30      **Spring Rise Discussion** – Element by element discussion, negotiation and approval of components of the Working Document with the identification of: 1) Where we agree, 2) where we can agree with a modification or change, 3) where we disagree, why and discussion of what could be done to overcome the disagreement, and 4) where we cannot agree and how it will be handled  
♦ First Rise  
♦ Between Rises  
♦ Second Rise  
♦ Stop/start protocols
- 12:30 – 1:15      **(Continue during a working lunch)**
- 1:15- 2:30      **Finish element by element negotiation**
- 2:30-2:45      **Break**

- 2:45-3:45      **Plenary Recommendations on monitoring**
- ◆ Hydrologic
  - ◆ Socio economic
  - ◆ Cultural Historical
  - ◆ Other
- 3:45 – 4:45      **Plenary Discussion: What should be passed on the MRRIC**
- ◆ Assembling technical data
  - ◆ Reports and presentation
  - ◆ What groups need to function and how
- 4:45 – 5:00      **Summary and closing**