EXECUTIVE ORDER 2018-08

WHEREAS, the Pembina River Basin Task Board (the Board) was established and met intermittently between 1960 and 2012 to promote interjurisdictional efforts to address flooding in the Lower Pembina River Basin, impacting North Dakota and Manitoba; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has not been active since 2012; and,

WHEREAS, flooding in the Lower Pembina River Basin remains an ongoing concern for the citizens of North Dakota and Manitoba; and,

WHEREAS, North Dakota and Manitoba mutually recognize and support the establishment of an interjurisdictional advisory board, focused on reaching collaborative solutions to flood control in the Lower Pembina River Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, hereby establishes the Lower Pembina River Basin Advisory Board (Advisory Board). The Advisory Board will convene and collaborate to address water management and flooding in the Pembina River Basin and resolve interjurisdictional conflicts.

The Advisory Board shall include voting and non-voting members, as follows:

1. There shall be twelve voting members:
   a. Six voting members shall be appointed by the Premier of Manitoba, including, at the Premier’s discretion, Canada’s acting co-chair of the International Red River Board;
   b. Six voting members shall be appointed by the Governor, to include:
      i. A representative of the Office of the Governor;
      ii. The State Engineer or his/her designee;
      iii. A water resources engineer licensed and in good standing in North Dakota;
      iv. A representative from the Pembina County Water Resource Board;
      v. A member of the Pembina County Board of Commissioners and
      vi. The United States’ acting co-chair of the International Red River Board, or his/her designated representative.
   c. The Canadian and United States’ co-chairs of the International Red River Board, or their designated representatives may serve as co-chairs of the Advisory Board.
2. State or Provincial officials responsible for water management, fish and wildlife management, or environmental quality and representatives of First Nations or Native American Tribal Organizations may be appointed as non-voting members at the discretion of the Premier or the Governor.

3. The Advisory Board shall meet at least twice per year. Additional meetings may be held at the call of the Premier or the Governor.

4. The Advisory Board shall submit annual written reports regarding its activities to the Premier and the Governor.

The Governor is vested with executive authority to issue this Order pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 21st day of December 2018.

Doug Burgum, Governor

ATTEST:

Al Jaeger, Secretary of State

Deputy