



MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Sara Christenson, Randy Jenniges, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: July 15, 2015

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - July 2015
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLCO 121718

Board Meetings

The last meeting held was at 10:00 A.M. at the St. Louis County Land Department building on May 13, 2015. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting.

Kabetogama

The Puck's Point Project is on hold, the timeline of the rebid is currently unknown. This date will be selected once the Legacy Funding amount is agreed upon and the timeline is defined.

Ash River

- A more comprehensive soil study of this preferred site is necessary to continue forward with a land exchange between the MnDNR and St. Louis County (this parcel will be included in a larger Land Exchange proposal).
- If a comprehensive study is approved the MnDNR will either issue a Special Use Permit or a Short Term lease.
- Andrea Johnson (MnDNR) will send out the SHPO information regarding cultural and historic review of the site. This would be conducted after all soil studies are found to be suitable for this type of use. Either SEH or St. Louis County would take the lead for this cultural review.

The next conference call with the DNR will be scheduled once soil analysis is completed.

Action Requested: A motion to approve a comprehensive soil study completed by Matrix Soil & Systems.

Crane Lake

- Handberg Road Project is currently under construction.
- Randy Jenniges to comment.

Island View

- No updates, with an exception of the Legacy Funding.

Project Funding Status

- A meeting is set with the Army Corps at their office at 2 PM on July 29th.
- Gary Cerkvnik to discuss.

Action Requested: Discussion about the timeline of the Legacy Funds allocation and which projects they shall be allocated to.

Advisory Board Representative Updates

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Bear Island Association

DNR, VNPCWJPB, MPCA Meeting

- A meeting was held on Wednesday, July 17th at 2:00 PM at the DNR Central Office.
- Board to discuss.

Meeting Dates

- Action Requested: Propose and approve an upcoming meeting date for August or September.

Contract

The current agreement had a scheduled of proposed work to be completed by April 30, 2015, an updated agreement has been completed.

- Action Requested: Motion to approve the new agreement between St. Louis County, Minnesota and SEH Inc.

Invoices

- Action Requested: Propose and approve the SEH Inc. and Costin Group Invoices.

If you have any questions regarding these items, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

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Cc: VNPCWJPB Advisory Committee, Koochiching and St. Louis County Environmental Services staff, Project Area residents (upon request)

Att: VNPCWJPB Minutes from May 13, 2014, SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice

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