

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday February 19, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Cook Land Building

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the January 22, 2014
4. S.E.H. Update
5. Project Funding Status
6. County JPB budget funding FY14
6. Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Kab
  - B. Ash River
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
8. Other
9. Next meeting date



## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Lindberg, Randy Jenniges, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: February 17, 2014

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - February 2014  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLCO 118965

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting held was at 10:00 a.m. at the Land Dept building on January 22, 2014. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

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

### **Koochiching County**

Island View Sewer Committee had a meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project schedule if the bonding bill monies are successfully given to the project. Discussion was based on DNR land acquisition (the detention tank on CR-137), easements, assessment policy, and the project schedule.

Commissioner Pavleck and McBride to comment on the project.

### **Kabetogama**

The transmittal and a set of documents have been sent to the MPCA, these contain the plans and specifications, the design calculation sheets for the large subsurface sewage treatment system (LSTS), soil exploration data, groundwater mounding calculations, and the permit application documents for requesting the State Disposal System treatment and discharge permit.

An area of land map has been given to the DNR for a discussed lease to the township for a period of 21 years. Currently the amount of land is a large area and is under consideration of how it can be reduced effectively. The DNR has created a draft copy of the lease agreement to be discussed with the township. Currently the DNR said they would be more likely to pay a large fee in the future to hook up to the system, rather than monthly fees to reserve capacity in the system. This method however does not reserve any capacity for them if they are not paying any capital costs.

The township is currently working on the service district ordinances. They have drafts created and are under review of the members of the district. A committee has been made to have member representatives at the board meetings.

## **Ash River**

Commissioners and Environmental Service to comment for review of the project.

## **Crane Lake**

The Bear Island report is expected to be completed for the March meeting. It was agreed that a district wide ISTS evaluation is needed prior to requesting proposals and that a phased approach to ISTS management should be considered. The U of M will be working with Crane Lake to provide ISTS education to property owners.

Currently the Board is keeping focus on the Handberg Road Expansion and the Bear Island Expansion.

## **Action Items**

Refer to the attached document named VNPCWJPB action items tracking sheet.

## **Meeting Dates**

*Action Requested:* Propose and approve an upcoming meeting date.

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 January 22, 2014, VNPCWJPB Action Items Tracking Sheet, SEH Invoice, Costin Group Invoice

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **January 22, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Cook Land Department on January 22, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 p.m. by Chairman Pavleck. All board members were present. There were no attendees from the public.

A motion by Commissioner Forsman and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the December 16, 2013 minutes. All voted in favor.

**Kabetogama:** Bob Nevalainen stated that they continue to work on various plans and specific requirements for MPCA. The MPCA review of the submitted documents is estimated to last 3-4 months. There was a discussion on the time delays for the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Forsman and a second by Commissioner McBride to send a letter to MPCA and DNR outlining how the time delays are impacting the project. All voted in favor.

**Ash River:** There was a discussion led by Commissioner Nelson is that to make a project work at Ash River there needs to be a land exchange with DNR. Lori Dowling-Hanson, NE DNR regional director was part of the discussion and has this as an action item.

**Crane Lake:** Rob Scott provided an update on the expansion efforts to the CLWSD system. There was a public meeting held to present the ISTS management option. The 2014 sewer expansion will be driven by funding availability. S.E.H. is putting together a set of options vs. funds available for the sewer board. An invoice for funding was submitted to St Louis County per the guidance of Commissioner Nelson.

**Koochiching:** Dale Olson stated that at their last meeting bonding bill funding was discussed that focused on the potential need to look at phase options, easements, and assessments.

Commissioner Nelson discussed the challenges ahead regarding the State bonding bill. There is an increase in requests to the 2013 bonding bill with no increase in funds.

Lori Dowling-Hanson, NE DNR regional representative introduced herself to the board and provide an overview on her background and why she is the DNR representative to the JPB. There was a discussion on the need for Wooden Frog campground to connect to the Puck's Point sewer project, the funds available for public washroom facility at Crane Lank, and the need for a DNR land exchange at Ash River. She will be working on the issues and concerns.

Sara Lindberg went over the action items tracking sheet and invoices. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner McBride to pay the invoices. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 and the next meeting is set for February 19th at 10:00. The meeting adjourned at 12:20

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary