



## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Julie Kennedy, Randy Jenniges, Mike Larson, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: August 17, 2012

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - August 2012  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLCO 118965

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting held was at 1:00 p.m. at the Land Dept building on July 18, 2012. See the attached meeting minutes for details. No August meeting due to the Kabetogama and DNR meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on September 12 at the Land Dept building in Cook.

### **Funding**

- 2012 Capital Project Grant Program  
As stated in the July Meeting packet, Koochiching County has applied for \$7.5M for the Island View project. The Commissioner has not made his recommendations as of yet but is expected soon. As you may recall, the fund contains \$47.5 million and there were \$288 million in requests.
- Proposed Changes to PFA's Grant Program  
We continue to track the anticipated changes of the program described in detail in the July update and will tailor future requests as appropriate. Again, the anticipated changes are favorable to the proposed projects within VNPCWJPB.

### **Crane Lake - Handberg Extension**

We have sent an email to Colleen Landkamer, USDA RD Director, requesting a meeting in the beginning of September to discuss the project. We are eagerly awaiting a response.

### **Kabetogama / DNR Involvement**

The project is in the design phase and the details of it are being worked out. Randy Jenniges presented the preliminary collection system design at the meeting. Individual meetings with property owners and comments received during and after the meeting provided great insight into the specifics of the collection system design. Residents will be receiving exhibits in the mail the first week of September showing the design on their individual properties so that they can approve it or make any additional recommendations.

There have been several correspondences between SEH and the local DNR representatives and progress is being made on the specifics of the DNR's involvement and approval at Puck's Point. We have preliminarily agreed to a wastewater treatment facility site, winter disposal site, and a winter disposal area.

A big thank you goes out to the County Commissioners that attended the Kabetogama project meeting on August 7, 2012. Not only did the Commissioners help us get DNR representation at the meeting, but also met with DNR Commissioner Landwehr the next day. With these efforts, we are happy to report that Craig Engwall, DNR Regional Director, has been given the authority to work out the details of the Woodenfrog Campground land transaction efforts without requiring the involvement of the Saint Paul office.

## **Contract**

The contract has been reviewed by the St. Louis County Attorney and is currently being signed. We expect it to be fully executed the week of August 20, 2012. For the next meeting update, SEH will submit an itemized invoice for the work completed.

## **Next Month's Game Plan**

- Continue to track the revisions to PFA's Technical Assistance Grant program and develop the applications.
- Continue to work on the Legacy application for submittal in September of 2012.

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

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

Att: VNPCWJPB Minutes from July 18, 2012

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## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING July 18, 2012**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Cook Land Department on July 18, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Commissioner Pavleck. VNP Clean Water JPB members present were: Koochiching County Commissioners Brian McBride and Wade Pavleck. St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Forsman and granddaughter Shelby were also in attendance.

There were no public comments. Upon motion of Commissioner McBride, seconded by Commissioner Forsman, the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting of the VNP Clean Water JPB meeting were unanimously approved.

Julie Kennedy, S.E. H. Engineering discussed her memorandum that included an update on funding, DNR involvement in the Comprehensive Plan, and JPB contract. She said there will be a meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Kabetogama to provide an update on the Puke's Point project. Craig Engwall, DNR representative, is working with Kabetogama on the DNR land issues and is hoping to have some resolution prior to the meeting.

Kabetogama – Bob Nevalainen talked about the Puck's Point project land issues and the August meeting. There was additional discussion about DNR's involvement.

Ash River –Nothing new to report and there was no advisory board representative present

Crane Lake - Rob Scott stated that there is still a need for cost overrun funds for the CSAH 24 project and the new culvert installation. He requested a response from the Environmental Services offices. The CLWSD continues to work the funds for the Handberg Road extension and has written support from USDA RD to consider the \$1,750,000.00 Federal funding request. The sewer district received a DNR letter committing support for the 2013 bonding proposal and confirmed DNR's intent to maintain the continuity of revenue to the CLWSD.

Koochiching - Dale Olson passed on that the Island View project has a DEED grant in work. He is also working with the County on JPB budgeting support.

VNP – Jody Tableporter, executive director VNP, is working with S.E.H. on funding and overall project support from the park and other advocacy groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm by Commissioner Pavleck and the next meeting is set for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. A JPB update packet will be sent out from S.E.H. in August.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary