

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Saint Louis County Public Works Building
9558 Ashawa Rd
Cook, MN 55732
April 15, 2026, 10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St Louis County), Jason Sjoblom (Koochiching County), Ricky Roche (Koochiching County), Mike Jugovich (St Louis County)

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama) David Sahli (MPCA), Steven Schultz (VNP), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Cameron Bruce (SEH), Deb Sanders (Ash River)

1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM by Chair McDonald
2. Public Comments
 - a. None
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026
 - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Jugovich motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
 - a. Ash River
 1. Treatment system design nearly complete.
 2. CDS Applications in progress
 3. CWC presentation scheduled for March 23rd.
 4. Jason and Jeff attended 4/11 budget and outcomes meeting for CWC request.
 - b. Kabetogama
 - i. Continued engineering
 - ii. Continued field work (Soil Borings, Archaeology, etc) for spring/summer 2026.
 - iii. Anticipate submitting Facility Plan to the MPCA in the summer of 2026.
 - c. Crane Lake
 - i. Not in attendance. No significant updates.
 - d. Koochiching County
 - i. No significant updates.
 - ii. RV Park connection construction completes and in project closeout phase. (43 RV Sites)
 - e. VNP

- i. Power line project to Kettle Falls, contracting for construction underway. 2026 and 2027 construction project.
 - ii. Water and wastewater system upgrade project update.
 - iii. General VNP update.
 - f. DNR
 - i. Not in attendance, no updates.
 - g. MPCA
 - i. Processing recent pay requests from Kabetogama and Crane Lake
 - ii. MPCA will start working on the FY27 Grant Amendments for Crane Lake and Kabetogama before July 1. Contracting specialist assigned.
- 5. Project Funding
 - a. CWC Presentation March 23rd and Budget and Outcomes Meeting on April 11th recap.
- 6. Pay Invoices
 - i. No invoices were available at the time of the meeting.
- 7. Other Business
 - i. None
- 8. Next Meeting
 - a. The next meeting will be May 20, 2026 (10AM) at the St. Louis Public Works building in Cook.
- 9. Adjournment:
 - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 10:43 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason J. Chopp.

Paul McDonald

6/24/2026

Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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