

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Frontier Resort
10141 Ash River Trail
Orr MN
August 20, 2025

Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St Louis County), Destry Hell (Koochiching County), Jason Sjoblom (Koochiching County)

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama), Laura Bellasalma (VNP), Allie Vollhaber (SEH) Loyd and Lori Hautajarvi, Michael and Wendy Pedginski

1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 10:01 AM by Chair McDonald
2. Public Comments
 - a. None
3. Approval of Minutes of July 30, 2025, Meeting
 - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Hell motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
 - a. Ash River
 1. Brief Presentation by Allie at SEH
 - b. Kabetogama
 - i. Design and field work continues into summer/fall of 2025.
 - ii. Currently in phase 3 of the land swap process with the DNR.
 - c. Crane Lake
 - i. 2025 ISTS construction continues
 - d. Koochiching County
 - i. RV Park connection construction is close to complete. Waiting on power easement and power supply line for final operations.
 - e. VNP
 - i. The visitors' Center mound removal continues.
 - ii. Water system project at Whispering Pines for employee housing.
 - f. DNR
 - i. Not in attendance, no updates.
 - g. MPCA
 - i. Not in attendance, no updates
5. Project Funding
 - a. No updates. Will connect with CWC after Labor Day for future discussion regarding changes into application and scoring process.

6. Pay Invoices

- a. The following July 2025 invoices were presented to the board.
 - i. \$2,500 Costin Group

- b. Commissioner Sjoblom/Hell motioned to approve the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Other Business

- i. New MMB resolution for Ash River. This will be submitted to and approved by Saint Louis County next month.

8. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be September 24, 2025 (10AM) in Crane Lake

9. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner's Hell/Sjoblom motioned to adjourn at 10:31 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.



Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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