

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Saint Louis County Public Works Building  
9558 Ashawa Rd  
Cook, MN 55732  
December 17, 2025, 10:00 AM

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

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Stegmeir (Kabetogama), Rob Scott (Crane Lake), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Deb Sanders (Ash River), Cameron Bruce (SEH), Clarissa Spicer (DNR), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group), Ryan Logan (St. Louis County), Laura Bellasalma (VNP)

1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
  - a. Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair McDonald
2. Public Comments
  - a. None
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2025
  - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Hell motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
  - a. Ash River
    - i. No significant updates.
      1. Treatment design revisions. Property line adjustment survey work.
      2. Deb is going to set up a meeting with SEH and commissioner McDonald to discuss project progress and timeline.
  - b. Kabetogama
    - i. Majority of soil boring completed, to resume in 2026.
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    - iii. Continued design of collection system.
    - iv. Pending meeting with DNR and SEH and Kabetogama to discuss land swap.
  - c. Crane Lake
    - i. 5 new ISTS completed in 2025, 6 more planned for 2026.
    - ii. Winterization is complete.
    - iii. Discussion regarding biosolids disposal. Grand Rapids will no longer accept biosolids from the district.
  - d. Koochiching County
    - i. RV Park connection construction completes and in project closeout phase. (43 RV Sites)

- e. VNP
    - i. Reviewing winter operation plans. Working with DNR for permit for the Kettle Falls power line project.
  - f. DNR
    - i. Clarissa was in attendance from the DNR. Request for attendance by the DNR on an as needed basis.
    - ii. There is currently working on the Kabetogama land exchange.
  - g. MPCA
    - i. Not in attendance, no updates.
5. Project Funding
- a. Legislative session will start on February 17, 2026.
  - b. Upcoming CWC application in January 2026 for FY28/29 funding.
  - c. Unknown if a bonding bill will happen this session.
  - d. Will need resolutions to apply for funding at the January meeting.
6. Pay Invoices
- a. The following September invoices were presented to the board.
    - i. Costin Group - \$2,500
  - b. Commissioner Hell/Sjoblom motioned to approve the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Other Business
- i. None
8. Next Meeting
- a. The next meeting will be January 14, 2025 (10AM) at the St. Louis Public Works building in Cook.
9. Adjournment:
- a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Hell motioned to adjourn at 10:44 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

*Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason J. Chopp.*

*Paul McDonald*

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Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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