

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Kabetogama Town Hall
9707 Gamma Rd
Kabetogama, MN 5669
June 16, 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) Clarissa Spicer (DNR), Rob Scott (Crane Lake), Colin Marcusen (SEH), Allie Vollhaber (SEH), Larry Warrington (Kabetogama), Jodi Olson

1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by Chair McDonald
2. Public Comments
 - a. None
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2026
 - a. Commissioner Sjoblom/Jugovich motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
 - a. Ash River
 1. Completed draft plans and specifications. They have been submitted to the MPCA for review and approval.
 2. Finalizing additional permit applications
 3. Submitted IUP to PFA
 4. \$650,000 Grant remaining for future permitting and easement activities. SEH will develop a small contract to continue progress on the contract.
 5. Discussion on existing FY22/23 Ash River allocation of \$300,000. Crane Lake and Koochiching County will finalize work plans with MPCA to utilize funds.
 - b. Kabetogama
 - i. SEH provided an update on the project. Facility Plan has received preliminary approval from MPCA. The design process continues. 173 properties are included. 4-Mile-long project with 3 separate treatment sites proposed. SEH provided a brief presentation outlining the project specifics. (presentation attached to minutes)

- ii. Archaeology and soil borings are scheduled to continue in the summer of 2026.
 - iii. Approximately ~70% of the temporary private access licenses are now in place. Up from ~50% in 2025.
 - iv. Cannot access treatment sites and perform soil testing on DNR property until and transfer is in place.
 - v. Commissioner McDonald is coordinating a meeting with Clarrisa at the DNR to have a meeting to discuss details on the land exchange.
 - vi. John Stegmeir provided an update on subordinate service district formation and the planning area "A" which includes 44 properties.
 - c. Crane Lake
 - i. Rob Scott reported on ongoing ISTS service work.
 - d. Koochiching County
 - i. No significant updates.
 - ii. The County will be utilizing the additional funds reallocated from Ash River.
 - iii. RV Park connection construction completes and in project closeout phase. (43 RV Sites)
 - e. VNP
 - i. Not in attendance.
 - f. DNR
 - i. Next step is to have a meeting with the County. County would hope to get a lease from the DNR in advance of the land transfer so field investigations can be performed.
 - g. MPCA
 - i. No in attendance. The board thanked David Sahli on his diligence moving the Ash River funds to the other districts.
5. Project Funding
- a. June 15 memorandum provided by the Costin Group. The memo is attached to the meeting minutes.
6. Pay Invoices
- a. May invoices from:
 - b. SEH for \$957.24
 - c. Costin Group \$2,500
 - d. Baker Tilly \$1,995
 - i. Commissioner Jugovich/Sjoblom motioned SEH and Costin invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Other business.
- a. Summer meeting schedule
 - i. July 23, 2026, Koochiching County (10AM)
 - ii. August 24, 2026 – Ash River (10AM)
 - iii. September 30, 2026 – Crane Lake (10AM)

8. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be July 23, 2026 (10AM) at Island View Lodge.
- b. Commissioner's Roche/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 10:45 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason J. Chopp.

Paul McDonald

7/28/2026

Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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