Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes

Kabetogama Town Hall 9707 Gamma Rd, Kabetogama MN June 26, 2025

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

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama), Allie Vollhaber (SEH), Cameron Bruce (SEH), Larry Kez, Larry Warrington, Robert Benson

- 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 Minutes from May 21, 2025
 - a. Commissioner's Hell/Sjoblom 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 still being finalized with subconsultant.
 - 2. Ongoing property line survey work with St. Louis County.
 - b. Kabetogama
 - Presentation by SEH on Phase 2 project progress.
 - ii. General discussion regarding property owner permissions and project timeline.
 - c. Crane Lake
 - i. \$300,000 work plan in progress with MPCA for FY26 funding
 - d. Koochiching County
 - i. RV Park connection construction is approximately 90% complete.
 - e. VNP
 - i. Not in attendance, not updates.
 - f. DNR
 - i. Not in attendance, no updates.
 - g. MPCA
 - i. Work Plan in progress for FY26 Crane Lake Funds.
 - ii. Grant timeline extension approved in legislation for Ash River.

- 5. Project Funding
 - a. Memorandum provided by Costin Group. (Attached)

b. General funding discussion.

- c. Upcoming meeting with new CWC Administrator Jen Kader.
- 6. Pay Invoices
 - a. The following May 2025 invoices were presented to the board.

\$2,500 Costin Group

ii. \$3,912.65 SEH

- b. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Hell motioned to approve the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Other Business
 - Upcoming meeting dates and locations.

1. July 30th - Koochiching County

2. August 20th - Ash River

- 3. September 24th Crane Lake
- 8. Next Meeting
 - a. The next meeting will be July 30, 2025 (10AM) in Koochiching County
- 9. Adjournment:
 - a. Commissioner's Hell/Sjoblom motioned to adjourn at 10:41 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.

Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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