

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Saint Louis County Public Works Building
9558 Ashawa Rd
Cook, MN 55732
March 11, 2026, 10:00 AM

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

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Rob Scott (Crane Lake), David Sahli (MPCA), Laura Bellasalma (VNP), Matt Guin (Koochiching County), Cameron Bruce (SEH)

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 January 14, 2026
 - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Roche 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 meetings at the federal level for upcoming applications.
 3. CWC presentation scheduled for March 23rd.
 - b. Kabetogama
 - i. Continued engineering
 - ii. Continued field work (Soil Borings, Archaeology, etc) for spring/summer 2026.
 - iii. Commissioner McDonald discussed the land transfer situation with state Senators and Representatives on the land transfer process.
 - 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. Contractor is working with DNR for permit for the Kettle Falls power line project.
 - ii. Construction for 2026 and some in 2027.
 - iii. Rainy Lake Ice Road is Closed

SEH

- iv. Whispering Pines water system improvements design in progress.
- v. Future Kettle Falls Water/wastewater system upgrades.
- f. DNR
 - i. Not in attendance, no updates.
 - ii. DNR is asking the County to identify parcels for exchange. Commissioner McDonald to connect Clarissa with the information from the County.
- g. MPCA
 - i. MPCA will start working on the FY27 Grant Amendments for Crane Lake and Kabetogama before July 1.

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- 5. BL 26-02 2026 CDS Funding Application for Ash River
 - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Roche motioned to approve BL 26-02. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Project Funding
 - a. CWC Presentation March 23rd.

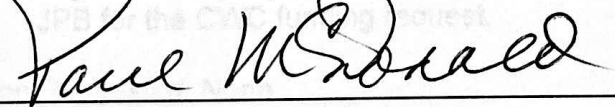
- 7. Pay Invoices
 - a. The following February invoices were presented to the board.
 - i. Costin Group - \$2,500
 - ii. SEH - \$2,366.80
 - b. Commissioner Roche/Sjoblom motioned to approve the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Other Business
 - i. None

- 9. Next Meeting
 - a. The next meeting will be April 15, 2026 (10AM) at the St. Louis Public Works building in Cook.

- 10. Adjournment:
 - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 10:22 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason J. Chopp.


 Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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