

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board  
Meeting Minutes  
St Louis County – Cook Public Works Building  
March 19, 2025

Board Members Present: Mike Jugovich (St Louis County), Adam McIntyre (Koochiching County), Jason Sjoblom (Koochiching County)

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Ryan Logan (St Louis County), Bob DeGross (VNP), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), David Sahli (MPCA), Shelly Patten (MNDNR), Laura Bellasalma (VNP)

1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
  - a. Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Vice-Chair Sjoblom.
2. Public Comments
  - a. None
3. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2025
  - a. Commissioner's Jugovich/McIntyre 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
    - i. Coordination with Archaeological subconsultant for summer work.
    - ii. Coordination with soil subconsultant for summer field work.
    - iii. Continued work on temporary easements.
    - iv. Ongoing property line survey work with St. Louis County.
  - c. Crane Lake
    - i. No updates
    - ii. HF478 to reduce the size of a quorum for small population sewer districts.
    - iii. Motion by Sjoblom/Hell for the JPB to submit a letter of support for HF478. Motion carried unanimously.
  - d. Koochiching County
    - i. Notice to award construction contract to Wagner Construction for RV Park Sewer Project.
  - e. VNP
    - i. Right of way and archaeology work update on removal of Rainy Lake Visitors Center dispersal drain field this summer.
  - f. DNR



- i. Shelly provided an update on Kabetogama. Ellen Pribyle DNR program consultant is developing a plan to evaluate the requests for state lands. The approach will be finalized in April. Kabetogama will be the pilot project. Ellen has been working with John and Cameron for Kabetogama. 3 Phase approach process being planned. Final phase will provide a recommendation. Shelly is retiring in April.
  - 1. Phase 1 – 30 days
  - 2. Phase 2 – 60-90 days
  - 3. Phase 3 – Recommendation to Leadership, timeline TBD

g. MPCA

- i. Koochiching County funding is under contract.
- ii. CWC funding is in current legislative session. MPCA will need funding allocations as soon as possible once legislation passes.

5. Project Funding

- a. Legislation session ongoing. Updates pending from Costin Group. Commissioner Jugovich recently testified for Ash River Bonding Request. Presentation went well, few questions received.

6. Pay Invoices

- a. The following February 2025 invoices were presented to the board.
  - i. \$2,500 Costin Group
  - ii. \$2,053.83 SEH
- b. Commissioner's Jugovich/McIntyre motioned to approve the February invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Other Business

- i. Summer meeting location schedule to be discussed in April.

8. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be April 16, 2025 (10AM) at Cook Public Works Building.

9. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner's Jugovich/McIntyre motioned to adjourn at 10:36 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

*Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.*

Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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