

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Crane Lake Visitors Center
7480 Crane Lake Rd
Crane Lake, MN 55725
September 24, 2025, 10:00 AM

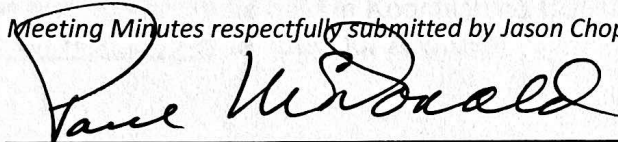
Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St Louis County), Adam McIntyre (Koochiching County), Jason Sjoblom (Koochiching County)

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama), Laura Bellasalma (VNP), Steve Schultz (VNP), JoAnn Pohlman (Crane Lake), Rob Scott (Crane Lake)

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 of August 20, 2025, Meeting
 - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/McIntyre motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
 - a. Ash River
 1. Upcoming bonding bill presentation on October 8, 2025.
 - b. Kabetogama
 - i. Design and field work continues into summer/fall of 2025.
 - ii. Currently in phase 3 of the land swap process with the DNR with no known timeline. This will impact design progress if land swap is unknown. The JPB would like to reach out to the DNR for formal updates.
 - c. Crane Lake
 - i. 2025 ISTS construction continues with 4-5 anticipated installations. The district is considering looking at the long-term operations and condition of the sand filters at the WWTP.
 - d. Koochiching County
 - i. RV Park connection construction is close to complete. The County is planning on looking at the next project for sewer expansion.
 - e. VNP
 - i. Update on the Kettle Falls power project.
 - ii. Updates on the Whispering Pines employee housing project.
 - f. DNR
 - i. Not in attendance, no updates.
 - g. MPCA
 - i. Not in attendance, no updates

5. Project Funding
 - a. Ash River Bonding Bill presentation on October 8, 2025.
6. Pay Invoices
 - a. Ryan Logan was not in attendance and no invoices were presented to the board.
7. Other Business
 - i. None
8. Next Meeting
 - a. The next meeting will be October 15, 2025 (10AM) at the St. Louis Public Works building in Cook.
9. Adjournment:
 - a. Commissioner's McIntyre/Sjoblom motioned to adjourn at 10:34 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.



Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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