

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday April 20, 2022  
St. Louis County Public Works Facility  
9558 Ashawa Rd. Cook, MN 55732  
10:00 a.m.

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the March 16, 2022
4. Comprehensive Plan
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
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**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**March 16, 2022**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board was held at USFS District Office in Cook. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Murray, and Commissioner McDonald. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the February 23, 2022, minutes. All voted in favor.

Comprehensive Plan update.

SEH has made revisions to some of the Crane Lake plan exhibits. Additional minor language will be added for clarification in the Rainy Lake District plan.

Ash River.

Public hearing was held on February 22, 2022. There were only a few comments recieved. The projected project cost was updated to \$22.7M.

Additionally, the Costin Group is working on getting legislation language together to extend the sunset date on the existing planning grant.

Kabetogama. MPCA/KAB/SEH will be working on the workplan for the upcoming facility plan for Phase II. The work plan must be completed and approved before work can start.

Crane Lake. The WWTP project is scheduled for bidding in April with summer construction.

Island View. Contract A and C are complete. There are still some issues with Contract B.

DNR.

Shelly Patten is the new DNR representative to the JPB.

MPCA.

There was a discussion regarding project contracts and funding.

VNP.

Bob DeGross talked about the continuing conversation regarding gray water planning in VNP with the MPCA. Discussions ongoing.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to pay the February Costin invoice and the S.E.H. invoices. All voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on April 20 at the St Louis County Public Works Facility in Cook.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 11:08. All voted in favor.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp (filling in for Rob Scott, secretary)

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US Forest Service Office LaCroix Ranger District  
320 US HWY 53 Cook, MN 55732  
10:00 a.m.

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**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**February 23, 2022**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the St Louis County Public Works Facility in Cook. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner Jugovich, Commissioner Murray, and Commissioner Nelson. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to pay the January Coston invoice and the S.E.H. invoices. All voted in favor.

The Comprehensive Plan update is ready for final draft. Comments were received on errors to the exhibits and houseboat operations in the project area. S.E.H. has for action.

Ash River. S.E.H. provided an update on the facility plan. and a hearing will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next step will be for the MPCA approval on the plan for final design in the summer of 2022.

Kabetogama. The Township has approved the Facility Plan contract with S.E.H. to begin working on the next phase of the Kabetogama sewer system.

Crane Lake. Work continues on the Management Plan and ISTS installations. The waste water treatment plant is in ready for March design approval. With a fall construction schedule.

Island View. Contract A and C are complete. There are still some issues with Contract B.

DNR. Shelly Patten is the new DNR representative to the JPB.

MPCA. There was a discussion regarding project contracts and funding.

VNP. Nothing to report.

Ryan Logen discussed funding and sun set dates.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for 1000 on 16 March at the St Louis County Public Works Facility in Cook.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary

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## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **January 19, 2022**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board was held on January 19, 2022 at the St. Louis County Public Works Facility in Cook. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, Nelson and Murray. All present introduced themselves and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Murray to approve the December 15, 2022 minutes. All voted in favor.

#### **Comprehensive Plan**

SEH provided the final Plan to the Board. General discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Murray and supported by Commissioner Nelson to approve the January 2022 Comprehensive Plan and put it out for public review and comment. All voted in favor.

#### **Ash River**

Deb was not in attendance. Jason provided an update that SEH working with the District to get a public hearing scheduled in February to discuss the final recommendations of the Facility Plan, which is the final step for approval by MPCA. Before the public hearing, SEH will update the costs and alternatives to today's dollars since the original plan was developed almost two years ago. After the public hearing the District will resubmit the Facility Plan with all necessary documentation of the public hearing. The plan should be approved by MPCA shortly after. The PPL application will also be updated as needed to change the funding amount. The IUP request will be submitted by June to put Ash River in the best position to receive funding, whether that be State or Federal Infrastructure Funding. Additionally, Mia is still working on easements to allow SEH to conduct further design geotechnical exploration during the spring through fall months of 2022.

#### **Kabetogama**

John was not in attendance. Jason provided an update that SEH is working on a contract for preparation of the Facility Plan and preliminary design for Areas K5-K9. SEH plans present the contract to the Township Board virtually at their meeting on February 8.



The Township has received the results of the preliminary on-site soils exploration done by Matrix Soils on a property the Township was interested in purchasing for future use as a treatment and dispersal site. The results are not as good as were hoped and the capacity for dispersal on this area won't be enough for all the project area. The Township is currently considering other properties.

#### Crane Lake

Rob Scott was not in attendance. Jason informed the group that there were no significant updates, as design continues on the WWTP upgrade project. Working towards project bidding and construction in 2022.

#### Koochiching County

Matt Gouin provided a general update. Island View Contract A and C are complete. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

#### VNP

Not in attendance

#### DNR

Not in attendance. It was recently identified that Shelly Patten will be replacing Patty Theilen

#### MPCA

Not in attendance

#### Project Funding

Jeff Anderson provided a funding and legislative overview. CWC will be accepting funding applications for FY24 and FY25 in the month of March with presentations anticipated in May. SEH will reach out discuss the district funding needs and connect with Jeff in the coming weeks. There was additional discussion regrading putting together a funding plan for Ash River construction dollars for the FY24 year. Multiple funding agencies will be considered for application.

#### Pay Invoices

Ryan Logan provided the invoices. A Costin invoice for \$2,500.00 for the month of December. S.E.H. invoices for \$2,909.22, and \$3,802.10 for the month of December. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Murray. All voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2022, at 10:00 at the Public Works Facility in Cook. There will be a remote call-in number provided to accommodate any public comments on the Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Murray and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp (filling in for Secretary Rob Scott)

**VOYAGERS NATIONAL PARK CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD  
MEETING NOTICE**

The Voyagers National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB) has approved to open for public review and comments the VNPCWJPB Comprehensive Wastewater Plan until February 23, 2022. To review and provide public comments to the comprehensive plan, please visit the [SEH project website](#).

The VNPCWJPB will convene beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The meeting will be conducted at the St. Louis County Public works Facility located at 9558 Ashawa Rd., Cook, Minnesota. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you may attend virtually by click on the Zoom meeting link below

[\*Zoom meeting link\*](#)

NANCY J. NILSEN, County Auditor-Treasurer

By: Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor

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## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **December 15, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board was held on December 15, 2021 at the St. Louis County Public Works Facility in Cook. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, and Murray. All present introduced themselves and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Murray to approve the October 20, 2021 minutes. All voted in favor.

#### **Comprehensive Plan**

SEH updated the board that 1 comment was received on the draft Comprehensive Plan regarding Ash River. No other comments were received. SEH will provide the final plan to the JPB in January for approval and it will be put out on 30 day public review.

#### **Ash River**

No significant updates. Mark St. Lawrence updated the group on the 25% local match to be provided by the County.

#### **Kabetogama**

The district intends to work with SEH to develop a scope and work plan for the upcoming facility planning of Phase 2. John updated the board that the planned Phase 2 treatment site may not have soil suitable for subsurface treatment.

#### **Crane Lake**

Rob Scott was not in attendance. Jason informed the group that there were no significant updates, as design continues on the WWTP upgrade project. Working towards project bidding and construction in 2022.

#### **Koochiching County**

No Updates. Island View Contract A and C are complete. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

VNP

Not in attendance

DNR

Not in attendance. Ryan provided a draft letter for recognition of Patty Theilen for her work to the board. Some edits were provided for the letter prior to being sent.

MPCA

Not in attendance

### Project Funding

Jason presented a funding allocation for the \$1.4M grants for FY22 and FY 23. FY22(Ash \$0, Kab \$300k, Crane \$200k, Kooch \$200k) FY23 (Ash \$300k, Kab \$0, Crane \$400k, Kooch \$0). The proposed allocations were review and accepted by each district. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Murray to approve the proposed funding allocations. All voted in favor.

### Pay Invoices

Ryan Logan provided the invoices. Two Costin invoices for \$2,500.00 for the months of October and November. S.E.H. invoices for \$9,566.04, \$1,152.07, \$2,073.00, and \$348.34 for the months of October and November. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner Murray and supported by Commissioner McDonald. All voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2022, at 10:00 at the Public Works Facility in Cook. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Murray to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:47.

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## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **October 20, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board was held on October 20, 2021 at the St. Louis County Public Works Facility in Cook. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, and Nelson. All present introduced themselves and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to approve the September 22, 2021 minutes. All voted in favor.

#### **Comprehensive Plan**

SEH provided the board and advisory board representatives with a draft copy for review. It was requested the board provide any final comments prior to the next JPB meeting.

#### **Ash River**

Archaeology report was completed and submitted to SHPO. No significant impacts were found. This information was submitted to the MPCA for review. Currently awaiting approval of the Facility Plan by the MPCA.

#### **Kabetogama**

John provided an overview of “good” feedback resulting in the CWC meeting in September. The district is continuing with the soils evaluation on the future treatment site. The district would like to move forward with the Facility Planning process this summer once funding is in place.

#### **Crane Lake**

Rob Scott was not in attendance but provided SEH with an update. Design continues on the WWTP upgrade project. Working towards project bidding and construction in 2022. ISTS installations are wrapping up for the year. The district is approaching 50 managed ISTS. The district is also working on updating and executing their Management Program to do work outside of the sewer district.

#### **Koochiching County**

Island View Contract A and C are complete. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.



VNP

Not in attendance

DNR

Not in attendance. Jason notified the group that Patty Thielen has moved on to another position. Motion was made by Nelson, supported by McDonald for the board to send a letter to Patty for all her work with the JPB. All voted in favor.

MPCA

Not in attendance

### Project Funding

Jason presented a draft funding allocation for the \$1.4M grants for FY22 and FY 23. After some discussion, the following changes were agreed to by the board. FY22(Ash \$0, Kab \$300k, Crane \$200k, Kooch \$200k) FY23 (Ash \$300k, Kab \$0, Crane \$400k, Kooch \$0). These allocations will be under review until the next meeting before final acceptance by the board. Commissioner Nelson requested that Crane Lake provide a current financial review of their ISTS operations to ensure the longevity of the program.

Jeff Anderson advised that applications be submitted to the CWC in March 2022 for 2023 Funding requests.

### Pay Invoices

Mark St Lawrence provided the invoices. A Costin invoice for \$2500.00 and S.E.H. invoices for \$475, \$5,108.65, and \$2,434.44. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson. All voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2021 at 10:00 at the Public Works Facility in Cook. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:51.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp (filling in for Secretary Rob Scott)

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**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**22 September, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on September 22, 2021 at Arrowhead Resort in Kabetogama. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, Nelson, and Murray. All present introduced themselves and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes. All voted in favor.

Mark St Lawrence provided the invoices. The August Costin invoice for \$2500.00 and S.E.H. invoices for \$1,977.80 and \$1,960.65. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Pavleck introduced the agenda and presentation to the members of the Clean Water Council. Advisory Board Members from each district provided background information regarding the development of their respective sanitary districts along with added technical background provided by Jason Chopp and Colin Marcuson of SEH. There was general discussion regarding each district, accomplishments to date, and future plans.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2021 at 10:00 at the Public Works Facility in Cook. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:51.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp (filling in for secretary Rob Scott)

To: Voyageur National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board  
From: Jeff Anderson, Costin Group, Inc.

September 22, 2021

**Proposed Agenda**

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions.**
  - a. Welcome by Chair Pavleck
  - b. Introductions by VNPCWJP board members
  - c. Introductions by Clean Water Council guests
  - d. Introductions by other stakeholders
- 2) **Overview of Project**
  - a. History –Presented by Commissioner’s W. Pavleck and K. Nelson.
    - i. We will have detailed project maps on display.
  - b. What has been done, what is happening now, and what is planned. Individual Reports by: Matt Gouin (Koochiching County); Rob Scott (Crane Lake); John Stegmeir (Kabetogama); Deb Sanders (Ash River); Jason Chopp (SEH) and Colin Marcusen (SEH).
  - c. Funding History. Presented in handout.
  - d. Q&A
- 3) **Lunch**
- 4) **Pontoon Ride Tour of Work Done – Coordinated by Bob Degross**

Below are participant biographies. Members and staff from the Minnesota Clean Water Council joining us include Paul Gardner, Frank Jewell, Dick Brainerd, Jen McEwen and Jen Kader.

**Richard Brainerd:** Richard “Dick” Brainerd represents **city organizations** on the Council. Brainerd is a city council member of the City of Mahtomedi in Washington County, and has been a consultant in human resources and a former human resources executive and educator. His volunteer affiliations include Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota; Minnesota & Dakotas Regions American Red Cross; League of Minnesota Cities; and Conservation Minnesota. He is currently President of the Century College Foundation.

**Frank Jewell (Council Chair):** Jewell represents **rural county governments** on the Council. Jewell, of Duluth, is a St. Louis County Commissioner. Elected in 2010, he is in his third term as a Commissioner. He is a member of Association of Minnesota Counties and a former Duluth City Councilor. Prior to his election, he was the Executive Director of Men as Peacemakers, a Duluth nonprofit working throughout the state. His interest in the environment and clean water stems from 40 years of using the lakes, streams, and woodlands of northeastern Minnesota.

**Jen Kader:** Kader represents **environmental organizations** on the Council and is Senior Program Manager at Freshwater in St. Paul. She is a trained and practiced process facilitator whose work

involves strategic and collaborative planning efforts for the purpose of improving surface water quality, ensuring safe and reliable groundwater for future generations, increasing climate resilience of our natural and built water systems, and enhancing the governance of water at state and local levels.

**Jen McEwen:** McEwen is the **Minnesota State Senator** for District 7, which includes most of Duluth. She is a Duluth native who earned her law degree from Hamline School of law and has worked in Duluth as an attorney. McEwen served as ranking minority member on the Senate Labor and Industry Policy Committee and also serves on the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Committee; and Transportation Finance and Policy Committee. She also serves as a Senate representative on the Minnesota Clean Water Council.

**Paul Gardner** has held the position of **Administrator** since January of 2019. He spent 20 years in the recycling and solid waste industry, including as Executive Director of the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM). Gardner served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2007 to 2010, representing part or all of six communities in Ramsey and Anoka Counties. Originally from the Virginia suburbs of Washington, DC, Gardner has lived in Shoreview since 1997. He holds a B.A. from Grinnell College in Iowa and an M.P.A. from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. Gardner is a volunteer Minnesota Water Steward and Water Conservation Advisor in his community through a program developed by Freshwater.

# VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting

Wednesday September 22, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Name	Representing	e mail
Colin Marcussen	SEH	cmarcussen@sh inc. com
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John Stegmeier	Kabetogama Township	richard@stegmeier.com
Dick Brainerd	Clean Water Council	comcast.net
Theresa Haugen	Glenn Skuta of CWC	theresa.haugen@stsk.mn.us
Brigitte Master	Kab Township	brigitte.master@gmail
Carol Pavleck	Kooch	
Gery English	Self-Owner	gery.english@gmail
Deb Sanders	Ash River	MN
Jen McEwen	Clean Water Council - Senate	sen.jennifer. mcewen@ senate.mn
Jen Kader	Clean Water Council	j.kader@freshwater.org
FRANK JEWELL	" " "	jewellf@stlouiscountyga.gov
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PAUL McDONALD	SLC	
KEITH NELSON	SLC	
MARK ST LAWRENCE	SLC	
ALAN LOGAN	SLC	
MIKE LARSON	SEH	
WADE PAVLECK	KOOCH	
TERRY MURRAY	KOOCH	



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: October 20 2021

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 161658

### Board Meetings

The last meeting was held in Koochiching County on September 22, 2021

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### Comprehensive Plan Update

SEH has provided the board with a draft copy of the final Comprehensive Plan for review.

### Ash River

Archaeology Report was completed and submitted to SHPO. No significant impacts were found. This information was submitted to the MPCA for review. Currently waiting on approval of the Facility Plan by the MPCA.

Action Requested: None

### Kabetogama

#### Phase II

No updates

The district would like to move forward with the Facility Planning process this summer once funding is available.

Action Requested: None

### Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District

Design and permitting continues for the WWTP Project with a late summer construction start depending on permitting timelines.

Action Requested: None

Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., 615 9th Street N. Virginia, MN 55741

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**Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

Contract A and C are complete. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

Action Requested: None

**Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

If you have any questions regarding these items, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

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Cc: VNPCWJPB Advisory Committee, Koochiching and St. Louis County Environmental Services staff, Project Area residents (upon request)

Att: SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice

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## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns/Comments
<b>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</b>	<b>\$19,500,000</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA</b>	<b>County Responsible, multiple easements</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	Koochiching County	\$30,000	Received	
	Koochiching County	\$400,000	Received	Used to complete design work
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$100,000	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2014	\$7,817,800	Secured	
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$1,000,000	Secured	\$2m awarded, \$940,000 Kab, \$60k Crane
	2016 US Army Corp (\$4.5m, \$100k to Corp)	\$4,400,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2017	\$2,000,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$1,200,000	Secured	\$2m awarded, \$50k Kab, \$450k to Ash, \$300k to Crane
	anticipated assessment	\$3,600,000		

KABETOGRAMA TOWNSHIP				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>Puck's Point San Swr &amp; WWTF</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high</b>	
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	IRRRB, 2009	\$50,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$0	Secured	
	IRRRB, 2010	\$129,349	Secured	
	PFA, 2013	\$0	Secured	
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$274,619	Secured	Loan @ 1% over 20 years
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$1,098,476	Secured	Grant
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$940,000	Secured	\$850k approve but not used. Interim financing used
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$50,000	Secured	
	MN Rural Water Loan	\$0	Secured	
	MPFA PSI Grant	\$1,864,929	Secured	
	DNR Capital Contribution	\$70,248	Secured	
	Other Levied Township Sources	\$42,944	Secured	

ASH RIVER - CURRENTLY UNORGANIZED				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
	<b>\$5,500,000</b>			
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$450,000	Secured	
	St. Louis County	\$90,000	Secured	
	Clean Water Legacy	\$905,000	Pending	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
Project	Project Cost		Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>CSAH 24</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>			<b>Construction Complete 6/11</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$150,000	Received	
<b>Handberg Marine</b>				
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$60,000	Secured	
	Bonding Bill, 2014	\$750,000	Secured	
	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Secured	
<b>ESA &amp; Bear Island</b>				
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	MPCA National Park Grant Program, 2014	\$1,500,000	Secured	ESA & Bear Island
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$300,000	Secured	
Managed ISTS	Clean Water Legacy	\$600,000	Pending	

\$27,070,252 Outside Funding Source Funds

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday September 22, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the August 18, 2021
7. Pay Invoices
8. Clean Water Council Presentation
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**18 August, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on August 18, 2021 at Scott's Resort on Crane Lake. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald and Nelson. All present introduced themselves and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the July 28, 2021 minutes. All voted in favor.

The updated Comprehensive Plan is being modified to include the comments received. September the draft plan will be provided to the JPB for review and comment.

Ash River. The Archaeological Center has finished their onsite work. Easements to be sent to property owners. Upon completion the next step is to put the facilities plan together. The goal is to complete the plan over the winter.

Kabetogama. Working on acquiring the land for the treatment plan.

Crane Lake. Treatment plant designing and permitting continues. Anticipate construction in the spring.

Island View. The project is operational. Finalized contracts A and B. Working on issues with contract C.

DNR. The land exchange is finalized.

MPCA. The JPB to receive Legacy funds: \$700K in FY22 and FY23. \$600K to Crane Lake and \$800K to the other areas. Representatives from the Clean Water Counsel to attend the September JPB meeting.

VNP. There are monthly meetings scheduled at HQ to discuss issues and concerns. Working with Kabetogama on phase II project. There was a discussion on grey water dumping in the park.

Mark St Lawrence provided the invoices. The July Costin invoice for \$2500.00 and S.E.H. invoices for Comp Plan \$950.00 and Ash River \$2306.96, and JPB \$2131.06. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson. All voted in favor. Mark introduced his replacement to the board Ryan Logan.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for September 22, at 1000 at the Arrowhead Lodge on Rainy Lake. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:01.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday August 2021  
10:00 a.m.

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the July 28, 2021
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding Budget
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **July 28, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board was held on July 28, 2021 at Sha Sha Resort near International Falls. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners Murray and Nelson. All present introduced themselves and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Murray to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes. All voted in favor.

#### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Jason Chopp informed the group that is his in a holding pattern until each district provides comment and/or approves their section of the comprehensive plan update. He requested that these approvals be completed in August if possible.

Ash River. Duluth Archaeology has completed their field work and is working on the report. Once completed, SEH will submit the report to the MPCA as part of the Facility Plan process. Fryberger is currently working on the easement agreements for property owners. Once these are in place and the Facility Plan is approved, individual property soil borings can take place.

Kabetogama. No real updates. John stated that they are still proceeding with land negotiations for the Phase 2 treatment property site.

Crane Lake. Treatment plant upgrades being finalized to go out for bid. ISTS installations continue.

Island View. Contract C is closed. Contract A should be Closed in August. Contract B remains open with pending litigation.

DNR. No Updates

MPCA. No Updates

VNP. Nothing to report.

### Pay Invoices

Mark St Lawrence provided the invoices. invoice for \$2500.00 and two S.E.H. invoices totaling \$10,191.35. There was also an invoice from WGH for \$2,500. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Murray. All voted in favor.

### Other Business

It was discussed to invite members of the Clean Water Council to an upcoming meeting. It was determined to have the Costin Group to invite the members to the September meeting in Kabetogama

The next planned meeting is scheduled for August 18 at 10:00 at a Crane Lake. The September meeting will be scheduled for September 22 in Kabetogama. A motion was made by Commissioner Murray and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:57

Submitted by: Jason Chopp (filling in for Rob Scott, secretary)



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: August 18, 2021

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 161658

### Board Meetings

The last meeting was held in Koochiching County on July 28, 2021

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### Comprehensive Plan Update

SEH has provided each district a copy of their draft plan sections for review and approval. Once approved the final plan will be assembled and presented to the JPB.

### Ash River

Duluth Archaeological Center (DAC) finished their onsite work. There are only a few areas of concern, and those areas should be avoidable during construction. DAC will finalize their report and it will be sent to the MPCA as part of the Facility Plan approval process.

Fryberger is working sending out the easement agreements to property owners. After the agreements are signed, and the Facility Plan is approved, the next step will be soil borings on individual properties. If this can be completed this summer, final design can proceed over the fall/winter season. The next sanitary district meeting is August 2 at 11am.

Action Requested: None

### Kabetogama

#### Phase II

No updates

The district would like to move forward with the Facility Planning process this summer once funding is available. SEH will help coordinate soil testing on the potential wastewater treatment plant site for this summer.

Action Requested: None



## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

Design and permitting continues for the WWTP Project with a late summer construction start depending on permitting timelines.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

Contract A and C are complete. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

If you have any questions regarding these items, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

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Cc: VNPCWJPB Advisory Committee, Koochiching and St. Louis County Environmental Services staff, Project Area residents (upon request)

Att: SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice

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## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns/Comments
<b>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</b>	<b>\$19,500,000</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA</b>	<b>County Responsible, multiple easements</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	Koochiching County	\$30,000	Received	
	Koochiching County	\$400,000	Received	Used to complete design work
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$100,000	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2014	\$7,817,800	Secured	
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$1,000,000	Secured	\$2m awarded, \$940,000 Kab, \$60k Crane
	2016 US Army Corp (\$4.5m, \$100k to Corp)	\$4,400,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2017	\$2,000,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$1,200,000	Secured	\$2m awarded, \$50k Kab, \$450k to Ash, \$300k to Crane
	anticipated assessment	\$3,600,000		

KABETOGRAMA TOWNSHIP				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>Puck's Point San Swr &amp; WWTF</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high</b>	
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	IRRRB, 2009	\$50,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$0	Secured	
	IRRRB, 2010	\$129,349	Secured	
	PFA, 2013	\$0	Secured	
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$274,619	Secured	Loan @ 1% over 20 years
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$1,098,476	Secured	Grant
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$940,000	Secured	\$850k approve but not used. Interim financing used
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$50,000	Secured	
	MN Rural Water Loan	\$0	Secured	
	MPFA PSI Grant	\$1,864,929	Secured	
	DNR Capital Contribution	\$70,248	Secured	
	Other Levied Township Sources	\$42,944	Secured	

ASH RIVER - CURRENTLY UNORGANIZED				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
	<b>\$5,500,000</b>			
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$450,000	Secured	
	St. Louis County	\$90,000	Secured	
	Clean Water Legacy	\$905,000	Pending	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
Project	Project Cost		Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>CSAH 24</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>			<b>Construction Complete 6/11</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887	Received	
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	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$60,000	Secured	
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	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Secured	
<b>ESA &amp; Bear Island</b>				
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	MPCA National Park Grant Program, 2014	\$1,500,000	Secured	ESA & Bear Island
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$300,000	Secured	
Managed ISTS	Clean Water Legacy	\$600,000	Pending	

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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday July 28, 2021  
11:00 a.m.

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the June 17, 2021
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding Budget
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - C. Crane Lake
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  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**17 June, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on June 17, 2021 at Frontier Resort on Ash River. The meeting was called to order at 13:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald and Jugovich. All present introduced themselves and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes. All voted in favor.

The updated Comprehensive Plan to be distributed by S.E.H. for review and comment.

Ash River. Colin Marcusen provided an update on the project. Working on components for the feasibility plan including soil borings and easements. Looking at fall to complete.

Kabetogama. Land acquisition in work for the expansion system.

Crane Lake. Treatment plant upgrades being finalized to go out for bid. ISTS installations continue.

Island View. The project is operational. Finalizing the contracts and working some minor punch list items.

DNR. Working the final administrative actions for the land exchange.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. There are monthly meetings scheduled at HQ to discuss issues and concerns.

Mark St Lawrence provided the invoices. The May Costin invoice for \$2500.00 and S.E.H. invoices for Comp Plan \$3325.00 and Ash River \$4556.72, and JPB \$2995.00. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich. All voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for July 28th at 1000 at a location to be determined. A motion was made by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 13:42.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: July 28, 2021

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 161658

### Board Meetings

The last meeting was held in Ash River on June 17, 2021

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### Comprehensive Plan Update

SEH has provided each district a copy of their draft plan sections for review and approval. Once approved the final plan will be assembled and presented to the JPB.

### Ash River

Duluth Archaeological Center (DAC) finished their onsite work. There are only a few areas of concern, and those areas should be avoidable during construction. DAC will finalize their report and it will be sent to the MPCA as part of the Facility Plan approval process.

Fryberger is working sending out the easement agreements to property owners. After the agreements are signed, and the Facility Plan is approved, the next step will be soil borings on individual properties. If this can be completed this summer, final design can proceed over the fall/winter season. The next sanitary district meeting is August 2 at 11am.

Action Requested: None

### Kabetogama

#### Phase II

No updates

The district would like to move forward with the Facility Planning process this summer once funding is available. SEH will help coordinate soil testing on the potential wastewater treatment plant site for this summer.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

Design and permitting continues for the WWTP Project with a late summer construction start depending on permitting timelines.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

Contract C is complete. Contract A is in the processes of closing out. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

If you have any questions regarding these items, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

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Cc: VNPCWJPB Advisory Committee, Koochiching and St. Louis County Environmental Services staff, Project Area residents (upon request)

Att: SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice

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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday June 17, 2021

1:00 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the May 2021 meeting.
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding Budget
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting



**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**17 June, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on June 17, 2021 at Frontier Resort on Ash River. The meeting was called to order at 13:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald and Jugovich. All present introduced themselves and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes. All voted in favor.

The updated Comprehensive Plan to be distributed by S.E.H. for review and comment.

Ash River. Colin Marcusen provided an update on the project. Working on components for the feasibility plan including soil borings and easements. Looking at fall to complete.

Kabetogama. Land acquisition in work for the expansion system.

Crane Lake. Treatment plant upgrades being finalized to go out for bid. ISTS installations continue.

Island View. The project is operational. Finalizing the contracts and working some minor punch list items.

DNR. Working the final administrative actions for the land exchange.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. There are monthly meetings scheduled at HQ to discuss issues and concerns.

Mark St Lawrence provided the invoices. The May Costin invoice for \$2500.00 and S.E.H. invoices for Comp Plan \$3325.00 and Ash River \$4556.72, and JPB \$2995.00. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich. All voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for July 28th at 1000 at a location to be determined. A motion was made by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 13:42.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday May 19, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Public Works Office Cook

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the March 17, 2021
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding Budget
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
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6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **21 April, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on April 21, 2021 at the Saint Louis County Public Works Office in Cook. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald and Nelson. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the March 17, 2020 minutes. All voted in favor.

The Comprehensive Plan continues to be worked by S.E.H. update is ongoing. All updates have been received. A draft copy will be available for review at the May meeting. Target date of July to complete.

Ash River. The project has received enough access permissions to begin archaeological services later this spring.

Kabetogama. The district plans to continue with the Facilities Planning process this summer once funding is available. S.E.H. will help coordinate soil testing on the potential wastewater treatment plant site for this summer.

Crane Lake. The Kicker Blvd annexation is off the agenda. Plant upgrade work is still in the development phase and anticipate work this fall. Plan is to install six ISTS sewers this summer. All winter operations were normal.

Island View. The project is operational. However, there are some close out issues still inwork. Looking into other possible areas for expansion.

DNR. S.E.H. is looking into the land exchange to see if it is still on track for completion in the Spring.

MPCA. Working with Crane Lake and Ash River grant contracts and everything is on track in working pay requests.

VNP. Nothing to report.

Jeff Anderson reported that we are on track to receive \$1.4 million of the \$1.55 million requested divided between FY22 and FY23.

. The March Costin invoice for \$2500.00 and S.E.H. invoices for Comp Plan \$2375.00 and Ash River \$6428.68. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson. All voted in favor.

Mark St Lawrence Ryan Logan is the designated invoice approver at St Louis county. Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald for Logan to be the line approver.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 1000 at the Public Works office Cook. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:46.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: May 19, 2021

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 156438

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was held in Cook on April 21, 2021

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

SEH will be providing final review and approval documents for each district by the end of May. Once approved the final plan will be assembled and presented to the JPB.

### **Ash River**

No Updates

The district has received enough access permissions to begin archaeological services later this spring.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No updates

The district would like to move forward with the Facility Planning process this summer once funding is available. SEH will help coordinate soil testing on the potential wastewater treatment plant site for this summer.

Action Requested: None

May 19, 2021

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## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

Design and permitting continues for the WWTP Project with a late summer construction start depending on permitting timelines.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

Contract C is complete. Contract A is in the processes of closing out. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

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## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
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<b>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</b>	<b>\$19,500,000</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA</b>	<b>County Responsible, multiple easements</b>
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KABETOGRAMA TOWNSHIP				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>Puck's Point San Swr &amp; WWTF</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high</b>	
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
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ASH RIVER - CURRENTLY UNORGANIZED				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
	<b>\$5,500,000</b>			
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$450,000	Secured	
	St. Louis County	\$90,000	Secured	
	Clean Water Legacy	\$905,000	Pending	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
Project	Project Cost		Project Status	Land Concerns
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	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Secured	
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	MPCA National Park Grant Program, 2014	\$1,500,000	Secured	ESA & Bear Island
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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday April 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Public Works Office Cook

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the March 17, 2021
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding Budget
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**17 March, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on March 17, 2021 at the ST Louis County Public Works Office in Cook. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald and Nelson. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes. All voted in favor.

The Comprehensive Plan continues to be worked by S.E.H. update is ongoing. Updates have been received from Kabetogama. Discussion will continue at the April JPB meeting with a target date of July to complete.

Ash River. The project is still in a waiting period as site access permissions remain from some property owners in order to proceed with the Archaeological services.

Kabetogama. The district plans to continue with the Facilities Planning process this summer once funding is available. S.E.H. will help coordinate soil testing on the potential wastewater treatment plant site for this summer.

Crane Lake. The Kicker Blvd annexation is still ongoing. There was a discussion on the process for the annexation including water studies, CLWSD survey sent to the residents, and the overall project. Commissioner Nelson stated that proactive steps are needed to ensure that we never reach pollution levels. A motion by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald for Crane Lake to continue to explore the possibilities for the annexation. All voted in favor.

Island View. The project is operational. However, there are some close out issues with Contract A and B.

DNR. S.E.H. is looking into the land exchange to see if it is still on track for completion in the Spring.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. Working with Kabetogama on the connection to the VNP facilities.

Mark St Lawrence provided an update on project funding and the Clean Water Council. The current amount in work is \$1.4 million and the goal is to get the number back to the original requested amount of \$1.55 million. The February Costin invoice for \$2500.00 and S.E.H. invoices for Comp Plan \$1944.92 and Ash River \$2041. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to agree to the March 8, 2021 letter from the Walker Accounting form for outlined services. All voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1000 at the Public Works office Cook. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: April 21, 2021

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 156438

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was held in Cook on March 17, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Draft Update segments were provided to the 4 districts in February. Revisions are currently underway based on initial comments received from the districts in March and early April.

### **Ash River**

The district has received enough access permissions to begin archaeological services later this spring.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No updates

The district would like to move forward with the Facility Planning process this summer once funding is available. SEH will help coordinate soil testing on the potential wastewater treatment plant site for this summer.

Action Requested: None

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## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

Design and permitting continues for the WWTP Project with a late summer construction start depending on permitting timelines.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

Contract C is complete. Contract A is in the processes of closing out. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

If you have any questions regarding these items, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

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Cc: VNPCWJPB Advisory Committee, Koochiching and St. Louis County Environmental Services staff, Project Area residents (upon request)

Att: SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice

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## Jason Chopp

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**From:** Jeff Anderson <jeff@costingroupmn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 10:23 AM  
**To:** Jeff Anderson  
**Cc:** Gary Cerkenik  
**Subject:** Update

Good morning:

I wanted to pass along news about the House Omnibus Legacy Finance bill, which includes Clean Water funding and our Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project funding. After 2 1/2 hours of debate, the bill, as amended, was passed 79-52 in the House last evening. It now moves to the Senate.

Here is a link to the full bill and our specific funding language is below. Please contact us if you have any questions. We expect the Senate to take their bill up soon.

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF1079&type=bill&version=3&session=ls92&session\\_year=2021&session\\_number=0](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF1079&type=bill&version=3&session=ls92&session_year=2021&session_number=0)

(h) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the second year are for a grant program for sanitary sewer projects that are included in the draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to restore the water quality of waters in Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be awarded to local government units for projects approved by the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be matched by at least 25 percent from sources other than the clean water fund.

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## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns/Comments
<b>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</b>	<b>\$19,500,000</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA</b>	<b>County Responsible, multiple easements</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
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KABETOGRAMA TOWNSHIP				
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	IRRRB, 2010	\$129,349	Secured	
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	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$50,000	Secured	
	MN Rural Water Loan	\$0	Secured	
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	DNR Capital Contribution	\$70,248	Secured	
	Other Levied Township Sources	\$42,944	Secured	

ASH RIVER - CURRENTLY UNORGANIZED				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
	<b>\$5,500,000</b>			
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$450,000	Secured	
	St. Louis County	\$90,000	Secured	
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CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
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	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$300,000	Secured	
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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

March 17, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Public Works Office Cook

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the February 24, 2021 JPB meeting
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding Budget
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Kabetogama
  - B. Ash River
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting



## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **24 February, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on February 24, 2021 at the ST Louis County Public Works Office in Cook. The meeting was called to order at 10:13 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, Nelson, and Murray. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

Gary Cerkenik provided an update on the status of our finding requests. It looks like there is a possibility that our \$1.4M request for legacy funds is still in the works. However, he advised that there are numerous competing interests at work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the December 16, 2020 minutes. All voted in favor.

The Comprehensive Plan update is ongoing. A draft copy of the plan was distributed for review and changes are to be sent to S.E.H. The target date for public comment is July. Commissioner Nelson emphasized that community input should be solicited.

Ash River. The Ash River sewer board is working through the administrative processes required in getting the sewer district operational. St Louis County is going to assist in being the financial manager.

Kabetogama. The work continues on Phase II of the sewer project. The site for the second treatment plant has been identified.

Crane Lake. The Kicker Blvd survey letters have been mailed out. Additionally, there was a discussion on an alternate option for funding that was presented by a representative from Kicker Blvd. No issues with the collection system and preparing for the 2021 construction season. There is a project underway to update the treatment plant. Some of the components are reaching the end of their service life and need to be upgraded.

Island View. The project is operational.

DNR. Land exchange on track for completion in the Spring.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. Nothing to report.

Mark St Lawrence is retiring, but will continue to work some projects for the county including the VNP Clean Water Project. The December Costin invoice (monthly services) for \$2500.00 and the S.E.H. invoice (Ash River and JPB consulting, Comp Plan work) for \$7932.71 were presented. There was a motion by Commissioner Nelson to pay the invoices and supported by Commissioner McDonald. All voted in favor. The January Costin invoice (monthly services) for \$2500.00 and the S.E.H. invoice (comp plan and consulting JPB and Ash River) were presented. A motion to pay the invoices was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson. All voted in favor.

A resolution was presented by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Muray that the JPB directs St. Louis County to issue a request for proposals to secure services to conduct an audit of the JPB. All voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1000 at the Public Works office Cook. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: March 17, 2021

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 156438

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on December 16, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Draft Update segments were provided to the 4 districts in February. So far, SEH has received comments back from Kabetogama.

### **Ash River**

Project is still in a waiting period as site access permissions remain from some property owners in order to proceed with Archaeological Services.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No updates

The district would like to move forward with the Facility Planning process this summer once funding is available. SEH will help coordinate soil testing on the potential wastewater treatment plant site for this summer.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The district is proceeding with design of the WWTP equalization project. Soil borings were completed in February. Design is scheduled for permitting in March and potential summer 2021 construction depending on permitting timelines.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

Contract C is complete. Contract A is in the processes of closing out. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
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If you have any questions regarding these items, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

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I appreciate the opportunity to speak again today to the Board. The potential annexation of Kicker Blvd. by the CLWSD continues to be opposed by Kicker Blvd residents but I am here today to introduce a possible solution not only for Kicker Blvd residents but the entire comprehensive planning area. I will be brief and high level so as not to take up too much of your time.

In a nutshell my plan revolves around the JPB securing grants to be able to offer incentives to property and business owners in the comprehensive planning area who are not otherwise connected to a centralized waste-water processing system. Under this concept a property owner could apply to receive a percentage, say 1/3 or the cost of installing a new or upgraded waste treatment system up to a max amount, say \$20,000. Of course, all such systems must comply with the applicable existing State and County regulations for such systems. The processing and administration of these grants would be handled by any of the local sewer districts within the comprehensive plan area. As compensation for administering the rebate program, each successfully processed application would result in that sanitary district receiving a one-time \$7,500 fee for their services. This is really no different than a federal rebate incentive program for installing solar panels on your home.

This is truly a Win-Win-Win

The JPB wins in many ways. First a \$1 million of grant now results in \$3 million of upgrades across the system. Second, the first come first served nature of the grant money creates scarcity and therefore encourages upgrades or installations sooner rather than later. Lastly, and most importantly, increased water quality across the area.

Local Sanitary districts win because they get a cash infusion into their systems for working with and assisting property owners in the community apply for the grants. They also save the time, hassle, expense, and liability of trying to service remote waste treatment systems in their area.

Property owners win, because the cost to install these systems is greatly reduced and there are no longer-term payments, taxes or additional regulations put upon their property.

The fact that the JPB has been able to secure over \$25 million in grants in support of the comprehensive plan to date is both commendable and enviable. I believe a uniform, equitable and comprehensive proposal like I just set forth that applies to all properties in the Comprehensive Plan Area would be well received by both property owners and those making the decisions to grant money towards this cause.

I would be happy to take any questions or hear any comments. As a quick disclaimer, with respect to this concept, these thoughts are my own and not necessarily reflective of the 25 properties on Kicker Blvd that continue to oppose annexation.

## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday February 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Cook Public Works Facility

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the December, 16 2020 JPB meeting
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **December 16, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on December 16, 2020 as a Virtual Videoconference Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, and Nelson. There was a public comment from Jay Kanive related to Kicker Blvd Annexation at the Crane Lake Sewer District. Commissioner Pavleck differed the comment to the Other Business segment of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes. All voted in favor.

The Comprehensive Plan update is ongoing. SEH is still waiting on existing septic system information for the future services areas in Koochiching County. Draft plan sections are under development for Ash River, Kabetogama, and Crane Lake. SEH continues to coordinate with each district as required. The completion of the final report will be extended to the end of June 2021.

#### **Ash River**

The project is currently in a waiting period as site access permissions remain from some property owners before archaeological field work can be performed.

#### **Kabetogama**

No Updates.

#### **Crane Lake**

Rob Scott informed the group that the current resolution for kicker blvd annexation has been tabled. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing regarding this annexation in the future. The district is currently proceeding with engineering design of WWTP improvements related to influent flow equalization. There were 5 managed ISTS installed in 2020 and the district intends to construct approximately 6 more ISTS during the 2021 construction season.

Island View. Project closeout is ongoing for all 3 contracts. Contract C is complete and is anticipated to have final acceptance on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contract A is near



completion and there are still some outstanding issues with Contract B. Project retainage is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

#### DNR

Patty provided an update that the DNR is still working on the title work for the Ash River land exchange. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> the exchange was approved by the Land Exchange Board. It is anticipated this process will be complete by the end of winter.

#### MPCA

No updates.

#### VNP

Bob did not have any updates but did field inquiries on current ice thickness around the park.

#### Project Funding

Gary informed the group that \$1.4 million was approved by legislature. The updated comprehensive plan will be used to assist in future funding requests.

#### Invoices

There was a motion by Commissioner McDonald to pay the October and November Costin Group Invoices. It was supported by Commissioner Nelson and all voted in favor. There was a motion by Commissioner McDonald to pay the 3 October and 2 November SEH Invoices for work with the JBP, Comp. Plan, and Ash River project. It was supported by Commissioner Nelson and all voted in favor.

#### Other Business

Kathy, Jay, John, and Bill were present to voice their opposition to the annexation of the Kicker Blvd area to the CLWSD. They were also seeking clarity as to what entity has the authority to authorize the annexation. Commissioner Nelson clarified that it was his opinion that the JPB supports the CLWSD's ongoing efforts to establish clean water through the expansion of the sewer district, however the JPB is not the governing body. That responsibility lies with the district and the township. Jay asked if the JPB website could be updated with current meeting minutes. Jason informed Jay that he would work on getting the website updated with the current meeting minutes.

The next planned meeting will be in February. Jason will coordinate with the Commissioners in late January to set the February meeting date. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Attendees:

Commissioners Pavleck, Nelson, McDonald

SEH: Jason Chopp

Costin Group: Gary Cerkenick

Ash River: None

Kabetogama: John Stegmier

Crane Lake: Rob Scott

Koochiching County: Matt Gouin

DNR: Patty Thielen

MPCA: None

VNP: Bob DeGross

Public: Kathy Slycord, Jay Kanive, John Sorteberg, Bill Sorteberg

Submitted by: Jason Chopp (Filling in for Secretary Rob Scott)



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: February 24, 2021

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 156438

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on December 16, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Draft Update segments have been prepared for each district to review. These will be distributed at the February Meeting.

### **Ash River**

Project is still in a waiting period as site access permissions remain from some property owners in order to proceed with Archaeological Services. There have been 4 more permissions received since December. This leave 31 with no response.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No updates

SEH did have a conversation with John regarding the Township possibly purchasing some land for Phase II treatment area. Colin recommended the Township engage with Matrix Soils to investigate the site before any purchase is considered.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The district is proceeding with design of the WWTP equalization project. Soil borings were completed in February. Design is scheduled for permitting in March and potential summer 2021 construction depending on permitting timelines.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

Contract C is complete. Contract A is in the processes of closing out. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns/Comments
<b>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</b>	<b>\$19,500,000</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA</b>	<b>County Responsible, multiple easements</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	Koochiching County	\$30,000	Received	
	Koochiching County	\$400,000	Received	Used to complete design work
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$100,000	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2014	\$7,817,800	Secured	
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$1,000,000	Secured	\$2m awarded, \$940,000 Kab, \$60k Crane
	2016 US Army Corp (\$4.5m, \$100k to Corp)	\$4,400,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2017	\$2,000,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$1,200,000	Secured	\$2m awarded, \$50k Kab, \$450k to Ash, \$300k to Crane
	anticipated assessment	\$3,600,000		

KABETOGRAMA TOWNSHIP				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>Puck's Point San Swr &amp; WWTF</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high</b>	
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	IRRRB, 2009	\$50,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$0	Secured	
	IRRRB, 2010	\$129,349	Secured	
	PFA, 2013	\$0	Secured	
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$274,619	Secured	Loan @ 1% over 20 years
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$1,098,476	Secured	Grant
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$940,000	Secured	\$850k approve but not used. Interim financing used
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$50,000	Secured	
	MN Rural Water Loan	\$0	Secured	
	MPFA PSI Grant	\$1,864,929	Secured	
	DNR Capital Contribution	\$70,248	Secured	
	Other Levied Township Sources	\$42,944	Secured	

ASH RIVER - CURRENTLY UNORGANIZED				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
	<b>\$5,500,000</b>			
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$450,000	Secured	
	St. Louis County	\$90,000	Secured	
	Clean Water Legacy	\$905,000	Pending	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
Project	Project Cost		Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>CSAH 24</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>			<b>Construction Complete 6/11</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$150,000	Received	
<b>Handberg Marine</b>				
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$60,000	Secured	
	Bonding Bill, 2014	\$750,000	Secured	
	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Secured	
<b>ESA &amp; Bear Island</b>				
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	MPCA National Park Grant Program, 2014	\$1,500,000	Secured	ESA & Bear Island
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$300,000	Secured	
Managed ISTS	Clean Water Legacy	\$600,000	Pending	

\$27,070,252 Outside Funding Source Funds

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday December 16, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Virtual GoTo Meeting

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the October 21, 2020 JPB meeting
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding Budget
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Kabetogama
  - B. Crane Lake
  - C. Koochiching
  - D. VNP
  - E. DNR
  - F. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING October 21, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on September 16, 2020 at the VNP Headquarters in International Falls. Many of the attendees participated via videoconference. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, and Nelson. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the September 16, 2020 minutes. All voted in favor.

The Comprehensive Plan update is ongoing. SEH is still waiting on existing septic system information for the future services areas in Koochiching County. Draft plan sections are under development for Ash River, Kabetogama, and Crane Lake. SEH has coordinated with each district as required.

### **Ash River**

District Meeting was held on September 29 to update members of the project status. Mia from Fryberger Law attended the meeting to field some legal decisions that were pending. The board agreed to have Fryberger start preparation of blanket easements necessary to proceed with soil borings. The board agreed to proceed with Owner's Encumbrance Reports on each property to establish title commitments. The board also agreed that Fryberger should attempt to obtain consent from the lenders through which the mortgage is established for each property. Archaeological review process and EDU assignments were also discussed. Mark St. Lawrence provided the update that the \$905,000 grant agreement is in the approval process.

### **Kabetogama**

No Updates.

### **Crane Lake**

Rob Scott was not in attendance to provide any updates. Dan Gerlach, Mary Mehus, Bill Sorteberg, and Kathy Slycord were in attendance as property owners in the Kicker Blvd area. They each made statements in opposition to the proposed

annexation of Kicker Blvd to the Crane Lake Water and Sewer District. The district has received multiple comments and questions from Kicker Blvd property owners and will work on addressing those questions with the Joint Powers Board and respond accordingly.

Island View. The final punch list items are continuing to be worked through. The 5% retainage is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

#### DNR

No updates since the last meeting.

Land exchange on track for the December meeting.

#### MPCA

No updates.

#### VNP

No Updates.

#### Project Funding

A project funding overview was provided by the Costin Group. The current grant request amount of \$1.4 million was approved. Gary notified the board that we will be applying for additional funding in June.

#### Invoices

There was a motion by Commissioner McDonald to pay the September Costin Group and S.E.H. invoices. It was supported by Commissioner Nelson and all voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1000 at the VNP Head Quarters. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp (Filling in for Secretary Rob Scott)





## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: December 16, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 156438

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on October 21, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Progress continues for the plan development. Draft future services area maps have been developed for all districts. SEH has the St. Louis County existing septic data but still needs existing septic data from Koochiching County for the future service areas.

### **Ash River**

Project is currently in a waiting period as site access permissions remain from some property owners in order to proceed with Archaeological Services.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No updates

SEH did confirm with John regarding the service areas so they could be included in the Comp. Plan Update.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The district recently received an evaluation report from SEH for needed improvements at the WWTP and is proceeding to the design phase.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

Contracts A and C are in the processes of closing out. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B. Contract retainage (5%) is currently still being held on each contract until they are closed out.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

October 21, 2020

10:00 a.m.

VNP Headquarters – International Falls

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the September 16, 2020 JPB meeting
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  - A. Ash River
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## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **16 September 15, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on September 16, 2020 at the Kabetogama Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, Nelson, and McBride. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McBride to approve the August 19, 2020 minutes. All voted in favor.

The Comprehensive Plan update is ongoing. There is an electronic copy being compiled. Anticipate a draft copy for the JPB in November and estimate that it will be completed in the late January timeframe.

Ash River. S.E.H. submitted the work plan and schedule to the MPCA on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The land swap meeting is scheduled for December.

Kabetogama. Work is ongoing to collect information on land owner sewer status. S.E.H. is collecting information for the Comprehensive Plan.

Crane Lake. There was an extensive discussion regarding the proposed annexation of Kicker Blvd. into the CLWSD. The property owners have numerous questions and concerns about the initiative. Rob provided an update on the public meeting and that the CLWSD is tabling the resolution until some of the issues are worked out. The key issue is the need for the annexation. Gary Cerkenik provided an overview on how the state is funding clean water projects. Commissioner Nelson made a motion for the JPB to develop a mission statement and that the CLWSD should continue the annexation process. Commissioner McBride supported and all voted in favor. The district anticipates 5 new installations for the 2020 season. Work continues on the treatment plant updates.

Island View. The final punch list items are continuing to be worked through. The 5% retainage is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

DNR. Land exchange on track for the December meeting.

MPCA. S.E.H. to get MPCA to attend the next JPB meeting.

VNP. Nothing to report.

A project funding overview was provided by the Costin Group. The key will be the state bonding bill which still has a chance to get approved. The final amount around \$1.4 million. There was a motion by Commissioner McDonald to pay the July and August Costin Group and S.E.H. invoices. It was supported by Commissioner Nelson and all voted in favor.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1000 at the VNP Head Quarters. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:31.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: October 21, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
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### **Board Meetings**

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### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Progress continues for the plan development. Draft future services area maps have been developed for all districts. SEH has the St. Louis County existing septic data but still needs existing septic data from Koochiching County for the future service areas.

### **Ash River**

Sanitary Sewer District Meeting was held on September 29, 2020 to update members on the status of the project. Mia Thibideau, Fryberger Law Firm, attended the meeting as well and several legal decisions were made in order to keep the project moving forward:

- Board agreed to have Fryberger begin to prepare blanket easements for each property such that soil borings can be done to look for presence of rock, which will aide in design of the collection system.
- For the easement process, the Board agreed to proceed with Owner's and Encumbrances Reports on each property to establish Title Commitments.
- Board agreed that Fryberger should attempt to obtain consent from the lenders through which the mortgage is established for each property.

The board also discussed the archaeological review process and preliminary EDU assignments for future ordinance preparation.

On October 15, Colin received a draft work plan and budget for the entirety of the future legacy funds grants - \$450,000 for FY 2020 and \$430,000 for FY 2021. Colin made some edits and returned the budget and work plan, on the 15th, to MPCA for processing. The grant dollars are scheduled to be used through June 2024.

Action Requested: None

## **Kabetogama**

### Phase II

No updates

SEH did confirm with John regarding the service areas so they could be included in the Comp. Plan Update.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The district recently received a evaluation report from SEH for needed improvements at the WWTP. The District continues with the annexation process of Kicker Blvd. An email regarding question from Kicker Blvd residents is included for discussion.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.**

No updates.

All 3 contracts continue to inch closer to final completion. Contract retainage (5%) is currently still being held.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday September 16, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Kabetogama Community Center

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6. Project Funding
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8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting



## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **August 19, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Crane Lake chapel on August 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner McDonald and Commissioner Nelson. Commissioner Pavleck welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the July 15, 2020 minutes. All voted in favor.

Jeff Anderson provided a legislative update. He discussed the challenges during this legislative session. There is nothing definitive regarding funding applications and bonding bill. The good news is that the Clean Water Council is supporting our funding request.

Jason discussed the ongoing work on the Comprehensive Plan. The plan has been updated with the Crane Lake input and the other areas continue to be worked. Ash River input will be driven by the facility plan. Anticipate a major update in September. Commissioner Nelson emphasized that the plan needs to be worked with the local government entities.

Ash River. Work continues on the facilities plan. The sewer board is working through the easement process and rate structure options. The county continues to work the support funding for the project.

Kabetogama. Nothing new to report. The 5 new districts have been approved by referendum. Anticipate funding requests in 2021.

Crane Lake. ISTS installations are ongoing and work continues on the Management Program. There is a scheduled town and district meeting scheduled to discuss the proposed Kicker Blvd annexation. Continue to work with S.E.H. on the comprehensive plan.

Koochiching. Substantial completion and punch list items have been issued to the contractors. The contract retainage is being held until the contracts are fully competed.

DNR. Nothing to report.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. /The Superintendent provided an update on the Land and Water funding program.

There was a motion by supported by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to pay the July Costin Group invoice (\$2500.00) and the June and July S.E.H. invoices (\$3259.30 and \$1921.09) All voted in favor.

The planned meeting is scheduled for 16 September at 10:00 at the Kabetogama Township Community Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary

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## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: September 16, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
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### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on August 19, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Draft plan sections for Crane Lake Kabetogama have been developed. SEH is waiting on Koochiching County to approve desired future service area before proceeding with that district evaluation. The Ash River portion of the plan will mirror the current facility plan and design that is underway. Further Updates should be expected in October.

### **Ash River**

SEH submitted the work plan and schedule to the MPCA on September 11. The next district meeting is September 29, 2020. The district attorney will also be present at the September meeting to help assist with legal questions from the Board.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No updates

SEH did have conversations with John regarding the service areas so they could be included in the Comp. Plan Update.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The CLWSD anticipates the installation of at least 3 ISTS for the 2020 season. The district is evaluating the need for possible improvements at the WWTP. The District continues with the annexation process of Kicker Blvd. Letter from citizens in response to the September Annexation Public Hearing is included for discussion.

Action Requested: None

**Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.** All 3 contracts continue to inch closer to final completion. Contract retainage (5%) is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

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September 10, 2020

Wade Paveleck  
Chair - Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board

Paul McDonald  
St. Louis County Joint Powers Board Representative

Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District Board Members

Dear Mr. McDonald, Mr. Paveleck and Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District Board Members:

We, the undersigned, are writing to inform you of serious concerns on the need, motives and process with respect to the Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District's ("CLWSD") proposed annexation of Kicker Blvd.

First and foremost, it was surprising to learn at the September 2, 2020 CLWSD Meeting (the "Meeting") that there was no environmental impact study or water quality study conducted to specifically assess the potential need to annex Kicker Blvd on the basis of environmental impact or the public health and welfare. There is actually evidence to support that water quality along Kicker Blvd. is not only high, but potable. The owners of 737 Kicker Blvd. tested water pulled from the lake this year and found that it was safe to drink. It is hard to imagine there is a water quality issue on Kicker Blvd. when owners are pulling potable water directly from the lake.

Secondly, a major selling point of this proposed annexation seems to be the promise of a "free" septic system with membership. As a citizen astutely pointed out in the Meeting, the all in first year costs of installing a septic system under the CLWSD's current program approaches over 50% of the cost of a typical system and then the owner of that system is on the hook for annual payments of roughly \$1,200/year thereafter for life. We request that a fulsome disclosure of all the costs of installing, maintaining, and operating a septic system under the CLWSD ordinances for the life of a system should be provided. This analysis should also (i) clearly illustrate a range of additional costs outside of the CLWSD charges for which a property owner is expected to be liable and (ii) incorporate any special or new charges anticipated by the CLWSD to service properties on Kicker Blvd since it is not connected to the centralized system and only accessible by water.

Third, having the "option" to join a sewer district for the price of \$7,500 plus over \$1,000/year in annual fees for a property owner that already has a working septic system is not really an option at all. Literally, no services are provided to such a property owner by the CLWSD in exchange for a rather large sum of money. Hopefully, this is clear that such a situation is inequitable. There is also no reason for even creating the aforementioned situation because Minnesota Statute 442A.05 Subd. 1 subpart (b) expressly states that an annexation can be effected on "*. . . an area or a group of two or more adjacent areas, whether contiguous or separate, . . .*" Given this express ability to annex non-contiguous areas, there appears to be no logical reason to annex any property that does not want to be annexed. The only requirement it seems from the Statutes is that there would be at least two parcels annexed. This course

of action is further supported by the fact that there is no infrastructure connecting the proposed area(s) to any centralized system. There is not even a road connecting the individual parcels. No good reason was given at the meeting as to why individual parcels could not be annexed by choice.

Fourth, the fee and tax structure of the proposed district is not equitable. Taxing properties in the district for administrative expenses on the basis of property values for a sewer and sanitary district is not equitable. The electric company does not assess a fee for service based on the value of properties, why should the sewer and sanitary district be any different? The administrative fees should be based on something like Equivalent Domestic Units as such term is defined in the CLWSD ordinances. Additionally, it appears that properties that choose to join the CLWSD are charged a monthly fee year-round. This type of fee structure strikes us as extremely inequitable for seasonal cabins that are not even physically hooked up to the centralized sanitary system. Furthermore, it seems preposterous to charge the same monthly fee to the owner of a septic system as for an owner hooked up to the centralized system. The CLWSD is not really providing the owner of a septic system any monthly service. The entire idea of Kicker Blvd. "hooking up" to the CLWSD system seems to be nothing more than a legal fiction.

Finally, we note that the Meeting failed to provide all the information as expressly required by Minnesota Statute 442A.05 Subd. 2 subpart (b). Minnesota Statute 442A.05 Subd. 2 subpart (b) states that: *"At the meeting, information must be provided, including a description of the existing sanitary district's structure, bylaws, territory, ordinances, budget, and charges; a description of the existing sanitary district's territory; and a description of the territory of the proposed annexation area."* Information we would like to be provided, includes, but is not limited to, (1) evidence of CLWSD's financial and managerial resources to deliver adequate and efficient sanitary sewer services as required by the Statutes, (2) balance sheet as of December 31, 2019, statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the years 2017-2019, budget to actual comparisons for previous 5 years, 2020 budget schedule and five year capital plan, (3) a fully executed copy of the current ordinances in effect and (4) a copy of the bylaws for the CLWSD.

Based on the above there seems to be a lot of work that still needs to be done before the CLWSD could legally, and in good faith, even consider drafting a petition under the Minnesota Statutes proposing the annexation of Kicker Blvd. At this time, we respectfully request that the CLWSD discontinue any efforts to move forward with annexing Kicker Blvd. If the CLWSD were to move forward at all, it should only be with those property owners willing to be annexed using the "non-contiguous" clause of the Statutes.

We respectfully request your response prior October 1, 2020, or prior to any such rescheduling of a meeting to correct the information deficiency of the meeting that took place on September 2, 2020. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jay Kanive - 737 Kicker Blvd  
Alyssa Kanive – 737 Kicker Blvd  
Louise Kanive – 737 Kicker Blvd  
Ryan Kanive – 737 Kicker Blvd  
Rebecca Kanive – 737 Kicker Blvd

John Kanive – 737 Kicker Blvd  
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Davis Huggins – 736 Kicker Blvd

Alaina Huggins – 736 Kicker Blvd  
Bruce Siville – 736 Kicker Blvd  
Margaret R Klava – 736 Kicker Blvd  
Emil F. Klava Jr. – 736 Kicker Blvd  
Paul Yerkes – Lot 27 (742 Kicker Blvd)  
Connie Yerkes – Lot 27 (742 Kicker Blvd)  
Bruce Yerkes – Lot 27 (742 Kicker Blvd)  
Tanya Yerkes – Lot 27 (742 Kicker Blvd)  
Mark Yerkes – Lot 27 (742 Kicker Blvd)  
Melodi Yerkes – Lot 27 (742 Kicker Blvd)  
June Yerkes – Lot 27 (742 Kicker Blvd)  
Ron Gilman – Lot 14 (718 Kicker Blvd)  
Kathy Gilman – Lot 14 (718 Kicker Blvd)  
Cal Gilman – Lot 14 (718 Kicker Blvd)  
Zach Gilman Lot 14 (718 Kicker Blvd)  
John Sorteberg – 740 Kicker Blvd  
Christina Kennedy – 740 Kicker Blvd  
Bill Sorteberg – 740 Kicker Blvd  
Deb Sorteberg – 740 Kicker Blvd  
Thomas Gay – 711 Kicker Blvd  
Vickie Gay – 711 Kicker Blvd  
Brian Gay – 711 Kicker Blvd  
Alison Martin – 711 Kicker Blvd  
Sandy Sterle – 713 Kicker Blvd  
Craig Sterle – 713 Kicker Blvd  
David Kuehn – 713 Kicker Blvd  
Craig Harris – 713 Kicker Blvd  
Stephanie Birenbaum – 706 & 707 Kicker Blvd  
Mike Birenbaum – 706 & 707 Kicker Blvd  
Alex Field – 706 & 707 Kicker Blvd  
Rus Poser – 706 & 707 Kicker Blvd  
Zachary Field – 706 & 707 Kicker Blvd  
Robyn Field – 706 & 707 Kicker Blvd

Don Udelhoven – 745 Kicker Blvd  
Karen Udelhoven – 745 Kicker Blvd  
Karla Sears – 745 Kicker Blvd  
Don Slycord – 745 Kicker Blvd  
Kathy Slycord – 745 Kicker Blvd  
Chuck Gerlach – 721 Kicker Blvd  
Teresa Gerlach – 721 Kicker Blvd  
Dan Gerlach – 723 Kicker Blvd  
Lisa Gerlach – 723 Kicker Blvd  
John Nayden – 710 Kicker Blvd  
Carol Nayden – 710 Kicker Blvd  
Mike Nayden- 710 Kicker Blvd  
Mark Nayden – 710 Kicker Blvd  
Max Nayden – 710 Kicker Blvd  
Cathy Gannet – 710 Kicker Blvd  
Courtney Kanive – 738 Kicker Blvd  
Brad Beebe -722 Kicker Blvd  
Mary Mehus – 725 Kicker Blvd  
Roger Mehus – 725 Kicker Blvd  
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Kimberly Reed – 717 Kicker Blvd  
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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday August 19, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Crane Lake – Crane Lake Chapel

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the July 15, 2020 JPB meeting
4. Legislative Update
5. Comprehensive Plan Update
6. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - B. Crane Lake
  - C. Koochiching
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7. Project Funding
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9. Other Business
10. Next meeting dates
  - B. September 16 at Kabetogama
  - C. October 21, International Falls
11. Adjourn meeting

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **July 15, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at Frontier Resort on Ash River. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner McDonald and Commissioner Nelson. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the June 17, 2019 minutes. All voted in favor.

There was a discussion about the current legislative session and the ongoing efforts to get a bonding bill passed. Work continues with the Clean Water Council and the correspondence sent by folks within the JPB area has made an impression.

The Comprehensive Plan update is ongoing. Estimate that it will be completed in the late January timeframe.

Ash River. S.E.H. provided an update on the facility plan. Covid-19 has slowed down the work. Archaeology for the waste water treatment plant is upcoming. Waiting on MMB budget forecast and MPCA funding decisions regarding future money.

Kabetogama. There were no updates regarding the phase II work. There have been five new districts approved by referendum. Based on the current schedule the Kabetogama sewer board would be seeking funding in 2021.

Crane Lake. Work continues on the Management Plan and ISTS installations. The waste water treatment plant is being evaluated to upgrade and work on service life components that need to be replaced. Anticipate work to be completed in the fall. Kicker Boulevard expansion work continues with a planned public meeting in September.

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Island View. Substantial completion and punch lists have been issued for contracts A and B. Contract C is nearly complete with the exception of a few electrical punch list items. Retainage is being held until everything is fully complete.

DNR. Nothing to report.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. Nothing to report.

There was a motion by supported by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to pay the June Costin Group invoice and the May and June S.E.H. invoices. All voted in favor

The planned meeting is scheduled for 19 August at 1000 at the Crane Lake Chapel.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: August 19, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 156438

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on July 25, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Jason has had an initial meeting with Koochiching County to review future service areas and is awaiting service area maps from the County. Jason also met with Crane Lake to identify future service areas. Colin is coordinating with Ash River and Kabetogama.

### **Ash River**

Colin attended the District Board meeting on August 12. Options that were detailed in the facility plan were discussed. The next critical step was identified as obtaining easements on the properties to allow for soil borings. The board had several legal questions related to obtaining easements. Colin will coordinate with Mia at Fryberger to have her attend the next district board meeting. EDU assignments will also be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No updates

5 new districts have been approved by referendum. Based on the current schedule the board would be seeking 2021 funding.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The CLWSD anticipates the installation of at least 3 ISTS for the 2020 season. The district is evaluating the need for possible improvements at the WWTP and is also proceeding with the annexation of Kicker Blvd in 2020.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion**

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Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday July 15, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Ash River – Frontier Resort

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  - A. August 19 at Crane Lake?
  - B. September 16 at Kabetogama
  - C. October 21, International Falls
11. Adjourn meeting

**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**June 17, 2020**  
**GoTo Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Wade Pavleck, Mike Jugovich, Paul McDonald, Keith Wiley, John Stegmier, Matt Gouin, Jeff Anderson, Jason Chopp, Patty Thielen, Gary Cerkenick, Mike Larson

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held via GoTo virtual meeting on June 17, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner Jugovich, and Commissioner McDonald. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the May 20, 2020 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

**Clean Water Council Presentation – June 5**

Gary provided an update on the clean water council presentation. Gary requested letters from the districts in support of the current \$2.2 M funding request.

**Comprehensive Plan**

SEH is developing updated mapping for the plan update. Jason has been in contract with Koochiching County and Crane Lake to meet and discuss future service areas. John will contract Colin to discuss Kabetogama. Colin will be working with Ash River for that portion as well. The schedule is to have the updated plan completed by January 2021.

**Ash River.**

No Current updates. Archaeology to be completed in the near future. Waiting to hear budget updates from MMB and MPCA. Colin to schedule regular meetings this summer with the sewer district.

**Kabetogama.**

John informed Phase I is operating well and waiting on Phase II to move forward. John will reach out to Colin to set up the initial meeting to discuss the comprehensive plan update for the district.



Crane Lake.

Jason updated on ISTS install planning for 2020. SEH starting on WWTP evaluation. Kicker Blvd Annexation is moving forward.

Koochiching.

Project is currently in the punch list phase for all 3 contracts. The project is 98% complete with mostly restoration work remaining. Matt stated that there are also ongoing warranty issues with some grinder stations and flow meters.

DNR.

Patty provided an update on the Ash River land exchange. The title commitment work has been delayed by Covid-19 due to the inability to search county records but the title company recently received permission to access records.

MPCA.

Nothing to report.

VNP.

Nothing to report.

Project Funding

Project funding tracker included in the packet for review. No recent updates. No current questions.

There was a motion by made by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner McDonald to pay the Costin Group invoices and the SEH invoices. All voted in favor.

The next JPB is for July 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Ash River. Exact location TBD  
The following summer meeting schedule was established and subject to change if conflicts arise:

July 15 – Ash River

August 19 – Crane Lake

September 16 – Kebetogama

October 21 – International Falls

A motion was made by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp, SEH



UPDATEAnderson, Jeff to: Jason Chopp 07/13/2020 10:18 AM  
 Cc: gary Cerkenik  
 From: "Anderson, Jeff" <jeff@jeffanderson.org>  
 To: Jason Chopp <jchopp@sehinc.com>  
 Cc: gary Cerkenik <gcerk@me.com>  
 History: This message has been replied to.

Hi Jason,

Can you please share this brief update with the Joint Powers Board at this week's meeting? Due to the legislature's special session this week, Gary and I will be unable to attend the meeting.

### **Update**

The Clean Water Council Budget and Outcomes Committee met Friday (7/11) to discuss specific projects and make tentative funding recommendations. Our project, along with 70+ other programs and projects were discussed. No questions were asked about our project and the committee recommended a funding level of \$1.55 million dollars (we had applied for \$2.2 million) asking that we tier and prioritize work based on a \$1.55 million funding level. We are making progress, but this process remains competitive. Due to COVID and state budget changes, the funding available may continue to shift.

Clean Water Council Executive Director Paul Gardner did note that our group effort and letters of support were impressive and effective. Thank you to all of you who have sent supportive letters (thanks to Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District, Kabetogama Township, Koochiching County, St. Louis County and Arne Wuorinen for letters of support). There is still time to send a letter and if you need guidance, please contact myself or Gary. \

The next full Clean Water Council meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup>. There is no July meeting.

We will continue to monitor the process and remain in close contact with the Clean Water Council.

Jeff & Gary

**Jeff Anderson**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: July 15, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 151379

### **Board Meetings**

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Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

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### **Ash River**

No significant updates.

Archaeology for WWTP site is upcoming. Waiting on MMB budget forecast and MPCA funding decisions regarding future money.

Action Requested: None

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#### Phase II

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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday June 17, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Virtual GoTo Meeting

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the May 20, 2020 JPB meeting
4. Clean Water Council Presentation – June 5 2020
5. Comprehensive Plan Update
6. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - B. Crane Lake
  - C. Koochiching
  - D. VNP
  - E. DNR
  - F. MPCA
7. Project Funding
8. Pay Invoices
9. Other Business
10. Next meeting date
  - A. Return to regular meetings?
11. Adjourn meeting

**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**May 20, 2020**  
**GoTo Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Wade Pavleck, Jason Sjoblom, Keith Nelson, Paul McDonald, Keith Wiley, Rob Scott, John Stegmier, Matt Gouin, Jeff Anderson, Jason Chopp, Patty Thielen, Bob Degross, Gary Cerkenick, Rob Scott

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held via GoTo virtual meeting on May 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner Sjoblom, and Commissioner McDonald. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sjoblom and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the April 15, 2020 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

**Comprehensive Plan**

SEH as approval to proceed on the Comp. Plan. SEH will schedule individual meeting with the districts to review accomplishments and discuss desired future service areas. The schedule is to have the updated plan completed by January 2021.

**Ash River.**

SEH has an archeological firm under contract to evaluate the treatment site. The district informational meetings are delay due to Covid. Virtual meetings will be utilized if necessary. Gary explained that there will be more information in June when MMB has a revised budget forecast. The MPCA will then have more information regarding project funding at that time. Budget reductions may occur.

**Kabetogama.**

John informed the group that there was a referendum vote for Area C, referendum passed 2-1. Area C is now a subordinate sewer district. That makes 5 new districts.

**Crane Lake.**

Rob Scott updated on ISTS install planning for 2020. Working on virtual public meeting set up. SEH starting on WWTP evaluation. Kicker Blvd annexation is currently delayed due to public meetings and Covid restrictions.

Koochiching.

Spring construction has started on the Island View Project. The project is 95% complete with mostly restoration work remaining. There are also ongoing warranty issues with some grinder stations and flow meters. Construction completion is anticipated in June.

DNR.

Patty provided an update on the Ash River land exchange. St. Louis County and DNR are working on the title commitment. St. Louis County Board will then need to approve the exchange, followed by the next land exchange board meeting is August 26, 2020. DNR staff are mostly working from home. Patty can facilitate contact information by request.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP.

Nothing to report on Island View. Waiting to hear more from Kabetogoma on regarding the visitor's center.

Project Funding

Gary provided a recap on the Clean water council presentation in May. June 5<sup>th</sup> subcommittee presentation upcoming. Current request of \$2.2M. \$30 projects over the past 10 years. Presentation was well received.

There was a motion by made by Commissioner Sjoblom and supported by Commissioner McDonald to pay the 2 Costin Group invoices and the 2 SEH invoices. All voted in favor.

The next JPB is for May 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM via GoTo meeting. Jason will send out the meeting login information along with the meeting packet in advance of May 20.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sjoblom and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp, SEH





## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: June 17, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 151379

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on May 20, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Ash River**

No significant updates.

Archaeology for WWTP site is upcoming. Waiting on MMB budget forecast and MPCA funding decisions regarding future money.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

5 new districts have been approved by referendum. Based on the current schedule the board would be seeking 2021 funding.

Action Requested: None

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Action Requested: None

### **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion**

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Action Requested: None

### **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday May 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Virtual GoTo Meeting

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9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

**April 15, 2020**

**GoTo Meeting**

### **Attendees:**

Wade Pavleck, Brian McBride, Keith Nelson, Paul McDonald, Mark St. Lawrence, Keith Wiley, Rob Scott, John Stegmier, Matt Gouin, Jeff Anderson, Jason Chopp, Mike Larson

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held via GoTo virtual meeting on April 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner McBride, Commissioner Nelson, and Commissioner McDonald. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the February 19, 2020 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Mark St. Lawrence notified the group that all funding was in place for the Sanitary Sewer Comprehensive Plan. The County will be sending the engineering agreement to SEH in the near future for signature. SEH will begin work on the plan once the agreement is executed.

### **Ash River.**

The Faculty Plan was submitted to the MPCA in March. Mark notified the group that there is \$475,000 in funding allocated for 2020. The board will be meeting soon to pass a resolution for the \$118,750 in local match money that is required. The match money will be advanced to the Ash River Board by St. Louis County.

### **Kabetogama.**

John informed the group that there will be a special election on May 12 for the final service area proposed for the new project. If passed, it would make 5 sub districts.

### **Crane Lake.**

Rob Scott informed the group that the district anticipates constructing new 6 ISTS during the 2020 construction season. The public hearing process is moving forward for the Kicker Blvd annexation. The district is also working on a 0% loan with the MPCA as match money.

Koochiching.

Spring construction has started on the Island View Project. The project is 95% complete with mostly restoration work remaining. There are also ongoing warranty issues with some grinder stations and flow meters. Construction completion is anticipated in June.

DNR. Nothing to report.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP.

Nothing to report. It was noted that the VNP Visitors Center is closed and tour boats have been canceled on Rainy Lake.

Funding

Jeff Anderson provided a general update on legislative progress and the pending interview with the clean water council for future funding requests. Commissioner McDonald and Jason Chopp will participate in the presentation.

There was a motion by supported by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to pay the February and March Costin Group invoices and the 4 SEH invoices. All voted in favor.

The next JPB is for May 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM via GoTo meeting. Jason will send out the meeting login information along with the meeting packet in advance of May 20.

A motion was made by Commissioner McBride and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp, SEH



## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: May 20, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
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### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on April 15, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Ash River**

SEH has entered into contract with Duluth Archaeological Center to perform a Phase 1 archaeological review of the Ash River project area as required by MN SHPO as part of the Facility Plan process. The work will be completed this summer. SEH has confirmed with MPCA that this work will be covered under the current Legacy Funds grant.

Stakeholder meetings have been put on hold due to COVID, however, SEH is still working with the District Board to get some property issues hashed out and get direction on who should be served. If we cannot have in-person meetings soon, we will schedule electronic meetings to discuss some of these items.

Email received (attached) from MPCA notifying us that FY20 and FY 21 funding has been frozen by MMB.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No Current Updates

John updated the board in September that the board has completed the petition verification. The planned Phase 2 appears to be areas C, F, G, H, and possibly J. Areas J1, A, and D could be considered as a future phase. Based on the current schedule the board would be seeking 2021 funding.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The CLWSD anticipates the installation of 8 to 10 ISTS for 2020. The district is also proceeding with the annexation of Kicker Blvd in 2020.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion**

Construction activities have resumed on 4/13/2020 by Contract A. Construction activities are anticipated to start soon for Contracts B and C. Contract C is nearly complete with the exception of several punch list items. Clean-up and restorations efforts will continue for Contracts B and C in the spring of 2020. Contract retainage (5%) is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

Action Requested: None

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Received a call this afternoon from the MPCA, followed by the email below. FY20 \$475,000 allocated to the Ash River Sanitary District and next year's entire \$775,000 FY21 funding is currently froze by the Minnesota Management and Budget. Please refer to details below.

Mark St. Lawrence  
 Director

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Hello Mark,

It was nice to speak with you today, and share some history about the Range! I am sorry that the reason for my

call was such unfortunate news, though.

As we discussed, the February 2020 Budget and Economic Forecast projected a positive balance in the Clean Water Fund (CWF); however, in light of the economic slowdown related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) assumes that actual sales tax receipts will decline substantially from what was anticipated in the February forecast. Because of this anticipated decline in receipts, MMB is asking agencies to take proactive steps to prevent a deficit from occurring in the CWF. All state agencies received a message from MMB requiring an immediate halt to executing new grants or contracts with CWF (or sometimes called Legacy funds). MMB is currently evaluating remaining funds within the CWF, and considering how to move forward.

The \$775,000 that was appropriated for sanitary sewer projects described in the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan for fiscal year 2020 (FY20) is comprised of Clean Water or Legacy funding. Some of this funding - \$300,000 – is included in a grant that was previously executed, and this grant funding is not affected by the directive from MMB. That \$300,000 grant project can move forward as planned. Funds can be spent on activities described in the grant. The remaining \$475,000 of this FY20 appropriation, though, is essentially frozen – we cannot move forward with executing a grant with these funds at this time. It is possible that the FY21 appropriation of \$775,000 may be impacted, as well.

It is not clear how long MMB's evaluation of the CWF will take or when state agencies will be given approval to move forward with spending Clean Water Funds. I'll be in touch as we get information from MMB. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

~Dana

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# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday April 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Virtual GoTo Meeting

## **AGENDA**

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  - C. Koochiching
  - D. VNP
  - E. DNR
  - F. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

## Voyageurs National Park Clean Waters Joint Power Board Meeting

February 19, 2020

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

Members present: Saint Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald, Saint Louis County Commissioner Mike Jugovich, Koochiching County Commissioner Brian McBride

1. Welcome and Introductions – Introductions were made by people in attendance. Jason Chopp from SEH absent, Mark St. Lawrence ran the meeting.
2. Public Comments – non present
3. January 15, 2020 JPB minutes – Motion by McBride second by Jugovich to approve minutes with the following changes. Country changed to County and auditions to auditors.
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 year funding budget – Mark St. Lawrence provided information concerning updating the comprehensive plan. Invoice has been sent to Koochiching County for their half of the cost to update the plan (\$17,812.50). SEH to begin work on updating the plan soon. St Louis County portion to come from the Environmental Trust Fund.
5. SEH / Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - a. Ash River. The facility plan is being developed by SEH. There is a 25% local match (\$118,750) that Ash River Sanitary District will request from Saint Louis County. Saint Louis County will be the fiscal agent for Ash River Sanitary District.
  - b. Kabetogama – Email from John Stegmier requesting money to be set aside
  - c. Crane Lake – no update
  - d. Koochiching – no update
  - e. VNP – no update
  - f. DNR – Patty Thielen reported that work continues on the land exchange. Anticipated that the exchange will go to the May 28, 2020 land exchange board.
  - g. MPCA – no update
6. Project Funding – Discussion concerning Saint Louis County being the fiscal agent for the Voyageurs National Park Clean Waters Joint Power Board Meeting. Saint Louis county auditors have requested that an estimated budget and agreement be approved. The budget estimate is \$9000 for 2020 to be split between SLC and Koochiching County. Koochiching County will require their county board and attorney review the agreement. SLC auditors want to be reimbursed for their staff time instead of in kind services.
7. Pay invoices - Invoices presented to board from SEH and the Costin Group for services provided in January 2020. SEH invoice of \$1901.75 and Costin Group invoice of \$2500. Motion by Jugovich and second by McDonald to approve payment of invoices as presented. Motion passed.
8. Other business – Presentation by MPCA concerning the discharge of graywater from house boats in the Voyageurs National Park and state wide. Their goal is for all graywater to be treated. A 2000 survey showed that there was 7 rental companies with 100-110 vessels in the VNP. MPCA is looking to develop BMP for private and public boaters. A new survey will be sent to commercial operators within the next couple of weeks.
9. Next Meeting date – March 25, 2020 at 10:00am in the Saint Louis County public works building in Cook
10. Adjourn meeting – motion by Jugovich second by Koochiching – Brian McBride to adjourn. Motion passed. 10:42am



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: April 15, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 151379

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was held in Cook on February 19, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Ash River**

The Facility Plan was submitted on March 6, 2020 to meet the MPCA/PFA deadline. Along with the Facility Plan an updated Project Priority List (PPL) application was also submitted. This will put the project on the PFA's list to plan for future funding. As noted in previous month's updates, an amendment to the Facility Plan will be necessary after gathering more information. The MPCA will respond to our request for Preliminary treatment limits to allow for more detailed planning. MN State Historic Preservation office is requiring that this project have an archaeological survey completed. SEH has contacted a firm to complete this work and is awaiting a quote from said firm.

More importantly, SEH needs to meet with project stakeholders - residents in the Sanitary District - to determine their intentions for the project. We need to discuss what areas are served by the new project and what other options we may have for treating sanitary sewer on the properties that aren't served. This will allow us to refine the estimated project costs. These meetings will occur in the spring and summer of 2020, when cabin and resort owners are hopefully back in the area and can more easily participate in these discussions.

Additionally, please see the April 7, 2020 Letter of Intention (attached) for the Ash River District.

Action Requested: None

## **Kabetogama**

### Phase II

#### **No Current Updates**

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Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The CLWSD completed the installation of eight (8) ISTS systems during the 2019 construction season with more installations (8 to 10) planned for 2020. The district is also proceeding with the annexation of Kicker Blvd in 2020.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion**

Construction activities have resumed on 4/13/2020 by Contract A. Construction activities are anticipated to start soon for Contracts B and C. Contract C is nearly complete with the exception of several punch list items. Clean-up and restorations efforts will continue for Contracts B and C in the spring of 2020. Contract retainage (5%) is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

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Att: SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice

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April 7, 2020

RE: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water  
Joint Powers Board  
MN Clean Water Legacy Funds Distribution  
SEH No. STLES 146794 14.00

Ms. Debra Sanders  
District Board Chair  
Ash River Sanitary District  
10141 Ash River Trail  
Orr, MN 55771

Dear Ms. Sanders:

This letter is being sent on behalf of the Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (JPB) to inform you of the JPB decisions on allocation of Minnesota Clean Water Legacy funds that have been awarded to the JPB by the State.

The amount of funds allocated to the Ash River Sanitary Sewer District will be \$475,000 for Fiscal Year 2020 and \$475,000 for fiscal year 2021. The funds are contingent upon the District obtaining 25% local match, which amounts to \$118,750 per fiscal year. Grant and local match funds shall be used for engineering, legal, administrative, financial, or other related costs to complete the Facility Plan, Design, and Bidding Documents as part of the wastewater collection and treatment project.

With this letter of intention, Ash River Sanitary District may request local match funds from St. Louis County for Fiscal Year 2020.

Sincerely,

Colin Marcusen, PE  
Project Manager  
(Lic. MN, ND, SD, IA)

clm/mrb

c: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board  
Mark St. Lawrence, St. Louis County  
Keith Wiley, St. Louis County

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## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

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	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$450,000	Secured	
	St. Louis County	\$90,000	Secured	
	Clean Water Legacy	\$950,000	Pending	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
Project	Project Cost		Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>CSAH 24</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>			<b>Construction Complete 6/11</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$150,000	Received	
<b>Handberg Marine</b>				
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$60,000	Secured	
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St. Louis County Garage Cook

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## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **January 15, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the S.E.H. office in Virginia on January 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:33 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner McBride, Commissioner Nelson, and Commissioner Jugovich. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes. All voted in favor.

There was a discussion regarding the upgrading of the Comprehensive Plan. The document was completed in 2007 and did not include Koochiching county. Gary Cerkvenik discussed the need to update the document. It is used as the source document to quantify how long, how much, etc. is required for the VNP Clean Water project. Commissioner Nelson requested each of the areas listed in the Comprehensive Plan send a letter of support to their respective country. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to get funding support from each county. It was supported by Commissioner Jugovich and all voted in favor. There was a discussion regarding the potential need to add additional areas to the project, but not lose focus that the protection of the VNP watershed is the project objective.

Ash River. The facility planning process continues. The design estimates are for 36,000 gallons of water per day and around 232 EDU's. The goal is to be able to provide the JPB a Facility Plan at the March meeting.

Kabetogama. There were no updates. However, the goal is for the sewer district have a proposed phase plan to the Township and an approval vote at the May Township meeting.

Crane Lake. ISTS installations are on hold for the winter. The Kicker Boulevard project is starting back up. The goal is to complete the annexation process in 2020 and commence ISTS installations in 2021

Koochiching. The Island View extension project work is on hold for the winter. All connections are complete and final restorations to be completed in the Spring.

DNR. Nothing to report.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. Nothing to report. There was a discussion regarding the dumping of grey water and access to dumping stations for houseboats.

There was a motion by supported by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner Nelson to pay the November and December Costin Group invoices and the S.E.H. December and November invoices. All voted in favor. Mark St. Lawrence passed on that there was a request by the St. Louis County Auditions Office that costs related to the support of the JPB be tracked.

The next JPB is for 2 February, 2020 at 1100 at the County Public Works Garage in Cook.

A motion was made by Commissioner McBride and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: February 19, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 151379

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was held in Cook on January 15, 2019

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Ash River**

The facility planning process continues on schedule to submit the plan to the MPCA by March 6, 2020 along with a PPL application. SEH has not received preliminary effluent limits back from the MPCA yet, if the limits are not received by the time the Facility Plan is submitted, SEH will make assumptions on the limits. The plan will also include options for the collection system layout. The options will be discussed at future Sanitary District meetings and after SEH hears more information back from MPCA. SEH can amend the Facility Plan to reflect any changes requested by the Sanitary District. A public hearing will then be held to solicit feedback from the board and the general public.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No Current Updates

John updated the board in September that the board has completed the petition verification. The planned Phase 2 appears to be areas C, F, G, H, and possibly J. Areas J1, A, and D could be considered as a future phase. Based on the current schedule the board would be seeking 2021 funding.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

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Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion**

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Contract A is currently working on change order work for additional grinder stations. Clean-up and restorations efforts will continue in the spring of 2020. Contract retainage (5%) is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

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Next meeting John Stegmeir to: Jason Chopp 02/18/2020 10:36 AM

From: John Stegmeir <johnstegmeir@yahoo.com>

To: Jason Chopp <jchopp@sehinc.com>

History: This message has been replied to.

#### 1 Attachment



Kabetogama Input - 10 year funding.docx

Hi Jason,

I see from your agenda for tomorrow's meeting that you will be discussing the Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding Budget. I don't know if any of the Kabetogama Township Clean Water steering committee members will show up so I ask that you present the Kab township's input to this discussion (document attached).

Also I would like to know if the JPB has given any attention to our request(s) from the September meeting:

#### Help/Guidance Needed from JPB

- Help in defining next project area
  - The Township would like to see FGH and possibly J as a project, C as a project, and develop both projects simultaneously.
  - Engineer opinion?
- Engineering help in defining treatment site(s)
  - Township will start identifying private parcels for FGH (J). Will need engineering help to choose adequate site.
  - State land is only option for C. Will need help/support for land lease/exchange. An option for C may be hooking into Puck's Point. Need engineering help for feasibility.
- Dollars to accomplish above
- Timeline
- Development of project funding strategy
  - We need someone to help us facilitate this process

Thanks,

John

- ### Subordinate Service Districts F, G, H and J





### Service Area C

- Establishment of the subordinate service district in area C has been held up due to a reverse referendum petition. The property owners of this Area will be voting on the issue of establishment on May 12 of this year. 63% of the property owners petitioned to establish the service district so we are expecting a favorable vote for establishment.
- One mile of shoreline; 24 property owners, 24 parcels. No commercial
- The Kabetogama Clean Water committee visualizes this area as one project to be completed in the next 10 years.



### Area A

- We have not begun the process of organizing Area A yet. We will start our organizing of this area into a subordinate service area once we get a progress track on FGJH and C.
- 1.5 miles of shoreline; 40 properties, 5 resorts.
- The Kabetogama Clean Water Committee visualizes a project started on this Area within the next 10 years. There is potential for this area to share the treatment facility at Puck's Point (Area B). Engineering recommendations needed.

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board  
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Honorable Frank Jewell  
Chairman, Minnesota Clean Water Council  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Honorable Paul Gardner  
Clean Water Council Administrator  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

*SENT VIA E-MAIL*

February 12, 2020

Dear Chair Jewell and Administrator Gardner:

Thank you for recently meeting with members of our team to discuss the Clean Water Council's FY2021-22 funding process for the Clean Water Legacy funds. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss our project and its very positive impact on the waters of Voyageurs National Park (VNP) and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

As you are no doubt aware, Minnesota has only one National Park, Voyageurs National Park. It is the nation's only water based national park, and it is proudly acclaimed for its beauty and pristine nature. More than ten years ago, counties, townships, and unorganized areas adjacent to the Park came together and locally formed Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project Joint Powers Board (VNPCWPJPB). This Board has directed efforts to develop a comprehensive plan to clean up and protect the waters of VNP at the four main public access points to the park.

The Board has had great success, establishing sanitary sewer districts and projects in three of the four main entrances to the Park. We have worked with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Public Facilities Authority, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the Minnesota Clean Water Council, and many others to bring funding to these urgently needed

projects that provide guests to VNP the sanitary solutions so important to them and to the Park. Our work needs to continue in four main areas:

1. A sanitary sewer district at the unorganized area of Ash River has been established. The Ash River Sewer District is currently completing their facility plan and is starting the design of their project. The total project cost is estimated to be \$12.5 million dollars and will consist of the design and construction of a new collection and treatment system.
2. Phase I of the expansion of the Pucks Point Sanitary Sewer System in Kabetogama Township, where another entrance to the Park and a state campground is located, has been completed. Kabetogama Township is now undertaking Phase II of their sanitary system improvements. The total estimated cost for this project is \$13 million dollars and the township will be completing a facility plan and preliminary design.
3. The Crane Lake Sanitary Sewer district has completed a number of collection and sewer projects over the last many years. The sanitary sewer district has established a sanitary sewer treatment system (SSTS) program that helps residents replace their current failing septic systems. The sewer district will need to recapitalize the program at the amount of \$600,000 in order to replace additional systems in the service area. The Crane Lake area is also home to a public access area to both VNP and the BWCAW.
4. Koochiching County has recently completed Phase I of their Island View Sanitary Sewer Project which extended a sewer collection system to an area in their service district that consisted of failing SSTS systems. This extension allows for the elimination of existing, failing septic systems and allows for residents to connect to an existing wastewater treatment facility. They will now begin the design and construction of Phase II of this project at a total estimated cost of \$3 million dollars. The extension of this sewer connection line will allow these underserved residents to connect to the existing treatment system.

To these ends, it is essential to our work that the Council continue funding for the National Park Water Quality Protection Program at \$2.2 million in FY 21-22 and at that level for the 5-year period. Our board has a proud record of developing and constructing viable and sustainable sewer projects and is dedicated to completing their mission as identified in the comprehensive plan.

The development and completion of this plan was done in coordination with local governments and residents/guests and businesses, and state and federal agencies to improve the water quality of this national treasure. Most Minnesotans would agree that protection of the water flow into the Voyageurs National Park and the adjacent flowage into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness should be a high priority for the Council.

Our work is driven by the goal to protect this asset for Minnesotans and the Nation. We formally request that the Council consider our funding request for FY21-22 and beyond. We would also request that the Council inform us of any necessary steps we must take in the process to be included in the Council's FY21-22 funding recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature. Please notify us when you wish to hear a presentation of this proposal.

Let us protect these treasured waters, together.

Most importantly, we greatly appreciate the past support for the National Parks Program by the Council and the Legislature.

Best Regards,



Wade Pavleck

Chair, Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project Joint Powers Board  
& Koochiching County Commissioner

CC: State Senator Thomas Bakk  
State Representative Rob Ecklund  
St. Louis County Board  
Koochiching County Board  
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Jeff Freeman, Public Facilities Authority  
Laura Bishop, MPCA Commissioner  
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	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Secured	
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	St. Louis County	\$90,000	Secured	
	Clean Water Legacy	\$950,000	Pending	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
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<b>CSAH 24</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>			<b>Construction Complete 6/11</b>
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	Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$150,000	Received	
<b>Handberg Marine</b>				
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	Bonding Bill, 2014	\$750,000	Secured	
	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Secured	
<b>ESA &amp; Bear Island</b>				
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	MPCA National Park Grant Program, 2014	\$1,500,000	Secured	ESA & Bear Island
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$300,000	Secured	
Managed ISTS	Clean Water Legacy	\$600,000	Pending	

\$26,942,308 Outside Funding Source Funds

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday January 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

St. Louis County Public Works Garage

9558 Ashawa Rd, Cook MN

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the November 20, 2019 JPB meeting
4. Comprehensive Plan Update
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. Kabetogama
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **November 20, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at Thunderbird Lodge in International Falls, MN on November 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner McDonald and Commissioner Jugovich. Commissioner Pavleck welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all of the office and departmental representatives for attending. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the October 16, 2019 minutes with an amendment identified by Mark St. Lawrence.

The amendment clarified that previous minutes stated that there would be a re-allocation of funding from the Ash River and Crane Lake Projects in the amount of \$23,750 from each project. Mark identified that that amount did not account for the local match. The correct amount was \$17,812.50 to be re-allocated from each project to the Comprehensive Plan.

All voted in favor.

Comprehensive Plan. Mark St. Lawrence indicated that both Koochiching County and St. Louis County have made their local match contributions. Jason and Mark will be contacting Dave at the MPCA to discuss how to proceed with the contract amendment, establish the work plans and grant agreements.

Ash River. Mark St. Lawrence informed the group that the newly formed board met in late October. The board established officers and are reviewing draft ordinances and by-laws. They will be holding regular meetings the first Monday of the Month starting in The DNR is currently reviewing appraisals and is in on schedule for final approval March 2020. Colin from SEH had a conference call with the Ash Board on November 14, 2019 and provided them with a memo outlining the current status of the facility planning and design phase. The board asked Colin to request a services proposal from Mia at Fryberger Law for legal and easement assistance.



Kabetogama. No current updates. Jason provided a brief review on the status of Phase 2 Kabetogama that John provided at the September 2019 meeting.

Crane Lake. Jason provided an update from Rob Scott. 8 ISTS systems were installed in the 2019 construction season bringing the district total to 40. The district anticipates the installation of 6-10 new systems during the 2020 construction season. The district also anticipates completing the Kicker Blvd Annexation in 2020. This annexation will bring up to 20 additional ISTS systems from the 35 users in that area. Rob also bring to the JPB attention the challenges the CLWSD has with the inability to inspect existing ISTS systems with the district area for conformance. The district is not authorized to have private existing systems inspected for compliance under Ordinance 61.

Koochiching. The project is nearly complete with exception of 1 grinder station and some additional work that will extend Contract A into the month of December. There is still a large amount of restoration work that will be completed by Contract A and B in the spring of 2020.

Project Funding. Jeff Anderson informed the group they will be meeting with the new director of the clean water council on November 21, 2019.

DNR. Nothing to report.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. Bob informed the group that the VNP will be meeting with the MPCA to discuss potential gray water management plan within the park for houseboats, islands, fish houses, etc.

Mark St. Lawrence presented current invoices from Costin Group and SEH. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the presented invoices. All voted in favor.

Other Business.  
None.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Public Works Facility in Cook.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the presented invoices. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54.

Submitted by: Jason J. Chopp, SEH (Filling in for Rob Scott)



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB)

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: January 15, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 151379

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was held in Cook on November 20, 2019

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

### **Ash River**

The facility planning process continues on schedule. SEH will be submitting Preliminary Effluent Limit Request to the MPCA soon. The determined wastewater design flow is approximately 36,000 gallons per day and about 232 EDUs. With the design flow and EDU calculation process nearly complete, SEH will next focus on further developing the facility plan and evaluating alternatives wastewater conveyance and treatment. Construction cost estimates will be developed for the evaluated alternatives along with recommendations. Development is still on schedule for a submittal of the Facility Plan in March 2020.

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Phase II

No Current Updates

John updated the board in September that the board has completed the petition verification. The planned Phase 2 appears to be areas C, F, G, H, and possibly J. Areas J1, A, and D could be considered as a future phase. Based on the current schedule the board would be seeking 2021 funding.

Action Requested: None

## **Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District**

The CLWSD completed the installation of eight (8) ISTS systems during the 2019 construction season with more installations (8 to 10) planned for 2020.

Action Requested: None

## **Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion**

No Updates, construction is stopped for the winter months.

Contract A is currently working on change order work for additional grinder stations. Clean-up and restorations efforts will continue in the spring of 2020. Contract retainage (5%) is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

Action Requested: None

## **Advisory Board Representative Updates**

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

If you have any questions regarding these items, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

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Cc: VNPCWJPB Advisory Committee, Koochiching and St. Louis County Environmental Services staff, Project Area residents (upon request)

Att: SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice

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## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns/Comments
<b>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</b>	<b>\$19,500,000</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA</b>	<b>County Responsible, multiple easements</b>
	<b>Funding Option</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
	Koochiching County	\$30,000	Received	
	Koochiching County	\$400,000	Received	Used to complete design work
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$100,000	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2014	\$7,817,800	Secured	
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	2016 US Army Corp (\$4.5m, \$100k to Corp)	\$4,400,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2017	\$2,000,000	Secured	
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KABETOGRAMA TOWNSHIP				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<b>Puck's Point San Swr &amp; WWTF</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high</b>	
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	IRRRB, 2009	\$50,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$0	Secured	
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	PFA, 2013	\$0	Secured	
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$274,619	Secured	Loan @ 1% over 20 years
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	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$940,000	Secured	\$850k approve but not used. Interim financing used
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$50,000	Secured	
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