

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

Wednesday May 15, 2019  
11:00 a.m.  
St. Louis County Land Office

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the April 17, 2019 JPB meeting
4. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Kabetogama
  - B. Ash River
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
5. Project Funding
6. Pay Invoices
7. Other Business
8. Next meeting date
9. Adjourn meeting

**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**April 17, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at St. Louis County Land Office on April 17, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner McDonald.

Commissioner Pavleck welcomed everyone to the meeting and the board members introduced themselves. There were no public comments

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the February 27, 2019 minutes. All voted in favor.

Kabetogama. The sewer district is holding monthly steering committee meetings to develop a plan to expand the subordinate sewer district. There is a potential for five additional service areas with around 100 new users. The original project is still under warranty and there are some punch list items being worked on.

Ash River. St Louis County will be sending out additional survey letter to gather data for the feasibility plan. Mike Larson estimated that the overall costs of the Ash River sewer project to be around the cost of the Pucks Point project (estimated cost \$6M) with target of 85% of the costs covered by grant funds. This summer work will continue on developing a preliminary design for the project. Mark St Lawrence stated that the public comment period was over and that the sewer district request is under review by the Office of Administrative Hearings for approval. The next step is for SLC to start the process to put a sewer board of managers together.

Crane Lake. Initial planning is underway for the 2019 construction season. It is anticipated that the Management Program will install 8-25 new ISTS systems. This is contingent upon the receipt of additional Legacy funds. Work continues on the Kicker Blvd. project and phase III of the management plan.

Koochiching. The Island View extension project work is underway. Contract C to be completed this week and Contract A and B to get underway when the road ban is off. Concerns with construction and commercial users are being addressed.

DNR. The land swap at Ash River is in the appraisal work phase. There was a discussion regarding the DNR leased land by Kabetogama for the treatment plan. Kabetogama desires to purchase vs. lease the land.

MPCA. MPCA requested to attend the next monthly meeting held at Ash River.

VNP. Nothing to report.

Funding. Gary Cerkvenik outlined the funding strategy he recommends that the JPB pursue: 1. Work the 2019 Legacy program, 2. Start the process for the 2020 bonding bill with a focus on Ash River (target 50% of the estimated \$6M costs), 3. Work debt relief in 2019 bonding bill for North Shore and set the stage for the 2020 bonding bill for Crane Lake, 4. Establish a 10 year vision for the VNP Clean water Legacy Council and to get MPCA and DNR involved with this vision.

There was a discussion on the locations to hold the summer's JPB meetings. S.E.H. to put together a recommendation.

There was a motion by Commissioner Nelson to pay the February and March invoices for S.E.H. and Costin group (\$1441.0893.00 and \$5000.00 respectfully). It was supported by Commissioner McDonald and all voted in favor.

There was no additional business and the next meeting date was set for May 15, 2019 at 11:00 at the St Louis County Land office. A motion by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: May 15, 2019

RE: VNPCWJPB Update  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLES 147086

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting was held in Cook on April 17, 2019

Action Requested: None

### **Kabetogama**

#### Pucks Point

The project is under warranty period. USA made repairs to one grinder station that had settled. The treatment plant AC unit is installed but not operational yet. This work is scheduled to be completed this spring. Still holding \$8,000 retainage until the work is complete.

#### Phase II

The Steering committee meets regularly. The current plan is evaluating a new district that would include the service areas of F, G, H, and C of the Comprehensive Plan. Continued Steering Committee meetings and public engagement are planned throughout the summer.

Action Requested: None

### **Ash River**

1. SEH has heard from approximately 50% of property owners in response to the questionnaire we sent. SEH has also received data from the County for existing on-site systems and is utilizing this information along with existing utilities to develop a preliminary layout of the mainline sewer system.
2. Next steps will be a site visit from the engineering team in the middle of July to coincide with the July JPB meeting along with soil borings and some additional survey work.

Action Requested: None

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

The CLWSD will continue in 2019 on working with SLC staff on their phase III of the Management Program (mandatory participation in the CLWSD program).

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The CLWSD has started with the initial administrative work for the Kicker Blvd annexation.  
Action Requested: None

### Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion

Contract B resumed construction activities the last week of March. Contract A resumed work in late April. The contract completion date is the end of July 2019, but both Contractors are currently requesting time extensions.

Project Progress Through November 2018		
Contract	Completion Amount	Percent of Overall Contract
A - Wagner	\$7,550,000	77%
B - USA	\$5,900,000	75%
C - Septic Check	\$680,000	95%

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		

KABETOGAMA 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	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	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	

\$25,092,308 Outside Funding Source Funds