

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

Wednesday April 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Virtual GoTo Meeting

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the February 19, 2020 JPB meeting
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Ash River
  - B. 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

## 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

John updated the board in September that the board as 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. 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**

- 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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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Marcusen".

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

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	
	Clean Water Legacy	\$950,000	Pending	

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	
Managed ISTS	Clean Water Legacy	\$600,000	Pending	

\$26,942,308 Outside Funding Source Funds