

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
 - D. VNP
 - E. DNR
 - F. MPCA
7. Project Funding
8. Pay Invoices
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.

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

Substantial completion and punch lists have been issued Contracts A and B. Contract C is nearly complete with the exception of a few electrical punch list items. 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
Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension	\$19,500,000	365	<i>Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA</i>	<i>County Responsible, multiple easements</i>
	Funding Option		Funding Amount	
	Koochiching County	\$30,000	Received	Other Notes
	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
Puck's Point San Swr & WWTF	\$4,500,000	80	<i>Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high</i>	
	Funding Option		Funding Amount	
	IRRRB, 2009	\$50,000	Secured	Other Notes
	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
	\$5,500,000			
Funding Option		Funding Amount		Funding Status
State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000		Secured	Other Notes
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
CSAH 24	\$3,000,000			<i>Construction Complete 6/11</i>
	Funding Option		Funding Amount	
Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887		Received	Other Notes
State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$150,000		Received	
Handberg Marine	Funding Option		Funding Amount	
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$60,000	Secured	Other Notes
	Bonding Bill, 2014	\$750,000	Secured	
	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Secured	
ESA & Bear Island	Funding Option		Funding Amount	
	MPCA National Park Grant Program, 2014	\$1,500,000	Secured	ESA & Bear Island
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$300,000	Secured	
Managed ISTS	\$600,000	Pending		

\$26,942,308 Outside Funding Source Funds