

# **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
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- MN Department of Natural Resources

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)

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