

VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the June 17, 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
 - 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 17th. There is no July meeting.

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

Jeff & Gary

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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

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on June 17, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

Comprehensive Plan Update

SEH has had an initial meeting with Koochiching County to review future service areas. Matt will provide Jason with a redline map of the areas to evaluate. Rob Scott will set up a meeting date with Jason to review Crane Lake Future Service Areas. Colin will coordinate with Ash River and Kabetogama.

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

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 8 to 10 ISTS for 2020. 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	Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA	County Responsible, multiple easements
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	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
Puck's Point San Swr & WWTF	\$4,500,000	80	Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high	
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	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
	\$5,500,000			
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	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
CSAH 24	\$3,000,000			Construction Complete 6/11
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$150,000	Received	
Handberg Marine				
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$60,000	Secured	
	Bonding Bill, 2014	\$750,000	Secured	
	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Secured	
ESA & Bear Island				
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	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