

VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting

Wednesday June 17, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Virtual GoTo Meeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the May 20, 2020 JPB meeting
4. Clean Water Council Presentation – June 5 2020
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 date
 - A. Return to regular meetings?
11. Adjourn meeting

VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2020
GoTo Meeting

Attendees:

Wade Pavleck, Jason Sjoblom, Keith Nelson, Paul McDonald, Keith Wiley, Rob Scott, John Stegmier, Matt Gouin, Jeff Anderson, Jason Chopp, Patty Thielen, Bob Degross, Gary Cerkenick, Rob Scott

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held via GoTo virtual meeting on May 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner Sjoblom, and Commissioner McDonald. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sjoblom and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the April 15, 2020 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Comprehensive Plan

SEH as approval to proceed on the Comp. Plan. SEH will schedule individual meeting with the districts to review accomplishments and discuss desired future service areas. The schedule is to have the updated plan completed by January 2021.

Ash River.

SEH has an archeological firm under contract to evaluate the treatment site. The district informational meetings are delay due to Covid. Virtual meetings will be utilized if necessary. Gary explained that there will be more information in June when MMB has a revised budget forecast. The MPCA will then have more information regarding project funding at that time. Budget reductions may occur.

Kabetogama.

John informed the group that there was a referendum vote for Area C, referendum passed 2-1. Area C is now a subordinate sewer district. That makes 5 new districts.

Crane Lake.

Rob Scott updated on ISTS install planning for 2020. Working on virtual public meeting set up. SEH starting on WWTP evaluation. Kicker Blvd annexation is currently delayed due to public meetings and Covid restrictions.

Koochiching.

Spring construction has started on the Island View Project. The project is 95% complete with mostly restoration work remaining. There are also ongoing warranty issues with some grinder stations and flow meters. Construction completion is anticipated in June.

DNR.

Patty provided an update on the Ash River land exchange. St. Louis County and DNR are working on the title commitment. St. Louis County Board will then need to approve the exchange, followed by the next land exchange board meeting is August 26, 2020. DNR staff are mostly working from home. Patty can facilitate contact information by request.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP.

Nothing to report on Island View. Waiting to hear more from Kabetogoma on regarding the visitor's center.

Project Funding

Gary provided a recap on the Clean water council presentation in May. June 5th subcommittee presentation upcoming. Current request of \$2.2M. \$30 projects over the past 10 years. Presentation was well received.

There was a motion by made by Commissioner Sjoblom and supported by Commissioner McDonald to pay the 2 Costin Group invoices and the 2 SEH invoices. All voted in favor.

The next JPB is for May 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM via GoTo meeting. Jason will send out the meeting login information along with the meeting packet in advance of May 20.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sjoblom and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Submitted by: Jason Chopp, SEH



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: June 17, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLES 151379

Board Meetings

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on May 20, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

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

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 also proceeding with the annexation of Kicker Blvd in 2020.

Action Requested: None

Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion

Substantial completion and punch lists should be issued for Contracts A and B in June 2020. Contract C is nearly complete with the exception of several 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
- 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)

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