

**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**June 25, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on June 25, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman Forsman, followed by introductions from all attendees. The Board members present were: St. Louis County Commissioners Mike Forsman and Keith Nelson, Tim Watson, Kabetogama Township, Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District, and Steve Wieber, Ash River.

The minutes of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board meeting of May 21, 2009 were read and moved for approval by Tim Watson and seconded by Commissioner Forsman, with the correction of changing “a second on a motion to approve CLWSD correspondence from Bob Nevalainen to Rob Scott.” The Joint Powers Board approved unanimously.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering provided an update on the JPB Comprehensive Plan. She discussed a draft letter that would be signed by the JPB chair requesting parcel data for the Crane Lake, Ash River, and Kabetogama areas from the St. Louis County Planning, Research and GIS Division Manager. A motion was made by Rob Scott and seconded by Tim Watson in support of the request. The board approved the motion unanimously. There was extensive discussion by the JPB in regard to the need for accurate data and a high percentage of survey responses. Additional concerns were expressed to ensure individuals surveyed understand that the purpose of the survey is only for informational purposes and will not be used to gauge compliance with any ordinances or standards. Commissioner Nelson stated that consideration should be given to relate the survey to already existing GIS data. To facilitate development of the survey and the survey process, Commissioner Nelson stated that he will provide a point of contact with St. Louis County Environmental Services. Additionally, the Environmental Services Department would send out a note card advising those individuals that they will be receiving a survey letter. S.E. H. will work with Environmental Services on the development of the note card and cover letter. They will provide an updated version of the survey for review and approval at the JPB’s July meeting.

Mike Larson provided an update on plan funding. There will be a request submitted to the IRRB for an additional \$50,000 in planning funds. This will be done after July 1, 2009. He also discussed the state bonding bill process and the request for an additional \$385,000 for pre-design planning funds. These funds will be used for testing and an analysis of alternatives developed in the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the application and signature by the chair and seconded by Rob Scott. During discussion, there was an agreement that letters to our elected officials be sent out seeking their support. These letters were added to the motion and approved unanimously by the board.

Additional update comments on the comprehensive plan:

Kabetogama: Tim Watson discussed the S.E. H. visit that included discussions on the survey and plan with an area familiarization boat trip.

Ash River: Steve Wieber stated there is no governmental entity or formal group at Ash River but he and/or Katy Ebel would assist S.E.H. as needed.

Crane Lake: Rob Scott stated that Julie Kennedy had completed the initial site survey and would revisit Crane Lake on July 1, 2009.

Koochiching: Dale Olson talked about the Island View extension of the Jackfish Bay sewer system and interest by MPCA to visit with the Voyageur National Park. He also stated there is possibly the need to expand the visit and interest to include other areas.

Joint JPA: Commissioner Nelson provided an update on the status of the Joint JPA. The County Commissioners have approved the willingness to a Joint JPA. The new JPA will consist of two Commissioners for St. Louis and Koochiching Counties. A draft JPA is being developed and completion is anticipated within 30 days for review and approval in August. With the approval of the Joint JPA, there is further anticipation that the new JPB will establish an Advisory Board made up of representatives from each of the four areas.

The next JPA Board meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2009 at 2:00 at the Cook Land Office. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Rob Scott. All members voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, Secretary

**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**July 23, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on July 23, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by Chairman Forsman, followed by introductions from all attendees. The JPB members present were: St. Louis County Commissioners Mike Forsman and Keith Nelson, Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, and Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District. The representative from Ash River was absent.

The minutes of the June 25, 2009, Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board meeting were moved for approval by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Bob Nevalainen. The JPB approved the minutes unanimously.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering, provided an update on the JPB Comprehensive Plan. S.E.H. is working with the St. Louis County Auditor's Office in developing the mailing list for the surveys. Ms. Kennedy stated that she completed area visits to Crane Lake and Ash River. Commissioner Forsman updated the board on the status of the Joint JPA. He informed the members that a draft agreement has been developed through the St. Louis and Koochiching County Attorney's Offices, and it is anticipated that the agreement will be presented to the St. Louis County Board at its August 4, 2009 meeting. Mike Larson provided an update on project funding and stated he is continuing to work funding through the state bonding bill process. The funds requested are \$385,000 for planning and design. Additionally, he is continuing to work with the USACE on 569 project funds for Kabetogama (treatment design work), Ash River (preliminary engineering design work), and Crane Lake (collection system extension work).

The board discussed the challenges regarding four ongoing projects along with the need for understanding and flexibility challenges that the overall project faces with the different funding sources, cycles, and timelines. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson to authorize the Chair to make an application for funding source versus acceptance. This motion was seconded by Rob Scott and unanimously approved by the board.

Additional update comments:

Kabetogama: Bob Nevalainen provided an update and expressed concern with the VNP/MPCA meeting and attendees. He believed that an area representative for the JPB should have been included. The meeting was exclusively for government representatives, and Commissioner Nelson reminded the board that this JPB is a governmental entity.

Crane Lake: Rob Scott stated that survey data was critical to the Comprehensive Plan but equally critical was getting input and involvement from MPCA and St. Louis County Environmental Services. Ted Troolin, Director of Environmental Services agreed to support the project and be the point person from his office.

Ash River: No report provided.

Koochiching: Dale Olson from Koochiching County Environmental Services Dept. provided a summary of the VNP/MPCA meeting of July 8, 2009.

The next JPB Board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cook Land Department. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Rob Scott. All members voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, Secretary

**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**August 20, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on August 20, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairman Forsman, followed by introductions from all attendees. The JPB members present were: St. Louis County Commissioners Mike Forsman and Keith Nelson, Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District. The representative from Ash River was absent.

The minutes of the July 23, 2009, Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board meeting were moved for approval by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Rob Scott. The JPB approved the minutes unanimously.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering, provided an update on the engineering items related to the JPB Comprehensive Plan. She is working with the St. Louis County Attorney's Office and the Koochiching Environmental Service Office to prepare a project area map for the new Joint JPB. Rob Scott emphasized that the map needs to show each specific area versus a large contiguous area. Ms. Kennedy expects the map to be completed next week. S.E.H. has received the GIS parcel database information from the St. Louis County Planning Department. S.E.H. is obtaining the remaining parcels at the very end of Ash River which is located in a separate township. Ms. Kennedy expressed her gratitude for the great work and support that the county staff has provided. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Bob Nevalainen for the JPB Chair to send a thank you letter to the Planning Department. The JPB voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

In preparation for the community survey, S.E.H. has been working with the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department on the postcard that will be sent out prior to the survey. Based on input received from the Ash River meeting, the surveys will be sent out in mid-September to achieve timely receipt for seasonal residents. The estimated mailing dates are September 7, 2009 for the postcard and September 14, 2009 for the survey.

Discussion was held on developing a website that would provide links to related subjects pertaining to the project. There was some concern in regard to misinformation, getting ahead of actual work, and the host for the website. A motion was made by Rob Scott and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to authorize an initial website to be posted including links on an S.E.H. on-line projects page. This website will then be followed up with links on the St. Louis and Koochiching County websites after the new Joint JPB is established. This motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Additional update comments:

Crane Lake: S.E.H. plans to attend the September 8, 2009 Crane Lake Township meeting to provide a project status update and to hear the interests and concerns of the residents. Ms. Kennedy will be working with the township clerk to get on the agenda. Rob Scott stated that the MPCA and St Louis County's data on existing systems needs to be considered and included with the Comprehensive Plan.

Ash River: S.E.H. held a neighborhood meeting at Ash Trail Lodge to meet with area residents regarding the proposed planning project and upcoming community survey. The meeting was moderately attended, despite the very short notice provided. There was positive discussion and S.E.H. had several phone conversations with residents who were unable to attend. S.E.H. is planning to host another meeting in the early spring to discuss planning efforts and gain additional input.

Kabetogama: S.E.H. has started discussions with MPCA staff and the University of Minnesota Extension Office in regard to the review of recommended treatment plant design by North America Wetland Engineering (NAWE) in their Preliminary Engineering Report. Bob Nevalainen expressed his concerns with the NAWE treatment plant alternate sites.

Koochiching: Dale Olson from Koochiching County Environmental Service Office is working with the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) on how to get more points on PFA's project priority list. Also, there will be a possible visit to Voyageur National Park (VNP) by Senator Al Franken.

The JPB discussed the upcoming State Bonding bill meeting scheduled for October 14, 2009, in Hibbing. S.E.H. will work with Gary Cerkvenik in preparing the board members for the meeting. The bonding bill meeting will be added to the September JPB meeting agenda. Commissioner Nelson stated for the record that the St Louis County Board of Commissioners support the VNP project and has acted by deciding to go forward with a resolution to support the establishment of a Joint JPB by a 7-0 vote.

The next JPB meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2009 at 2:00 at the Cook Land Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and a second by Rob Scott to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m..

Submitted by: Rob Scott, Secretary

**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**September 24, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on September 24, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Forsman. The JPB members present were: St. Louis County Commissioners Mike Forsman and Keith Nelson, Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, and Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District. The representative from Ash River was absent.

The minutes of the August 20, 2009, Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board meeting were moved for approval by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Rob Scott. The JPB approved the minutes unanimously.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering, provided an update on the engineering items related to the JPB Comprehensive Plan. She is working with the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department and has compiled all the data base information necessary to complete the individual surveys to be mailed out on October 7, 2009. A postcard from Environmental Services will be sent out on October 1, 2009 advising individuals that they will be receiving a survey letter. Ms. Kennedy is scheduled to attend the Crane Lake Township meeting on October 13, 2009, to provide an overview of the project.

Additional update comments:

Crane Lake: Rob Scott discussed the importance of his attendance at the monthly Crane Lake Township meetings to provide updates on the ongoing project.

Ash River: Due to the fact that Ash River is not a township but an unorganized area within St. Louis County, Commissioner Nelson discussed the challenges faced in communicating with Ash River.

Kabetogama: Bob Nevalainen reported that he has put together the Voyageur National Park (VNP) informational packages for the upcoming State Bonding Committee meetings.

Koochiching: Dale Olson from Koochiching County Environmental Service Office has been working with MSA Engineering on a facility plan for the Island View Project. He also stated that it was not possible to tie an update on the project and a boat dedication to Senator Franken's visit.

The JPB discussed the need to increase private awareness and support for the project. Commissioner Pavleck added that the Friends of the VNP and many other organizations are interested in this project. He will be contacting the Superintendent of the VNP, Mike Ward to work on this issue.

It was decided that the St. Louis and Koochiching County JPB will be called the “VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board”. The meetings will be scheduled on the same date and held immediately after the Namakan Basin JPB meeting, with the first organizational meeting beginning on October 22, 2009.

An update was provided by Gary Cerkvenik on funding applications for the project. He anticipates final IRRB approval for \$50,000 for project planning funds. Additional planning funds should give \$450,000 from the United States Army Corp of Engineers 569 (USACE 569) grant program and \$285,000 from State Bonding funds. Mr. Cerkvenik outlined his approach to prepare for the House Bonding Committee on October 7, 2009 and the State Bonding Committee on October 14, 2009. These committee meetings will also include presentations by the St. Louis County and Koochiching Commissioners.

Ms Kennedy received a telephone call from John Cope regarding the project and an interest in having a parcel that is not part of the Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District included in the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Nelson explained that such an effort would require a request to St. Louis County. He also discussed the possibility that there may be additional requests as the project moves forward. Commissioner Nelson advised that the JPB needs to keep the scope of the project as originally outlined and then move forward from the initial concept with additional add on phases as needed. The expansion, phases and any additional concepts should be addressed by the new VNP Clean Water JPB.

The next JPB meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cook Land Office. The board decided that the November and December meetings will be combined and held on December 3, 2009, followed by a meeting on January 21, 2010. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and a second by Rob Scott to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Rob Scott

**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**October 22, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on October 22, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Forsman. The JPB members present were: St. Louis County Commissioners Mike Forsman and Keith Nelson, Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, and Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District. The representative from Ash River was absent.

Upon motion of Rob Scott, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, the minutes of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board meeting of September 24, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering, reported that the county postcards and the 680 surveys have been mailed, and S.E.H. has received approximately 120 responses as of today's meeting. The response goal is 60%. Ms. Kennedy attended the Crane Lake Township monthly meeting on September 15, 2009, which she believed went well and answered approximately 50 numerous questions.

The JPB discussed that there needs to be an improved definition of project goals and explanations on how to handle existing systems, new systems and future systems. A motion was made by Bob Nevalainen, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to incorporate these issues in the JPB Comprehensive Plan. The JPB approved the motion unanimously. Ms. Kennedy informed the members that S.E.H. is including a question and answer section on their website to address these questions and how the JPB is handling them. Also, S.E.H. will provide project report updates on this website.

Additional update comments:

Crane Lake: Rob Scott discussed the positive response at the Crane Lake Township meeting to the S.E.H. update.

Ash River: The representative was absent, and it was decided that S.E.H. will contact the Ash River representatives with respect to their attendance at the JPB meetings.

Kabetogama: Bob Nevalainen reported all is quiet, and that Kabetogama Township supports the Namakan Basin JPB.

Koochiching: Dale Olson reported that the facility plan is 90% complete. They will continue to improve their project point standing to gain support for MPCA funding.

The organizational meeting of the VNP Clean Water JPB will be held immediately following today's meeting. Commissioner Nelson reported that the Minnesota House and Senate Bonding meetings went well.

The next JPB meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2009 at 2:00 at the Cook Land Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Rob Scott to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Rob Scott

**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**December 3, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on December 3, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Nevalainen. The JPB members present were: St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson, Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District, and Katy Ebel, Ash River. The JPB members absent were: St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Forsman.

Upon motion of Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Rob Scott, the minutes of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board meeting of October 22, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering reported that over 60% of the 648 surveys mailed have been received. The JPB response goal is 60%. Rob Scott discussed the importance of getting close to 100% response of the surveys returned. S.E. H. is going to follow-up with phone calls encouraging the recipients to complete and return the surveys. Ms. Kennedy informed the members that S.E.H. continues to provide the JPB status on their website. She estimates that the Frequently Asked Question and Mission Statement will be available for review prior to the January meeting. There was a discussion regarding Lake Vermilion being included in the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Nelson stated that Lake Vermilion was not part of the original scope of work, but that it could potentially be part of a follow-on plan.

Additional update comments:

Kabetogama: Bob Nevalainen reported that the Public Facility Authority (PFA) letter from Kabetogama was sent to S.E.H. for their review and incorporation in the ongoing funding efforts.

Crane Lake: Rob Scott reported that Crane Lake also sent their PFA letter to S.E.H. for their review and incorporation in the ongoing funding efforts.

Koochiching: Dale Olson stated that the facilities plan was complete and under review for final public dissemination.

Commissioner Nelson expressed his appreciation for the staff support that was provided from the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department.

The next JPB meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2010 at 2:00 at the Cook Land Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Rob Scott to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Rob Scott

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**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**January 28, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on January 28, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Forsman. JPB members present were: St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Forsman, Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District, and Katy Ebel, Ash River. JPB members absent were: St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson.

Upon motion of Rob Scott, seconded by Bob Nevalainen, the minutes of the January 28, 2010 Namakan Basin JPB meeting were unanimously approved.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering reported that service area maps are being developed and presented copies. She estimates that the Frequently Asked Question section on their website will be available next week for board member review and comment. Randy Jenniges, S.E.H. Engineering outlined how the survey and GIS data will be analyzed and categorized for incorporation into the Comprehensive Plan. He provided initial documents that will be developed to assist the board in understanding how the formulation of the data will be put together for treatment alternatives. Commissioner Forsman stated the need for awareness in local buying and how critical it is for project funding and success.

Bob Nevalainen stated that Kabetogama Township adopted a resolution and has submitted letters of support for the project. Kabetogama Township has sent a letter to S.E.H. regarding Puck's Point funding. Additionally, they have provided updates to the S.E.H. service area maps, along with Crane Lake and Ash River. A letter was presented in regard to Ash-Ka-Nam Resort and St. Louis County. A motion was made by Rob Scott, seconded by Katy Ebel to have St. Louis County Environmental Services respond. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding St. Louis and Koochiching Counties' policies regarding interim sewer systems in the project area for new or non-compliant systems. A motion was made by Rob Scott, seconded by Bob Nevalainen to request both counties to review their policies and ordinances that cover interim sewer systems for residential and commercial properties. The motion passed unanimously.

The next JPB meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2010 at 2:00 at the Cook Land Office. A motion was made by Rob Scott, seconded by Bob Nevalainen, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**February 18, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on February 18, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Forsman. JPB members present were: St. Louis County Commissioners Mike Forsman and Keith Nelson, Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District, and Katy Ebel, Ash River. Introductions were given by all attendees, and there were no public comments.

Upon motion of Rob Scott, seconded by Bob Nevalainen, the minutes of the January 28, 2010, Namakan Basin JPB meeting were unanimously approved.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering reported that over 65% of the 648 surveys mailed have been returned, and that she will be working directly in each area on the outstanding surveys. Commissioner Nelson requested a breakdown of the outstanding surveys in regard to seasonal vs. full-time residents. Ms. Kennedy added that S.E.H. will be sending out a second survey mailing. Discussion was held on individual treatment system trees, and it was decided that S.E.H. will be adding this information to its website. In addition, the Frequently Asked Question section has been updated with JPB input and will be posted on the website. The flow of information and exchange of comments between Namakan Basin JPB and area residents was discussed. Preliminary work continues on transferring S.E.H. website project information to St. Louis and Koochiching County's websites.

Tracy Ekola, S.E.H. Engineering discussed flow project inputs and soil data analysis. This analysis will include statistical county data, local knowledge data and survey data in developing a Comprehensive Plan. MPCA will be contacted to work on the permitting process in relation to treatment alternatives. Commissioner Nelson reminded the JPB to keep the communication level high and to remember this project is a single and multifaceted project.

Ms. Kennedy handed out the project funding matrix and discussed the funding source, status and timelines. It was further noted that flyers were made available during Congressman Oberstar's visit to Hibbing on February 19, 2010.

The next JPB meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2010, at 2:00 at the Cook Land Office. A motion was made by Rob Scott, seconded by Bob Nevalainen, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**March 18, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on March 18, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Bob Nevalainen. JPB members present were: Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District, and Steve Wieber, Ash River. St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Forsman arrived at 2:35 p.m. and took over as Chair of the meeting. JPB members absent were: St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson.

Upon motion of Rob Scott, seconded by Steve Wieber, the minutes of the February 18, 2010, Namakan Basin JPB meeting were unanimously approved.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering gave copies of the newly updated JPB Organizational Chart and the Frequently Asked Questions. The website will include both of these items along with links to their represented areas. The goal is to have the website on the St. Louis and Koochiching websites ready in April. The survey response is over 65% (with a breakdown of 34% seasonal, 20% part-year and 17% full-time residence), and the commercial response was 100%. The Comprehensive Plan is moving along and on track.

The MPCA and S.E.H Engineering have discussed the various permitting and regulations pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan options. For example, Brett Ballavance, MPCA has outlined that a water management district permit option can cover multiple treatment options. Currently, there are MPCA permits within the study area. It was decided after an initial discussion by the JPB, that as the plan comes together, there will be more input before a final decision is made on how to best proceed.

Additional update comments:

Kabetogama: Bob Nevalainen reported that on April 27, 2010, S.E.H. will brief the Kabetogama Lake Association.

Ash River: Steve Wieber reported that on May 29, 2010, S.E.H. will be at Ash River to provide an update.

Koochiching: Dale Olson is inviting S.E.H. to provide an update at a MPCA Advisory Board Meeting. Also, Koochiching is expanding the existing permit and boundary approximately 7 miles.

Mr. Ballavance discussed Public Facilities Authority (PFA) funding and scoring. There is a possibility that the scores would increase with a larger boundary versus individual district boundary.

The next JPB meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2010, at 2:00 at the Cook Land Office. A motion was made by Rob Scott, seconded by Bob Nevalainen, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

**NAMAKAN BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**April 15, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held at the Cook Land Department on April 15, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m. by Chairman Forsman. JPB members present were: St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Forsman, Bob Nevalainen, Kabetogama Township, and Rob Scott, Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District. JPB members absent were: St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson and the representative from Ash River.

Upon motion of Rob Scott, seconded by Bob Nevalainen, the minutes of the March 18, 2010, Namakan Basin JPB meeting were unanimously approved.

Julie Kennedy, S.E.H. Engineering reported that 90% of the Comprehensive Plan cost estimates were complete. Their goal is to have a presentation of the draft plan at the May Namakan Basin JPB meeting. This presentation will be passed out to JPB members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Rob Scott, seconded by Commissioner Forsman to make the draft copies available only to Namakan Basin JPB members until the board as a whole was briefed at the May meeting. All voted in favor except Bob Nevalainen.

Additional update comments:

Kabetogama: Bob Nevalainen stated his concerns about the \$100,000 of IRR funds slated to go to Crane Lake, and that Kabetogama and Ash River were in the taconite district versus what Gary Cerkvenik reported. Ms. Kennedy reinforced that Mr. Cerkvenik was incorrect and Kabetogama and Ash River are within the taconite district. She reported that the funds were for construction jobs versus planning. Bob Nevalainen added that S.E.H. Engineering will be attending the Kabetogama Lake Association meeting on April 27, 2010.

Ash River: No reports.

Koochiching: Dale Olson reported that the Koochiching website is set-up and ready to go.

The next JPB meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2010, at 2:00 at the Cook Land Office. A motion was made by Rob Scott, seconded by Bob Nevalainen, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.