

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday March 19, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Cook Land Building

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the February 19, 2014
4. S.E.H. Update
5. Project Funding Status
6. Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Kab
  - B. Ash River
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
7. Other
8. Next meeting date



## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Lindberg, Randy Jenniges, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: March 12, 2014

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - March 2014  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLCO 118965

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting held was at 10:00 a.m. at the Land Dept building on February 19, 2014. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

### **Koochiching County**

Commissioner Pavleck to comment on the project.

### **Kabetogama**

The last township board meeting was held on March 4. Advertisement for bids is expected to begin in May or June and construction will begin mid to late summer and fall, 2014 to accommodate resort properties. The town board has made a decision to acquire legal easements for just the part of the property affected by the installation of tanks and connecting lines. Legal descriptions of properties for preparation of easements will be needed and provided by SEH Inc.

North Star Electric will install separate meters for each shared tanks, but the bill would have to be paid by the Township and back-charged to residents in sewer bill. Further research is needed, but a possibility of adding additional tanks instead of shared tanks is an option.

### **Ash River**

Commissioners and Environmental Service to comment for review of the project.

### **Crane Lake**

The last meeting was held on March 5. There has not been much activity since the last meeting on the possible management plan for the District. The focus for the district will continue to be on Handberg Road and Bear Island. We are continuing to work with Bob Bartell on the ISTS report for Bear Island.

We feel the feasibility report completed for Handberg Road can be integrated with ISTS management for properties off Handberg Road. Based on a draft timeline for work along Handberg should funding become available, the earliest bids could be done would be June.

## Action Items

Refer to the attached document named VNPCWJPB action items tracking sheet.

Call Brian Fitzpatrick from MPCA

## Meeting Dates

Action Requested: Propose and approve an upcoming meeting date.

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: VNPCWJPB Minutes from February 19, 2014, VNPCWJPB Action Items Tracking Sheet, SEH Invoice, Costin Group Invoice

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING February 19, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Cook Land Department on February 19, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 p.m. by Chairman Pavleck. All board members were present with alternate Commissioner Ecklund from Koochiching County. There were no comments from the public.

A motion by Commissioner Forsman and seconded by Commissioner Ecklund to approve the January 22, 2014. All voted in favor.

Kabetogama: Documents related to the Puck's Point project have been sent to MPCA. Work continues on the required ordinances. DNR is working a land lease option for the project.

Koochiching: Dale Olson stated that the letters to VNP, MPCA, and DNR have been sent. Scott Harder is working on the special assessments for the Island View project. The project awaits the results of the State bonding bill. There was a discussion on DNR land acquisition.

Ash River: The discussion until a phone conference is established later in the meeting Lori Dowling-Hanson, NE DNR regional director.

Crane Lake: Rob Scott provided an update on the expansion efforts to the CLWSD system. The expansion project is focusing on the Handberg Road extension and Bear Island. The amount of expansion will be directly related to the grant monies received.

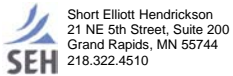
The action items and invoices were reviewed by S.E.H. A motion was made by Commissioner Forsman and second by Commissioner Ecklund to pay the invoices. In discussion it was agreed to pay Gary Cerkenik a maximum of \$2500.00. All voted in favor.

The State legislative session begins on February 25<sup>th</sup> and expected to run through April. Representatives of the JPB will testify as required.

A phone conference was established with Lori Dowling-Hanson, DNR. The board discussed the Ash River land exchange and/or lease option, the Wooden Frog lease option, and the Island View land lease option with her. She is working with the counties on these efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 and the next meeting is set for March 19th at 10:00.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



**VOYAGEUR'S NATIONAL PARK CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD  
ACTION ITEMS TRACKING SHEET**

Task	JPB Responsible Party	Contact Entity	Contact Name	Phone	Email	Status
Increase Econ Dvlpmnt Support	Gary C.	Econ Dev	Bob Anderson Mayor of I-Falls	218.240.4233	<a href="mailto:boba@ci.international-falls.mn.us">boba@ci.international-falls.mn.us</a>	Made contact 2/2/13
Address the current water condition and funding issues	Gary C.	Secretary of the Interior	Sally Jewell	202.208.3100	<a href="mailto:feedback@ios.doi.gov">feedback@ios.doi.gov</a>	
Address the current water condition and funding issues	McBride	VNP Director	Jonathan Jarvis	202.208.3818	<a href="mailto:Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov">Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov</a>	Completed
Address the current water condition and funding issues	Nelson	Congress	Tom Anzelc	651.296.4936	<a href="mailto:sen.tom.anzelc@house.mn">sen.tom.anzelc@house.mn</a>	Telephone
Address the current water condition and funding issues	Nelson	Congress	David Dill	651.296.4131	<a href="mailto:rep.david.dill@house.mn">rep.david.dill@house.mn</a>	Telephone
Be put into the budget (USCOE 569)	Gary C./Forsman/Nelson	Senate	Tom Saxhaug	651.296.4136	<a href="mailto:sen.tom.saxhaug@senate.mn">sen.tom.saxhaug@senate.mn</a>	Senate Bonding Bill 10/1/13
Be put into the budget (USCOE 569)	Gary C./Forsman/Nelson	Senate	Thomas Bakk	651.296.8881	<a href="mailto:sen.tom.bakk@senate.mn">sen.tom.bakk@senate.mn</a>	Senate Bonding Bill 10/1/13
Contact the current person in position of Jody Teryportor	Gary C.	VNP				
Contact	Paul Nevenen	Bluegreen Alliance				
Letter to LCP requesting individual usage rates for the users on Bear Island	JPB (Rob Scott, McBride)	LCP	Joseph "Dale" Long, President	218.757.3634		
Find the "true" definitions for ISTS compliances	Sara Lindberg	St. Louis County	Online			Completed 10/4/13
Make the Comprehensive Plan Accessible	Lindberg/Nelson/McBride	JPB Current Projects	Online			Completed
Request from the CLWSD to cover the \$7500.00 costs to validate the JPB Comprehensive Plan	Rob Scott	CLWSD				Dec-13
Take action on getting Ash River sewer district established	Terry Soderberg	St. Louis County Environmental Services Office				
Formalized Budget	Terry Soderberg	St. Louis County Environmental Services Office				
Create Letter asking for action	Gary/Sara	DNR/MPCA/VNP	Landwehr/Ward/Stine			Completed
Letter to DNR outlining delays	Sara/Randy	DNR	Landwehr			
Outline Project details to Lori	Sara	DNR	Lori Dowling-Hanson		<a href="mailto:Lori.dowling-hanson@state.mn.us">Lori.dowling-hanson@state.mn.us</a>	Completed