



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Julie Kennedy, Randy Jenniges, Mike Larson, Gary Cerkenik
SEH Team

DATE: June 15, 2012

RE: Joint Powers Board Update Information – June 2012
Koochiching and St Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLCO 118965

Board Meetings

The last meeting held was at 1:00 p.m. at the Land Dept building on May 9, 2012. See the attached meeting minutes for details.

Funding

•LCCMR

The VNPCWJPB applied for \$150,000 to advance the clean water initiative across the private lands for Voyageurs National Park. The LCCMR met on June 5-6 to pick the initial projects to be considered later in June for funding. Unfortunately, we received notice on June 7 that our proposal, ID: 157-I, "Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project", was not one of those selected and is no longer in contention for this current round of funding.

•2013 Bonding Bill Appropriation - Mn Business Development Capital Projects Grant Program

Koochiching County is applying for \$7.5M for the Island View project. On June 19, the County Board will consider passing a Resolution in Support of the Project. The application is due June 26, 2012 and a decision is anticipated in late Summer or early Fall 2012.

•2013 PFA Small Communities and Clean Water Revolving Fund (IUP)

Kabetogama Township re-applied for FY 2013 for the Puck's Point project. The project has been tentatively approved for funding with 50% grant and 50% loan. Recently, we have been in discussion with PFA about potential legislative changes to the Small Communities Program that may increase the grant portion of the Puck's Project for FY 2013. We should know by the end of the month whether or not the changes will be approved.

Contract

The agreement for professional services between the VNPCWJPB and SEH was approved by the Board at the meeting on May 9, 2012. Both the St. Louis County and Koochiching County Boards equally approved funds in the amount of \$25,000 to continue to support the VNPCWJPB's efforts.

The Agreement language is currently being reviewed by the St. Louis County Attorney. Once approved by the attorney, SEH will set up the project and monthly invoices itemizing all work done will then be included with these update packets.

Next Month's Game Plan

We will be identifying the eligible projects for the PFA's Technical Assistance Grant and drafting the grant applications for review with next month's packet.

We will be working to seek a Federal Department of Interior planning appropriation to help continue our efforts to study, plan, and pre-engineer the next steps to protect the long-term water quality of the Park.

We will be working on the Legacy application on behalf of the Project to implement elements of the overall VNPCWJPB plan. Funding will call for applications in September 2012.

If you have any questions regarding these items, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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Cc: VNPCWJPB Advisory Committee, Koochiching and St. Louis County staff (upon request), Project Area residents (upon request)

Att: VNPCWJPB Minutes from May 9, 2012

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VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING May 9, 2012

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Cook Land Department on May 9, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Commissioner Forsman. VNP Clean Water JPB members present were: Koochiching County Commissioners d Brian McBride and St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Forsman. Commissioner attended via teleconference.

There were no public comments. Upon motion of Commissioner McBride, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, the minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting of the VNP Clean Water JPB meeting were unanimously approved.

Julie Kennedy, S.E. H. Engineering discussed her JPB information (I will let you be your own canary)

Both counties have approved \$25,000.00 to continue the JPB study and engineering effort. There was a motion by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McBride to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with a work complete date of June 31, 2013. The board unanimously approved. There was a discussion on providing monthly updates including a budget tracker. S.E.H. with ensure this is completed and provided monthly.

Gary Cerkvenik provided a funding status and strategy overview. He feels the focus should be in three areas:

1. Construction of the Island View extension project
2. Construction of the Handberg Road extension project.
3. Long term work study.
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....The Federal and State funding efforts you folks have been working and I again will let you and the money guys fill in.

There was a motion by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McBride to have S.E.H. work on and complete the State bonding application that is due in June. All voted in favor.

Kabetogama – The Puck’s Point project is ready to go but holding on a commitment from DNR. There was a follow on discussion and agreement to get closure on the issue.

Ash River - Katie Ebel said that the alternate representative is no longer willing to be on the Advisory committee. She is also concerned that there is a need to address the sewer issue, but there are no funds available or the local agency to work the challenge. St. Louis County

Environmental Services to assist in looking at the process of establishing a sewer district at Ash River.

Crane Lake - Rob Scott stated that there is still a need for cost overrun funds for the CSAH 24 project and the new culvert installation. He also passed on that he attended a Mobile Office visit by Tim Olson from Congressman Cravaack's office.

Koochiching - Dale Olson passed on that the Island View project design is complete and awaiting funding.

VNP - Superintendent Ward passed on his thanks for the ongoing efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm by Commissioner Forsman and no date was set for the next meeting.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary