

VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting

Wednesday October 22, 2014

9:00 a.m.

St. Louis County Land Department Building

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the September 24, 2014 JPB meeting
4. S.E.H. Update
5. Project Funding Status
6. Advisory Board Representative Updates
 - A. Kabetogama
 - B. Ash River
 - C. Crane Lake
 - D. Koochiching
 - E. VNP
 - F. DNR
 - G. MPCA
 - H. Bear Island Association
7. Other
8. Next meeting date



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Christenson, Randy Jenniges, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: October 21, 2014

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

Board Meetings

The last meeting held was at 10:00 a.m. at the Kabetogama Township Hall on September 24th. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

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

Kabetogama

The first advertisement for bid date was October 11. The bid date will be December 17. Having two separate bid packages (Collection system and treatment system). If bids come in with affordable numbers, the treatment system work could begin construction in late spring/early summer and the collection system beginning construction in late summer/early fall.

Ash River

There are no current updates with Ash River, with an exception of proposing a scope of work. The scope would be to obtain preliminary results to eliminate or include parcels of land that best work for a treatment system.

Crane Lake

Randy and Mike are working with the MPCA to secure funding for the District. Sara Hager is obtaining a proposal from Jim Orton to provide the work for a CAR for the entire ESA, in phases beginning this fall or next spring. Sara will identify how the Crane Lake CAR will fit with a normal CAR.

Island View

Randy to comment.

Project Funding Status

Gary Cerkvenik to comment.

Advisory Board Representative Updates

- Voyageurs National Park
- Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Bear Island Association

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 September, 2014, SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice.

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VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING September 24, 2014

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Kabetogama Township Hall on September 24, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Pavleck. Commissioner Brian McBride was also present. Introductions around the meeting room were made and there were no comments from the public.

All motions were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

Kabetogama: There is going to be a rebid for the Kabetogama collection system and treatment plant. The RFP out in October and will be broken out into two parts. Bob Nevalainen said there are ongoing discussions regarding non-mandatory hook-ups and interim sewer systems.

Ash River: There was a meeting with St. Louis County Environmental Services, S.E.H., DNR Land and Minerals, and DNR Forestry to discuss DNR parcels for a site to build a treatment plant. There are three land sites under review that include a soils review, accessibility, and cost.

Crane Lake: The sewer board is working on contracting the preliminary work associated with a CAR. S.E.H. is working on the engineering design for the Handberg Road extension.

Koochiching: There was a discussion regarding the challenges of coming up with a match for the State bonding grant. Work continues on the financial analysis to include a project schedule and public hearings.

DNR: DNR continues to work the land issues at Kabetogama and Ash River.

VNP. Bill Carlson stated that the Superintendent is aware of the status of the project and activities that are ongoing

Commissioner Forsman was brought into the meeting via phone conference. A motion by Commissioner Forsman and second by Commissioner McBride to approved the minutes of the August 20th meeting. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner McBride and second by Commissioner Forsman to pay the invoices. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05. The next meeting is set for 9:00 on October 22nd at the County Land Office in Cook.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary