

VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting

Wednesday February 11, 2015

10:00 p.m.

St. Louis County Land Office

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the January 14, 2015 JPB meeting
6. S.E.H. and 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. Project Funding Status
8. Other
9. Next meeting date



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Christenson, Randy Jenniges, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: February 11, 2015

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - February 2015
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLCO 121718

Board Meetings

The last meeting held was at 10:00 A.M. at the St. Louis County Land Department building on January 14, 2014. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

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

Kabetogama

Project will be split into three:

- Collection - original design included STEP collection system. Grinder stations will be bid as an alternate. Forcemains from pretreatment site to mounds/at-grade will be included in collection system bid
- Pretreatment System - Only the work on the treatment site - buried tanks and new building - will be included in this bid. Tank elevation will be raised as much as practical to decrease rock excavation costs.
- Dispersal Systems - Two mounds and one at-grade included in this bid. This will hopefully allow more on-site contractors to obtain the bond to bid this work.

Projects will all be bid at the same time on March 4, 2015.

The VNPCWJPB asked about legislation to force Woodenfrog State Campground to hook up to the Puck's Point project. As you may recall, we got this passed last year. The following is the language that is now law that we accomplished last year:

“The Commissioner must provide for the state forest campground in Kabetogama Township to be connected to a public sewage treatment system within the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board’s jurisdiction, when one is constructed and operational.”

Ash River

Another meeting with the DNR will need to be scheduled.

Crane Lake

Randy to comment.

Island View

Randy to comment.

Project Funding Status

- Visited legislators with Rob Ecklund from Kooch regarding our VNP shortfall.
- Worked with Dale and SEH to revise project costs.
- Prepared legislation to appropriate bond proceeds for the shortfalls at Kooch and Kab.
- Met with Congressman Nolan in DC and his staff and are working towards a 2016 request for funding.
- Confirmed in law Woddenfrog mandatory hook up.
- Worked with Mark St. Lawrence and Mark Weber regarding land exchange for the Kab project.

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.
- Action Requested: Propose and approve the Costin Group Invoice.

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 January 14, 2014, SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice, Memo for Nolan

VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2014

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Saint Louis County Land Office on January 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Pavleck. Commissioner Ecklund and Commissioner Rukavina were also present. Introductions were made and there were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ecklund and seconded by Commissioner Rukavina to approve the October 22 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Kabetogama: The December construction bids were \$208,215 higher than the previous bids. The township has decided to rebid as three separate projects: collection, treatment, and mounds. The bids will be due in March.

Ash River: There is meeting with DNR scheduled in January to work the non-trust land exchange for the future sight of a sewer treatment plan

Crane Lake: The Crane Lake expansion project is on track to go out in February for bids to complete a collection system down the Handberg Road to the DNR landing. Contracts are being worked on to complete a CAR for the Handberg Road area and Bear Island. Rob Scott discussed the future need to work with the Federal Forest Service on leased parcels within the CLWSD. Commissioner Rukavina to call the forest service to see how best to proceed.

Koochiching: There is a significant challenge on how best fund the Island View Project. S.E.H. recalculated the engineering estimate for the project. The estimate was \$15 million in 2011, now the estimate is \$16.8 million. The key is in obtaining Federal grant funds. There will be JPB commissioners attending the NACO meeting in Washington and plan on holding discussions to address the need for Federal support. Dale Olson said that a letter has been send from the JPB to Jim Anderson, MPCA thanking him for his work on the CLWSD expansion project.

Project Funding. There may be some consideration for individual projects if they are supported/sponsored by local governments. Potential sponsors include MPCA and DNR. Gary Cerkvenik has put together a package that requests \$5 million in WRDA funds. Additionally, Representative Dill and Senator Bakk have been informed about our shortfalls and are looking at other funding source options

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10. The next meeting is set for 10:00 on February 11th at the County Land Office in Cook.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary