

VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2018

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at Cook Land Office January 17, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairman Pavleck. Commissioner Rukavina, Commissioner Nelson, and Commissioner McBride were also present. Introductions were made and there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rukavina to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2017 and December 20, 2017 minutes for the JPB meeting. Commissioner McBride supported and all voted in favor.

Kabetogama. John was not present. Colin Marcusen provided the project update. The dispersal and collection system projects are complete. Only warranty work and spring restoration work is left to be done. Commissioner Rukavina inquired about how much funding remains from the additional \$50,000 that was allocated to the project. Colin indicated that approximately \$28,000 of funding remains.

Ash River. SEH provided an update regarding the differences between developing a Facility Plan or CAR for Ash River. Essentially the content is nearly identical. A Facility Plan can be relabeled as a CAR depending on which project funding source is being perused. The main difference is the whether or not the JPB would like to include the University of Minnesota in the process. SEH provided a contract to Mark St. Lawrence to proceed with the Facility Plan. Colin noted that the Kabetogama project started out as a Facility Plan and was later changed to a CAR based on the desired project funding. Mark expressed his concern with the County being able to perform an adequate amount of in-kind services as local match to the \$450,000 legacy grant. Mark will continue work with SEH in finalizing the scope of work so a contract can be presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Rukavina made a motioin to request the JPB send out a letter to Ash River residents requesting volunteers to serve on an Ash River Sewer Committee. Gark Cerkenick will assist in drafting the letter and Mark St. Lawrence will mail out the letter. Commissioner McBride supported, all in favor. Commissioner Pavlek made a motion to have the county submit a IRRRB funding application and PPL application for the Ash River Project. Commissioner Rukavina supported, all in favor.

Crane Lake. Rob was not present. Jason provide an update that The Handberg Road project added 2 additional grinder station connects. 8 of the 10 grinder

stations have been installed. The contractor has shut down for the winter, but will return to complete the installation of the final 2 grinder stations and complete restoration work by June 2018. In the summer of 2018 the district intends to start the annexation process for Kicker Blvd.

Koochiching. Dale provided an update that the Island View project is in winter construction shut down. No more work is anticipated until the April/May 2018 timeframe. Contract A has completed approximately \$3.8 million (40%) in work through November. Contract B has completed \$1.7 million (24%) in work through November. The first lift station is anticipated to be operational for grinder connections in July 2018. The contractual construction completion of the project is summer of 2019.

VNP. Bill Johnson provided a VNP update. He indicated that they are currently working with the County and SEH on potentially relocated the proposed sewer lines as part of the Island View Sewer Project to minimize the impact on the new asphalt parking lot and driveway.

DNR. Not Present

MPCA. Not Present

Project Funding Status. SEH provided a printout and update of the current funding status for all projects. Jason informed the group that the amount of legacy funds allotted to Crane Lake in 2017 was \$300,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rukavina to pay the Costin Group December invoice and SEH November and December invoices. Commissioner McBride supported and all voted in favor.

Other Business. Mark St. Lawrence requested Koochiching County pass a resolution and sign amendment No. 1 to amend the terms of the existing agreement for annual renewal instead of renewal every two years.

The next meeting date is scheduled for February 21st at 10:00 in the Cook Land Office.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 11:45

Submitted by: Jason Chopp, SEH