



## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Lindberg, Randy Jenniges, Mike Larson, and Gary Cerkvénik

DATE: October 2, 2013

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - October 2013  
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 July 17, 2013. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 17 meeting.

### **Funding**

The House Bonding Committee was in Hibbing on Wednesday, November 27. Sara prepared a presentation for the \$8,567,000 request for the Island View (\$7,500,000) and Crane Lake (\$1,075,000) sanitary sewer projects. Commissioner Pavleck presented with assistance of Gary. Overall the presentation went very well and each question asked was answered.

The Senate Bonding Committee was at Fortune Bay on Tuesday, October 1.

### **Koochiching County**

An update meeting was held on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The majority of questions included what the monthly fee will be, although the financial analysis & assessment policy must be completed first. Other questions included the timeline (approx 1.5 year construction) and cost and materials to hook up to the house (need a 220 Amp circuit). The project is waiting on funding to move forward. Dale created a project brochure from the SEH frequently asked questions handout.

### **Kabetogama**

The PPSSD will move forward with all members of the district being hooked up. SEH is continuing the preparation of the permits, design documents, the plans, and the specification, with the construction planned to begin in the spring of 2014. Additional soil samples required by the MPCA on the DNR property have been scheduled through Matrix, a subconsultant of SEH. Currently the residents question when the rates for the project will be taken into affect. SEH is working with the PFA and MPCA to determine the timeline for grant and loan dispersion. Scott Harder is preparing the final financial report.

## Ash River

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

## Crane Lake

The Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District has held several meetings regarding the extension of sanitary sewer for Bear Island, Handberg Road Extension, and CSAH 24 Phase II. The district has reviewed layouts, costs, and options for the extensions.

Residents on Bear Island have voiced concerns as to the need of the project, i.e. they do not believe they have issues with their current systems. Based on these concerns, the district hired an ISTS inspector to do a field inspection of all of the ISTS systems on Bear Island to determine compliance, non-compliance, etc. Each system would be documented and photographed. This inspection is currently being done.

Additional updates will be provided by the district.

## Action Items

- Comment on Commissioner Forsman's meeting with Congressman Nolan
- Comment on Commissioner Forsman, Commissioner Nelson, and Gary discussion with Tom Saxhaug and Thomas Bakk to be put into the budget (USCOE 569)
- Comment on Gary rewriting the letter to legislation to allow VNP to give money to the JPB
- Current progress of the citizens of Ash River forming an official board to be able to apply for funding from the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) for the TA Grant.

## Contracts

The contract is being revised per St. Louis County request and will be available at the meeting. Invoices will also be available at the meeting.

Action Requested: Motion to approve payment of invoices and future monthly Costin Group payments per the contract.

## Meeting Dates

The upcoming meeting date is December 4<sup>th</sup> of 2013.

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 July 17, 2013, July & August 2013 Invoice