

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
St Louis County – Cook Public Works Building
February 19, 2025

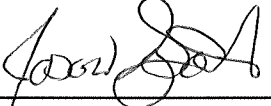
Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St Louis County), Destry Hell (Koochiching County), Jason Sjoblom (Koochiching County)

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Ryan Logan (St Louis County), Bob DeGross (VNP), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), David Sahli (MPCA), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama), Rob Scott (Crane Lake)

1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair McDonald.
2. Public Comments
 - a. None
3. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2024
 - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Hell motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
 - a. Ash River
 - i. No significant updates.
 1. Collection system design revisions ongoing based on District request with bank stabilization under evaluation.
 2. Review and planning for closing out existing grant funds and potential grant deadline extension through legislation.
 3. Ongoing survey work associated with St Louis county parcel lines.
 4. Treatment design still being finalized with subconsultant.
 - b. Kabetogama
 - i. Treatment system design/layouts underway for Archaeological purposes.
 - ii. Phase 1 Archaeological proposal pending.
 - iii. Coordination and preparation for summer survey work.
 - iv. Only 20 of 160 temporary easement responses received.
 - c. Crane Lake
 - i. HF478 to reduce the size of a quorum for small population sewer districts.
 - ii. Motion by Sjoblom/Hell for the JPB to submit a letter of support for HF478. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Koochiching County
 - i. RV Park connection project. County poised to award construction contract to Wagner Construction.

- e. VNP
 - i. Update on removal of Rainy Lake Visitors Center dispersal drain field.
 - ii. Bob DeGross to retire at the end of May.
 - f. DNR
 - i. Not in attendance. No Updates
 - g. MPCA
 - i. No updates.
5. Project Funding
- a. General legislative updates from Costin Group.
6. Pay Invoices
- a. The following January 2024 invoices were presented to the board.
 - i. \$2,500 Costin Group
 - ii. \$749.90 SEH
 - b. Commissioner's Jugovich/Hell motioned to approve the November invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Other Business
- i. None
8. Next Meeting
- a. The next meeting will be March 19, 2025 (10AM) at Cook Public Works Building.
9. Adjournment:
- a. Commissioner's Sjolom/McDonald motioned to adjourn at 10:33 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.

 VICE CHAIR 03.19.2025

Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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