

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board  
Meeting Minutes  
St Louis County – Cook Public Works Building  
December 18, 2024

Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St Louis County), Keith Nelson (St Louis County), Jason Sjoblom (Koochiching County)

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Ryan Logan (St Louis County), Bob DeGross (VNP), Laura Bellasalma (VNP), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group), Shelly Patten (DNR), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), David Sahli (MPCA), Wes Leskell (MPCA)

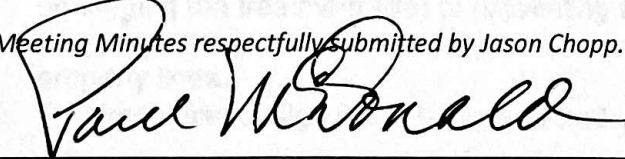
1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
  - a. Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM by Chair McDonald.
2. Public Comments
  - a. None
3. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2024
  - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/Nelson motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
  - a. Ash River
    - i. No significant updates. Dispersal system designer is completing their design in conjunction with the pretreatment system. Board met with SEH regarding the potential change to the design location of the force main. Ongoing survey and easements for the location of the grinder stations.
  - b. Kabetogama
    - i. No significant updates. Duluth Archaeology is now under contract to perform work in 2025.
  - c. Crane Lake
    - i. No significant updates. WWTP upgrades are working well. Continue to look for solutions for high costs regarding water testing. District looking into measures to change board member requirements from 5 to 3. District still requesting \$400k in CWC funding.
  - d. Koochiching County
    - i. RV Park connection project construction bids due in December.
  - e. VNP
    - i. Update on removal of Rainy Lake Visitors Center dispersal drain field.
  - f. DNR



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- i. Shelly requested to set up a regular meeting to discuss updates on Kabetogama land transfer request.
  - g. MPCA
    - i. David provided an update that the MPCA will work with Matt on the grant agreement once the RV Park bids are received by the county.
- 5. Project Funding
  - a. CWC met on December 16<sup>th</sup>. JPB is funded at \$1.5M and will move forward into a bill for 2025 Legislative Session.
  - b. Ash River Bonding Bill request will be introduced as a bill soon.
  - c. No updates on CDS funding.
- 6. Pay Invoices
  - a. The following September 2024 invoices were presented to the board.
    - i. \$2,500 Costin Group
    - ii. \$1,844.32 SEH
  - b. Commissioner's Nelson/Sjoblom motioned to approve the November invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Other Business
  - i. None
- 8. Next Meeting
  - a. The next meeting will be January 15, 2024 (10AM) at Cook Public Works Building.
- 9. Adjournment:
  - a. Commissioner's Sjoblom/McDonald motioned to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.

  
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Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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