

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Koochiching County, MN  
November 20, 2024

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

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Ryan Logan (St Louis County), Bob DeGross (VNP), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama)

1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
  - a. Meeting called to order at 10:17 AM by Chair McDonald.
2. Public Comments
  - a. None
3. Approval of Minutes from October 30, 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. 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. No significant updates. Design of RV Park connection in progress.
  - e. VNP
    - i. No updates.
  - f. DNR
    - i. No updates. Not in attendance
  - g. MPCA

- i. No updates. Not in attendance.

5. Project Funding

- a. Jeff Anderson provided an update on CWC funding. Funding currently sits at \$1.5M going into the budgeting process.

6. Pay Invoices

- a. The following September 2024 invoices were presented to the board.
  - i. \$2,500 Costin Group
  - ii. \$1,122.95 SEH
- b. Commissioner's Jugovich/Hell motioned to approve the October invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Other Business

- i. Jeff Anderson will be reaching out the US Senators and Representatives to attend the January JPB Meeting to discuss Ash River CDS request.

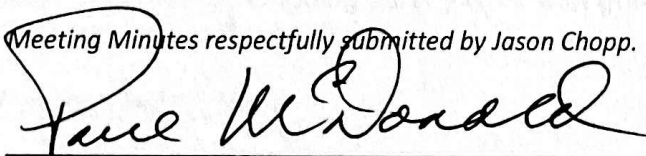
8. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be December 18, 2024 (10AM) at Cook Public Works Building.

9. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner's Hell/Sjoblom motioned to adjourn at 10:31 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

*Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.*



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Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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