

VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting

Wednesday June 19, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Ash River – Frontier Resort

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the May 15, 2019 JPB meeting
4. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
 - A. Kabetogama
 - B. Ash River
 - C. Crane Lake
 - D. Koochiching
 - E. VNP
 - F. DNR
 - G. MPCA
5. Project Funding
6. Pay Invoices
7. Other Business
8. Next meeting date
9. Adjourn meeting

VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2019

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at St. Louis County Land Office on May 15, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner McBride, and Commissioner Jugovich.

Commissioner Pavleck welcomed everyone to the meeting and the board members introduced themselves. There were no public comments

A motion was made by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner McBride to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes. All voted in favor.

Kabetogama. The Pucks Point is under warranty period and USA is working the issues. All work anticipated to be complete in the next couple of weeks. The steering committee meets on a regular basis to put together a proposed phase II plan. Anticipate five commercial and twenty private users to be added.

Ash River. St Louis County has submitted the final petition for a sewer district to the Office of Administrative Hearings and final order in work for an early June SLC approval. The next step is to request sewer board members from the permanent residences. The land exchange work continues. The current estimated cost of the project to be \$2,5M for the treatment plant and \$7.5M for the collection system. S.E.H. is still working data collection and will be conducting a site survey in July.

Crane Lake. ISTS installations are underway and work continues on the Management Program. Work continues on the Kicker Blvd. project and phase III of the management plan.

Koochiching. The Island View extension project work is underway. The contract completion date is July, however the contractors have requested time extensions. DNR. The land swap at Ash River is in the appraisal work phase. There was a discussion regarding the DNR leased land by Kabetogama for the treatment plan. Kabetogama desires to purchase vs. lease the land.

MPCA. MPCA plans on attending the July meeting.

VNP. There was a discussion regarding the restoration of the ongoing project. S.E.H. has for action..

Funding. The next funding priority after Ash River is Kabetogama phase II.

The board discussed the current Comprehensive Plan and options to update. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McBride to have the represented areas in the plan provide an input to S.E.H. to develop an Appendix to show the latest status of each district. All voted in favor.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jugovich to pay the March and April invoices for S.E.H. and Costin group (\$408.00 and \$1940.64 respectfully). It was supported by Commissioner Nelson and all voted in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner Nelson to pay the Costin April invoice of \$2500.00. SLC will be updating the new contracts for S.E.H. and Costin for June approval.

The planned meeting locations:

June: Ash River

July: Ash River

August: Crane Lake

September: Kabetogama

Note: All meetings will start at 11:00

There was no additional business and a motion by Commissioner McBride and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:19.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



Ash River Sanitary District Is Created

Mark St. Lawrence

to:

'Wade Pavleck', Keith Nelson, Paul McDonald, Mike Jugovich, Brian McBride

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Cc:

Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson, Frank Jewell, Kevin Gray, Brian Fritsinger, Nancy Nilsen, James Nephew, Phil Chapman, 'Gary Cerkenik', Colin Marcusen, 'Jason Chopp', 'robert scott', 'John Stegmeir', Matt Gouin

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1 Attachment



Final Order-Ash River SD Creation.pdf

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board (VNPCWJPB) Members,

On June 5, 2019, Chief Administrative Law Judge Tammy Pust signed the Notice of Final Order creating the Ash River Sanitary District. The Final Order document (attached) includes the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Creating the Ash River Sanitary District.

Per statute, a Memorandum to Interested Parties notifying the public of the Notice of Final Order will be published in the Cook News-Herald on Thursday, June 13th. Also per statute, ten days following the publication, the office of the chief administrative law judge will deliver the Final Order document to the Minnesota Secretary of State, completing the petition process.

The next VNPCWJPB meeting will be held at Ash River on June 19th. An update on the district creation will be provided as well as a request that voters residing within the district boundary consider serving on the sanitary district board of managers. Environmental Services (ESD) sent meeting notices to Ash River property owners.

The SLC Auditor will provide the following link: www.stlouiscountymn.gov/ash-river (should be posted by the end of the day) to allow citizens and opportunity to review or print the Final Order.

I will be sending an email to the SLC Board of Commissioners in the next few weeks related to the Board's involvement in appointing the sanitary district board of managers.

Finally, Thank You to all addressed on this email for your assistance throughout this process.

Mark St. Lawrence
Director

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: June 19, 2019

RE: VNPCWJPB Update
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLES 147086

Board Meetings

The last meeting was held in Cook on May 15, 2019

Action Requested: None

Kabetogama

Pucks Point

The project is under warranty period. USA made repairs to one grinder station that had settled. The treatment plant AC unit is installed but not operational yet. This work is scheduled to be completed this spring. Still holding \$8,000 retainage until the work is complete.

Phase II

The Steering committee meets regularly. The current plan is evaluating a new district that would include the service areas of F, G, H, and C of the Comprehensive Plan. Continued Steering Committee meetings and public engagement are planned throughout the summer.

Action Requested: None

Ash River

1. On June 5, 2019 the Administrative Law Judge signed a Notice of Final Order creating the new Ash River Sanitary District. An update on the district creation will be provided at the JPB meeting along with a request for residing property owners serve on the district board of managers.
2. SEH has heard from approximately 50% of property owners in response to the questionnaire we sent. SEH has also received data from the County for existing on-site systems and is utilizing this information along with existing utilities to develop a preliminary layout of the mainline sewer system.
3. Next steps will be a site visit from the engineering team in the middle of July to coincide with the July JPB meeting along with soil borings and some additional survey work.

Action Requested: None

Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District

The CLWSD will continue in 2019 on working with SLC staff on their phase III of the Management Program (mandatory participation in the CLWSD program).

The CLWSD has started with the initial administrative work for the Kicker Blvd annexation. SEH has provided the district attorney a draft exhibit and legal description of the annexation area for review.

Action Requested: None

Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion

Contracts A and B are in full construction with grinder stations being installed on a daily basis. A site walk through was recently conducted on Contract C and a final punchlist will be issued in the near future. Construction is anticipated to extend into early fall due to delays and additional grinder stations be added to the project.

Project Progress Through May 2019		
Contract	Completion Amount	Percent of Overall Contract
A - Wagner	\$8,200,000	84%
B – USA	\$6,300,000	85%
C – Septic Check	\$672,000	95%

Action Requested: None

Advisory Board Representative Updates

- Voyageurs National Park
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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: SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice

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VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns/Comments
Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension	\$19,500,000	365	Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA	County Responsible, multiple easements
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	Koochiching County	\$30,000	Received	
	Koochiching County	\$400,000	Received	Used to complete design work
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$100,000	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2014	\$7,817,800	Secured	
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$1,000,000	Secured	\$2m awarded, \$940,000 Kab, \$60k Crane
	2016 US Army Corp (\$4.5m, \$100k to Corp)	\$4,400,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2017	\$2,000,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$1,200,000	Secured	\$2m awarded, \$50k Kab, \$450k to Ash, \$300k to Crane
	anticipated assessment	\$3,600,000		

KABETOGAMA TOWNSHIP				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
Puck's Point San Swr & WWTF	\$4,500,000	80	Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high	
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	IRRRB, 2009	\$50,000	Secured	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$0	Secured	
	IRRRB, 2010	\$129,349	Secured	
	PFA, 2013	\$0	Secured	
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$274,619	Secured	Loan @ 1% over 20 years
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$1,098,476	Secured	Grant
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$940,000	Secured	\$850k approve but not used. Interim financing used
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$50,000	Secured	
	MN Rural Water Loan	\$0	Secured	
	MPFA PSI Grant	\$1,864,929	Secured	
	DNR Capital Contribution	\$70,248	Secured	
	Other Levied Township Sources	\$42,944	Secured	

ASH RIVER - CURRENTLY UNORGANIZED				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
	\$5,500,000			
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Secured	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$450,000	Secured	
	St. Louis County	\$90,000	Secured	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
CSAH 24	\$3,000,000			Construction Complete 6/11
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$150,000	Received	
Handberg Marine				
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	MN Legacy Funds 2015	\$60,000	Secured	
	Bonding Bill, 2014	\$750,000	Secured	
	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Secured	
ESA & Bear Island				
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	MPCA National Park Grant Program, 2014	\$1,500,000	Secured	ESA & Bear Island
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019	\$300,000	Secured	

\$25,092,308 Outside Funding Source Funds