

VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting

Wednesday January 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

St. Louis County Public Works Garage

9558 Ashawa Rd, Cook MN

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the November 20, 2019 JPB meeting
4. Comprehensive Plan Update
5. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
 - A. Ash River
 - B. Kabetogama
 - C. Crane Lake
 - D. Koochiching
 - E. VNP
 - F. DNR
 - G. MPCA
6. Project Funding
7. Pay Invoices
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn meeting

VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2019

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at Thunderbird Lodge in International Falls, MN on November 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioner McDonald and Commissioner Jugovich. Commissioner Pavleck welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all of the office and departmental representatives for attending. There were no public comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the October 16, 2019 minutes with an amendment identified by Mark St. Lawrence.

The amendment clarified that previous minutes stated that there would be a re-allocation of funding from the Ash River and Crane Lake Projects in the amount of \$23,750 from each project. Mark identified that that amount did not account for the local match. The correct amount was \$17,812.50 to be re-allocated from each project to the Comprehensive Plan.

All voted in favor.

Comprehensive Plan. Mark St. Lawrence indicated that both Koochiching County and St. Louis County have made their local match contributions. Jason and Mark will be contacting Dave at the MPCA to discuss how to proceed with the contract amendment, establish the work plans and grant agreements.

Ash River. Mark St. Lawrence informed the group that the newly formed board met in late October. The board established officers and are reviewing draft ordinances and by-laws. They will be holding regular meetings the first Monday of the Month starting in The DNR is currently reviewing appraisals and is in on schedule for final approval March 2020. Colin from SEH had a conference call with the Ash Board on November 14, 2019 and provided them with a memo outlining the current status of the facility planning and design phase. The board asked Colin to request a services proposal from Mia at Fryberger Law for legal and easement assistance.

Kabetogama. No current updates. Jason provided a brief review on the status of Phase 2 Kabetogama that John provided at the September 2019 meeting.

Crane Lake. Jason provided an update from Rob Scott. 8 ISTS systems were installed in the 2019 construction season bringing the district total to 40. The district anticipates the installation of 6-10 new systems during the 2020 construction season. The district also anticipates completing the Kicker Blvd Annexation in 2020. This annexation will bring up to 20 additional ISTS systems from the 35 users in that area. Rob also bring to the JPB attention the challenges the CLWSD has with the inability to inspect existing ISTS systems with the district area for conformance. The district is not authorized to have private existing systems inspected for compliance under Ordinance 61.

Koochiching. The project is nearly complete with exception of 1 grinder station and some additional work that will extend Contract A into the month of December. There is still a large amount of restoration work that will be completed by Contract A and B in the spring of 2020.

Project Funding. Jeff Anderson informed the group they will be meeting with the new director of the clean water council on November 21, 2019.

DNR. Nothing to report.

MPCA. Nothing to report.

VNP. Bob informed the group that the VNP will be meeting with the MPCA to discuss potential gray water management plan within the park for houseboats, islands, fish houses, etc.

Mark St. Lawrence presented current invoices from Costin Group and SEH. A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Jugovich to approve the presented invoices. All voted in favor.

Other Business.
None.

The next planned meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Public Works Facility in Cook.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jugovich and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the presented invoices. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54.

Submitted by: Jason J. Chopp, SEH (Filling in for Rob Scott)



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: January 15, 2020

RE: VNPCWJPB Update
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLES 151379

Board Meetings

The last meeting was held in Cook on November 20, 2019

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

Ash River

The facility planning process continues on schedule. SEH will be submitting Preliminary Effluent Limit Request to the MPCA soon. The determined wastewater design flow is approximately 36,000 gallons per day and about 232 EDUs. With the design flow and EDU calculation process nearly complete, SEH will next focus on further developing the facility plan and evaluating alternatives wastewater conveyance and treatment. Construction cost estimates will be developed for the evaluated alternatives along with recommendations. Development is still on schedule for a submittal of the Facility Plan in March 2020.

Action Requested: None

Kabetogama

Phase II

No Current Updates

John updated the board in September that the board as completed the petition verification. The planned Phase 2 appears to be areas C, F, G, H, and possibly J. Areas J1, A, and D could be considered as a future phase. Based on the current schedule the board would be seeking 2021 funding.

Action Requested: None

Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District

The CLWSD completed the installation of eight (8) ISTS systems during the 2019 construction season with more installations (8 to 10) planned for 2020.

Action Requested: None

Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion

No Updates, construction is stopped for the winter months.

Contract A is currently working on change order work for additional grinder stations. Clean-up and restorations efforts will continue in the spring of 2020. Contract retainage (5%) is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

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	
	Clean Water Legacy	\$950,000	Pending	

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	
Managed ISTS	Clean Water Legacy	\$600,000	Pending	

\$26,942,308 Outside Funding Source Funds