

# **VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Cook Land Department

1817 Highway 53

Cook, MN 55725

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting
4. S.E.H. Update
5. Project Funding Status
6. Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Kab
  - B. Ash River
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. Other
8. Other
9. Next meeting date



## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Lindberg, Randy Jenniges, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: January 17, 2014

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - January 2014  
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota  
STLCO 118965

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting held was at 10:00 a.m. at the Land Dept building on December 16, 2013. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

### **Koochiching County**

The Governor included the entire request for \$7,500,000 for the Island View Extension in his bonding proposal to the Minnesota Legislature.

Commissioner Pavleck and McBride to comment on the project.

### **Kabetogama**

Our goal for getting a transmittal and a set of documents ready to send to the MPCA is Wednesday, January 22. Along with the plans and specifications, the MPCA requires that we submit design calculation sheets for the large subsurface sewage treatment system (LSTS), soil exploration data, groundwater mounding calculations, and the permit application documents for requesting the State Disposal System treatment and discharge permit. We are working on compiling these documents and they will be submitted with the plans and specifications to the MPCA.

The day after we submit to the MPCA, we will send the plans to the representatives we have spoken with in the past (Dave Ofelt) at the DNR. The MPCA's review will last approximately 3 to 4 months. This should leave ample time to finalize the land deals with DNR. Given their assurance to us in the past that if we showed them the area we need, they would work with us to get the land leased.

### **Ash River**

Commissioners and Environmental Service to comment for review of the project.

## Crane Lake

The Governor included the entire request for \$1,075,000 for CLWD in his bonding proposal to the Minnesota Legislature.

At their last meeting, Crane Lake had a presentation from Ottertail Water Management (OTWM) and the University of Minnesota about ISTS management practices. OTWM has been managing ISTS systems throughout their district since 1985. Crane Lake is considering all sanitary sewer options to help ensure water quality in Voyager's National Park.

## Action Items

Refer to the attached document named VNPCWJPB action items tracking sheet.

## Meeting Dates

Action Requested: Propose and approve an upcoming meeting date.

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: VNPCWJPB Minutes from December 16, 2013, VNPCWJPB Action Items Tracking Sheet, SEH Invoice, Costin Group Invoice

**VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
**December 16, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Cook Land Department on December 16, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 p.m. by Chairman Pavleck. All board members were present. There were no attendees from the public.

A motion by Commissioner Forsman and seconded by Commissioner McBride to approve the October 16, 2013 minutes. All voted in favor.

Gary Cerkenik provided an update on the upcoming bonding bill process. He stated that that 2014 is a normal bonding bill cycle. There are forecasts of \$820-850 million from the State House and Senate with an estimate that the governor's request to be \$975 to \$1.00 billion.

Kabetogama: Bob Nevalainen stated that their financial plan is in work with Scott Harder. They are also working on the sewer ordinances. There was a discussion on potential additional properties connecting to the sewer. Also there is a need to get an answer from DNR regarding Wooden Frog campground. The Chair JPB to send a letter to DNR. Per S.E.H. memo the schedule is on track, the plans and specifications are anticipated to be submitted to the MPCA by the end of the year.

Koochiching: Dale Olson stated everything is awaiting state bonding bill funding.

Ash River: There was a discussion on the progress to date in establishing a sewer district at Ash River.

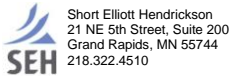
Crane Lake: Rob Scott provided an update on the expansion efforts to the CLWSD system. There is going to be a public meeting in January to present the ISTS management option.

There was a discussion on increasing the advocacy efforts including more presence at the JPB meetings by related agencies. Commissioner Forsman made a motion and seconded by Commissioner McBride to send a letter to VNP, MPCA, and DNR thanking them for their support and to have a more permanent presence at the JPB meetings. All voted in favor. The letters will be sent out from the Koochiching and St Louis County Environmental Services offices.

Sara Lindberg went over the action items tracking sheet and invoices. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner McBride to pay the invoices. All voted in favor. For the next JPB meeting each county will bring a 2014 JPB budget proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 and the next meeting is set for January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary



**VOYAGEUR'S NATIONAL PARK CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD  
ACTION ITEMS TRACKING SHEET**

Task	JPB Responsible Party	Contact Entity	Contact Name	Phone	Email	Status
Increase Econ Dvlpmnt Support	Gary C.	Econ Dev	Bob Anderson Mayor of I-Falls	218.240.4233	<a href="mailto:boba@ci.international-falls.mn.us">boba@ci.international-falls.mn.us</a>	Made contact 2/2/13
Address the current water condition and funding issues	Gary C.	Secretary of the Interior	Sally Jewell	202.208.3100	<a href="mailto:feedback@ios.doi.gov">feedback@ios.doi.gov</a>	
Address the current water condition and funding issues	McBride	VNP Director	Jonathan Jarvis	202.208.3818	<a href="mailto:Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov">Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov</a>	Completed
Address the current water condition and funding issues	Nelson	Congress	Tom Anzelc	651.296.4936	<a href="mailto:sen.tom.anzelc@house.mn">sen.tom.anzelc@house.mn</a>	Telephone
Address the current water condition and funding issues	Nelson	Congress	David Dill	651.296.4131	<a href="mailto:rep.david.dill@house.mn">rep.david.dill@house.mn</a>	Telephone
Be put into the budget (USCOE 569)	Gary C./Forsman/Nelson	Senate	Tom Saxhaug	651.296.4136	<a href="mailto:sen.tom.saxhaug@senate.mn">sen.tom.saxhaug@senate.mn</a>	Senate Bonding Bill 10/1/13
Be put into the budget (USCOE 569)	Gary C./Forsman/Nelson	Senate	Thomas Bakk	651.296.8881	<a href="mailto:sen.tom.bakk@senate.mn">sen.tom.bakk@senate.mn</a>	Senate Bonding Bill 10/1/13
Contact the current person in position of Jody Teryportor	Gary C.	VNP				
Contact	Paul Nevenen	Bluegreen Alliance				
Letter to LCP requesting individual usage rates for the users on Bear Island	JPB (Rob Scott, McBride)	LCP	Joseph "Dale" Long, President	218.757.3634		
Find the "true" definitions for ISTS compliances	Sara Lindberg	St. Louis County	Online			Completed 10/4/13
Make the Comprehensive Plan Accessible	Lindberg/Nelson/McBride	JPB Current Projects	Online			Completed
Request from the CLWSD to cover the \$7500.00 costs to validate the JPB Comprehensive Plan	Rob Scott	CLWSD				
Take action on getting Ash River sewer district established	Terry Soderberg	St. Louis County Environmental Services Office				