

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

Wednesday April 16, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Cook Land Building

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the March 19, 2014
4. S.E.H./Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Kab
  - B. Ash River
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
5. Project Funding Status
6. Action Items and Invoices
7. Other
8. Next meeting date



## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Christenson, Randy Jenniges, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: April 14, 2014

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - April 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 March 19, 2014. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

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

### **Kabetogama**

- The last township board meeting was held on April 1. The DNR is working on a draft lease agreement. It is suggested by SEH and Kabetogama Township that the DNR reduce the proposed area to reduce the cost of the land, it is also a concern to the township that the lease would be for 20 years.
- Currently the temporary and permanent construction easements are being drafted by SEH for the necessary properties.
- It has been recommend by Northstar Electric for the shared tanks to have sub meters owned by the Township to read only the draw used by the pumps.

### **Ash River**

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

### **Crane Lake**

At the last meeting we presented the draft Bear Island ISTS study report. The report has been forwarded to Sara Heger from the U of M for review and comment. Sara will be helping the Crane Lake Water and Sewer District determine if ISTS management is right for them. SEH reviewed the Handberg Road Feasibility Study with the Board and provided a project timeline, if the Board decides to move forward with the project.

### **Koochiching County**

Commissioner Pavleck to comment on the project.

## Advisory Board Representative Updates

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

## Project Funding Status

Gary Cerkvenik to comment on this portion.

## 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 March 19, 2014, SEH Invoice, Costin Group Invoice

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## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING March 19, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Cook Land Department on March 19, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 p.m. by Chairman Pavleck. All board members were present with alternate Commissioner Ecklund from Koochiching County. Introductions were made and there were no comments from the public.

A motion by Commissioner Ecklund and seconded by Commissioner Forsman to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2014 meeting. All voted in favor.

**Koochiching:** There was a discussion regarding the DNR land within the Island View project area needed for a sewer storage tank and storage building. The DNR land issues addressed also included the DNR land needed for the Puck's Point project sewer treatment. The 21 year lease vs. pursuing a condemnation process was addressed. The concerns surrounded costs, future actions at the end of the lease, expediting the process. A motion to accept the lease option for the Island View and Puck's Point projects was made by Commissioner Forsman and a second by Commissioner Ecklund. All voted in favor.

**Kabetogama:** The Township continues to work the easements for the project. Bob Nevalainen discussed the issue of grinder station metering and electrical connections.

**Ash River:** Lori Dowling-Hanson, NE DNR regional director and Commissioner Nelson discussed the DNR land requirements to build a sewer treatment facility at Ash River. There needs to be a formal request from St. Louis County to DNR under the Strategic Land Acquisition Management program. The county land department will submit the request.

**Crane Lake:** Rob Scott provided an update on the expansion efforts to the CLWSD system. The expansion project is focusing on the Handberg Road extension and Bear Island. The amount of expansion will be directly related to the grant monies received. He also discussed the challenges that the district is facing with the ongoing freezing of the collection system.

The action items and invoices were reviewed by S.E.H. A motion was made by Commissioner Forsman and second by Commissioner Nelson to pay the invoices. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 and the next meeting is set for April 16th at 10:00.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary