



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Christenson, Randy Jenniges, and Gary Cerkvenik

DATE: September 16, 2015

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - September 2015
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLCO 121718

Board Meetings

The last meeting held was at 10:00 A.M. at the St. Louis County Land Department building on July 15, 2015. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

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

Kabetogama

Kabetogama authorized to rebid the project on September 1st. SEH submitted a project information flyer to the residents with a project update and schedule. The following is the anticipated project schedule:

- September/October: SEH will prepare rebid documents and advertise for bids.
 - Project will be bid as 3 separate projects as it was before – collection (with an alternate for grinder stations), treatment, and dispersal.
 - Bid date of Thursday, September 24, 2015. Allows contractors to look at the site and figure out their schedules before winter. Also allows spring construction if contractor desires.
 - Award to successful bidders at regular meeting on October 6, 2015. Contracts with these bidders will be secured shortly after.
- Fall/Winter, 2015/2016:
 - Application for legacy funds will be completed – can take up to 6 months
 - Easement documents will be prepared – joint effort between SEH and the Township's attorneys. Easements will be mailed to District members for signature.
- May – July, 2016: Construction of pretreatment and dispersal systems
- September – November 2016: Construction of collection system and completion of pretreatment and dispersal systems

Ash River

- A more comprehensive soil study of this preferred site is necessary to continue forward with a land exchange between the MnDNR and St. Louis County (this parcel will be included in a larger Land Exchange proposal). This study is being completed by Matrix Soil and Systems.
- Andrea Johnson (MnDNR) will send out the SHPO information regarding cultural and historic review of the site. This would be conducted after all soil studies are found to be suitable for this type of use. Either SEH or St. Louis County would take the lead for this cultural review.

The next conference call with the DNR will be schedule once soil analysis is completed.

Crane Lake

- Handberg Road Project is currently under construction and anticipate being complete October 1, 2015. The district is looking into connections to the forcemain along Handberg Road and will likely complete them as a change order to the project. The project is projected to come in under budget.
- The district is continuing to work on the decentralized portion of the eastern service district. Rob can provide more detail at the meeting on that.

Island View

•Currently involved with the potential funding from Army Corps of Engineers. We are presenting to the Senate Committee at 1:30pm on September 16, 2015 at the Vermilion Community College.

Project Funding Status

- Gary Cerkvnik to discuss.

Advisory Board Representative Updates

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

Meeting Dates

- Action Requested: Propose and approve an upcoming meeting date for October or November.

Invoices

- Action Requested: Propose and approve the SEH Inc. and Costin Group Invoices.
 - June \$3,610.80 SEH Invoice - Last month of SEH/Costin Group combined invoice
 - July \$1,764.62 SEH Invoice
 - August \$0 – SEH Invoice
 - Note: Costin Group Invoice for July (\$2,500) and August(\$2,500) go directly to County

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 July 15, 2015, SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice