

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

Wednesday August 20, 2014

10:00 a.m.

International Falls, MN

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the July 23, 2014
4. S.E.H. Update
5. Project Funding Status
6. Advisory Board Representative Updates
  - A. Kabetogama
  - B. Ash River
  - C. Crane Lake
  - D. Koochiching
  - E. VNP
  - F. DNR
  - G. MPCA
  - H. Bear Island Association
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 Cerkenik

DATE: August 15, 2014

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

### **Board Meetings**

The last meeting held was at 10:00 a.m. at the Crane Lake Chapel on July 23, 2014. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

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

### **Kabetogama**

Decided to reject both bids and re-advertise, due to cost per EDU being too high (\$141.11 a month per EDU). The target amount would be \$100/EDU per month. Currently the advertisement schedule and bid date has not been set. The township has currently tabled the issue until the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

### **Ash River**

No new update since last month. Still awaiting word from Legacy funding as that sets the stage for the bonding dollars. Their strategy revolves around the Legacy funds.

### **Crane Lake**

The district held a public meeting on July 9, 2014 for the Bear Island and Handberg Road areas and specifically the ISTS management. The district submitted the MPCA grant application for the \$1.5 million in legacy funding. The district also held a special meeting regarding freezing issues of the existing system on July 15, 2014.

### **Island View**

Island View - We received the preliminary financial information and held an Island View Sanitary Sewer Committee meeting on August 6, 2014. We reviewed the information that we know to the committee. From that meeting our marching orders were as follows:

- Work with the funding folks to try and secure low interest loan dollars for the matching funds to help lower payments.
- Do some difference financial scenarios to clearly understand the impacts.
- Work out a project schedule.

## Contract

Gary's contract was tentatively over May 31 and SEH's contract was tentatively over on June 30. However the current contract states these approximate deadlines, but does not have a time restriction until all of the contracted monies are given. Currently there is no money left to keep the old agreement. Please see the attached Draft Engineering Agreement.

Action Requested: Approve the agreement with minor draft changes.

Action Requested: Approve current invoices.

## Project Funding Status

Gary Cerkvenik to comment. See attached Spreadsheet.

## Advisory Board Representative Updates

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

## Action Items

- View attached action Item 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 July, 2014, SEH Invoice, The Costin Group Invoice, Draft Engineering Agreement, Project Funding Sheet, Action Item Sheet.

## **VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**

### **July 23, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held at the Crane Lake Chapel on July 23, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 p.m. by Chairman Pavleck. Commissioner Mike Forsman was present. Introductions around the meeting room were made and there were no comments from the public.

All motions were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

Kabetogama: There were two bids received for the project from Wagner Construction and Utility Systems of America. There was a discussion regarding the bids and the issues related to receiving bids much higher than engineering estimates. S.E.H. recommended to table the award of construction at this time. The financial analysis is ongoing. There is a special town meeting scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the bid issue

Koochiching: Work continues on the financial analysis to include a project schedule and public hearings. There a discussion on the detention sewer tank and the efforts to have the tank located at Camp Kooch. The current goal is to go out for bids fall/early winter and completing the construction in 2015.

Ash River: The was a meeting with St. Louis County Environmental Services, S.E.H., DNR Land and Minerals, and DNR Forestry to discuss DNR parcels for a site to build a treatment plant. Required actions and timelines were presented.

Crane Lake: A public meeting was held on July 9<sup>th</sup> to present the sewer management option and related Community Action Report. Sara Heger provided a presentation on the related topic. There was a discussion on the need for JPB and related activities no report. Chairman Pavleck stated the work being done is to create a permeant solution to handle sewage that could potentially impact the watershed around VNP.

S.E.H. discussed the current funding status. State bonding bill request approved, and Legacy funding still in work.

Commissioner McBride arrived at the meeting. A motion by Commissioner Forsman and second by Commissioner McBride to approved the minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner McBride and second by Commissioner Forsman to pay the invoices. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 and the next meeting is set for Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at VNP HQ.

Submitted by: Rob Scott, secretary

## VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
Project	Total Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<i>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</i>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>Design 95% complete, waiting on funding to bid project</b>	<b>1 ac exchange req'd - not yet complete</b>
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	Kooch County	\$30,000	Received	Start preliminary design
	Kooch County	\$400,000	Received	Used to complete design work
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$100,000	Received	
	WRDA II	\$21,000,000	No action by Congress	\$91M available nationwide
	USDA RD		Max 40% grant, not enough to get to \$120/month rate	
	Grant request in 2013 bonding bill	\$7,500,000	Bonding bill defeated 75-59 in May 2013	
	Capital Bonding Program, 2012	\$7,500,000	Not funded	Program worth \$47.5 Million

KABETOGAMA TOWNSHIP				
Project	Total Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<i>Puck's Point San Swr &amp; WWTF</i>	<b>\$2,366,100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Design 95% complete, land exchange yet to do</b>	<b>Lease or exchange req'd - not yet complete</b>
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	Army Corps of Engineers 569 program, 2009	\$450,000	Not accepted due to lack of funds	Reapply in 2010
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$25,000	Received	
	IRRRB, 2010	\$250,000	Received	
	PFA, 2013	\$245,000	Secured	
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$389,211 Loan @ 1% over 20 years	Secured	
	DEED - Small Communities Program, 2013	\$1,531,889	Secured	Grant

ASH RIVER - CURRENTLY UNORGANIZED				
Project	Total Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$10,000	Received	

CRANE LAKE - CLWSD				
Project	Total Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<i>CSAH 24</i>				<b>Construction Complete 6/11</b>
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010	\$99,887	Received	
	State Bonding Bill, 2010	\$150,000	Received	
<i>Handberg Marine</i>				
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	USDA Search Grant, 2012	\$30,000	Not funded	No search dollars were appropriated to MN for the program
<i>ESA &amp; Bear Island</i>				
	Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
	Legacy Funds, 2013	\$1,500,000	Funded	ESA & Bear Island
	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013	\$687,000	Funded	ESA
	Legacy Funds, 2014	\$1,500,000	Submitted	ESA

Dual Areas VNP Clean Water Areas			
Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
MRDA II	\$20,000,000	No Action	All four project areas
Bonding Bill, 2013	\$8,575,000	Not funded	Island View & Crane Lake ESA
WRDA, 2013	\$28,000,000	Not included in the bill	
Bonding Bill, 2014	\$8,567,000	Received	7.8178M for Island View, 0.75M for CL

VNPCWJPB			
Funding Option	Funding Amount	Funding Status	Other Notes
St. Louis County, 2008	\$100,000	Received	Environmental fund for community involvement, pre-design
Iron Range Resources Agency 2008, 2009	\$100,000	Received	To match St. Louis Funding (50,000 - 2008/ 50,000 2009)
Koochiching County, 2012	\$25,000	Received	To fund the board
St. Louis County, 2012	\$25,000	Received	To fund the board
LCCMR, 2012	\$150,000	Not funded	Continue the operations

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**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 Dvlpmt 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				Dec-13
Take action on getting Ash River sewer district established	Terry Soderberg	St. Louis County Environmental Services Office				
Formalized Budget	Terry Soderberg	St. Louis County Environmental Services Office				Completed
Create Letter asking for action	Gary/Sara	DNR/MPCA/VNP	Landwehr/Ward/Stine			Completed
Letter to DNR outlining delays	Sara/Randy	DNR	Landwehr			
Outline Project details to Lori	Sara	DNR	Lori Dowling-Hanson		<a href="mailto:Lori.dowling-hanson@state.mn.us">Lori.dowling-hanson@state.mn.us</a>	Completed
Meet with DNR about Land Exchange in Ash River	Sara	DNR	Joe Rokala		<a href="mailto:joe.rokala@state.mn.us">joe.rokala@state.mn.us</a>	Completed
Set up another meeting with DNR about land	SEH/Mark St.Lawrence	DNR	Joe Rokala		<a href="mailto:joe.rokala@state.mn.us">joe.rokala@state.mn.us</a>	completed to be held Sept 3, 2014
Contact a Vermillion Sportsmen Club Attendee to attend meetings	Mike Forsman	VSC	Lovegren			