

VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board Meeting

Wednesday February 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Cook Public Works Facility

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public comments
3. Approve minutes of the December, 16 2020 JPB meeting
4. Comprehensive Plan and 10 Year Funding
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
December 16, 2020

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Powers Board was held on December 16, 2020 as a Virtual Videoconference Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 by Chairman Pavleck. Board members also present were Commissioners McDonald, and Nelson. There was a public comment from Jay Kanive related to Kicker Blvd Annexation at the Crane Lake Sewer District. Commissioner Pavleck differed the comment to the Other Business segment of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes. All voted in favor.

The Comprehensive Plan update is ongoing. SEH is still waiting on existing septic system information for the future services areas in Koochiching County. Draft plan sections are under development for Ash River, Kabetogama, and Crane Lake. SEH continues to coordinate with each district as required. The completion of the final report will be extended to the end of June 2021.

Ash River

The project is currently in a waiting period as site access permissions remain from some property owners before archaeological field work can be performed.

Kabetogama

No Updates.

Crane Lake

Rob Scott informed the group that the current resolution for kicker blvd annexation has been tabled. There will be a 2nd public hearing regarding this annexation in the future. The district is currently proceeding with engineering design of WWTP improvements related to influent flow equalization. There were 5 managed ISTS installed in 2020 and the district intends to construct approximately 6 more ISTS during the 2021 construction season.

Island View. Project closeout is ongoing for all 3 contracts. Contract C is complete and is anticipated to have final acceptance on December 22nd. Contract A is near

completion and there are still some outstanding issues with Contract B. Project retainage is being held until the contracts are fully complete.

DNR

Patty provided an update that the DNR is still working on the title work for the Ash River land exchange. On December 2nd the exchange was approved by the Land Exchange Board. It is anticipated this process will be complete by the end of winter.

MPCA

No updates.

VNP

Bob did not have any updates but did field inquiries on current ice thickness around the park.

Project Funding

Gary informed the group that \$1.4 million was approved by legislature. The updated comprehensive plan will be used to assist in future funding requests.

Invoices

There was a motion by Commissioner McDonald to pay the October and November Costin Group Invoices. It was supported by Commissioner Nelson and all voted in favor. There was a motion by Commissioner McDonald to pay the 3 October and 2 November SEH Invoices for work with the JBP, Comp. Plan, and Ash River project. It was supported by Commissioner Nelson and all voted in favor.

Other Business

Kathy, Jay, John, and Bill were present to voice their opposition to the annexation of the Kicker Blvd area to the CLWSD. They were also seeking clarity as to what entity has the authority to authorize the annexation. Commissioner Nelson clarified that it was his opinion that the JPB supports the CLWSD's ongoing efforts to establish clean water through the expansion of the sewer district, however the JPB is not the governing body. That responsibility lies with the district and the township. Jay asked if the JPB website could be updated with current meeting minutes. Jason informed Jay that he would work on getting the website updated with the current meeting minutes.

The next planned meeting will be in February. Jason will coordinate with the Commissioners in late January to set the February meeting date. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Attendees:

Commissioners Pavleck, Nelson, McDonald

SEH: Jason Chopp

Costin Group: Gary Cerkvénick

Ash River: None

Kabetogama: John Stegmier

Crane Lake: Rob Scott

Koochiching County: Matt Gouin

DNR: Patty Thielen

MPCA: None

VNP: Bob DeGross

Public: Kathy Slycord, Jay Kanive, John Sorteberg, Bill Sorteberg

Submitted by: Jason Chopp (Filling in for Secretary Rob Scott)



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jason J. Chopp, PE

DATE: February 24, 2021

RE: VNPCWJPB Update
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLES 156438

Board Meetings

The last meeting was a virtual meeting held on December 16, 2020

Action Requested: Minutes for Approval

Comprehensive Plan Update

Draft Update segments have been prepared for each district to review. These will be distributed at the February Meeting.

Ash River

Project is still in a waiting period as site access permissions remain from some property owners in order to proceed with Archaeological Services. There have been 4 more permissions received since December. This leave 31 with no response.

Action Requested: None

Kabetogama

Phase II

No updates

SEH did have a conversation with John regarding the Township possibly purchasing some land for Phase II treatment area. Colin recommended the Township engage with Matrix Soils to investigate the site before any purchase is considered.

Action Requested: None

Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District

The district is proceeding with design of the WWTP equalization project. Soil borings were completed in February. Design is scheduled for permitting in March and potential summer 2021 construction depending on permitting timelines.

Action Requested: None

Island View Sanitary Sewer Expansion.

Contract C is complete. Contract A is in the processes of closing out. There are still outstanding issues with Contract B.

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	
<i>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</i>	\$19,500,000	365	<i>Under Construction, Awarded to Wagner and USA</i>	<i>County Responsible, multiple easements</i>	
	Funding Option		Funding Amount		
	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	\$2m awarded, \$940,000 Kab, \$60k Crane
	Mn Legacy Funds 2015		\$1,000,000	Secured	
	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	
<i>Puck's Point San Swr & WWTF</i>	\$4,500,000	80	<i>Design Complete, Project has been bid twice. Bids are too high</i>		
	Funding Option		Funding Amount		
	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		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		\$905,000	Pending	

CRANE LAKE WATER & SANITARY DISTRICT- CLWSD				
Project	Project Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<i>CSAH 24</i>	\$3,000,000			<i>Construction Complete 6/11</i>
	Funding Option		Funding Amount	
Taconite Property Tax Relief, 2010		\$99,887	Received	
State Bonding Bill, 2010		\$150,000	Received	
<i>Handberg Marine</i>	Funding Option		Funding Amount	
	Mn Legacy Funds 2015		\$60,000	Secured
	Bonding Bill, 2014		\$750,000	Secured
	Taconite Homestead Funds, 2013		\$687,000	Secured
<i>ESA & Bear Island</i>	Funding Option		Funding Amount	
	MPCA National Park Grant Program, 2014		\$1,500,000	Secured
	Mn Legacy Funds 2018/2019		\$300,000	Secured
Managed ISTS	Clean Water Legacy	\$600,000	Pending	

\$27,070,252 Outside Funding Source Funds