



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sara Lindberg, Randy Jenniges, Mike Larson, and Gary Cerkenik

DATE: July 17, 2013

RE: VNPCWJPB Update Information - July 2013
Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota
STLCO 118965

Board Meetings

The last meeting held was at 1:00 p.m. at the Land Dept building on May 29, 2013. See the attached draft meeting minutes for details.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 29 meeting.

Funding

Attached are the Project Fund Tracker and the Key Funding Tracker.

Koochiching County

Island View was included in the 2014 bonding bill application for \$7,500,000.

Kabetogama

The PFA Point Source Program application was submitted and it secured \$245,000 in grant money. A \$389,211 loan at 1% over 20 years and a \$1,531,889 grant was secured through the Small Communities Program. The numbers have been given to the project's financial advisor, Scott Harder, who is preparing the new funding and rate structure analysis for the Town Board at the July 23rd meeting along with the schedule of work.

Ash River

No new funding information available.

Crane Lake

\$1,500,000 was appropriated last session for the Eastern Service Area and Bear Island from the 2013 Legacy Funds. A grant worth \$687,000 was secured through the Taconite Homestead funds. Crane Lake was also included in the 2014 bonding bill application for \$1,075,000.

Contract

The May invoice for the work completed are attached.

Action Requested: Motion to approve payment of the SEH invoices in the amount of \$12,500.

Contract Renewal

The motion to extend the contract between the VNPCWJPB and SEH until April 1, 2014 was created by Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner McBride and approved unanimously at the May 29th meeting. However due to the restriction of current funds, the previous contract will not be a viable solution through the New Year. Attached to this memo is an agreement for professional services as well as the scope of service, fees, and schedule for the remainder of the year. Both the St. Louis County and Koochiching County Boards have assumed equal funds (\$25k each). \$20,000 would be provided to SEH over a 12 month period at an hourly rate. The remainder of the funds (\$30,000) including reimbursable will be paid directly to Gary Cerkvénik from SEH on a monthly bases (VNPCWJPB must pay for the compensation of the Consultant's Consultant on a monthly basis). We look forward to continue to keep the ball rolling by helping develop the top prioritized projects and funding assistance.

Action Requested: Approve Contract

Meeting Dates

Upcoming meeting dates are purposed for October 2nd and December 4th of 2013.

Action Requested: Approve purposed meeting dates

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 May 29, 2013, VNPCWJPB Project Funds Tracker, VNPCWJPB Key Funding Contacts Tracker, May 2013 Invoice and Work Breakdown Schedule, VNPCWJPB 071713 Contract.

VNP CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING

May 29, 2013

The monthly meeting of the VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board was held at the St. Louis County Land Department in Cook on May 29, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Commissioner Pavleck. VNP Clean Water JPB members present were: Koochiching County Commissioners Wade Pavleck and Brian McBride and St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson. St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Forsman was absent.

Introductions were provided. There was no public present who wished to provide comment. Upon motion of Commissioner McBride, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, the minutes of the January 23, 2013 meeting of the VNP Clean Water JPB meeting were unanimously approved.

It was acknowledged that Julie Kennedy is leaving SEH and Sara Lindberg will become the new SEH client service manager for the JPB beginning in June. Julie will continue to mentor Sara on the JPB endeavors through the end of the year. The remainder of the SEH team will stay the same, with Gary Cerkvenik and Mike Larson carrying out the funding efforts, Randy Jenniges managing the Koochiching County and Crane Lake projects and Colin Marcusen managing the Kabetogama projects and any future Ash River Projects.

Koochiching County

- Funding for the Island View extension project fell through as a result of the 2013 bonding bill not passing
- Mike Ward stated writing a letter to the VNP director, congress, and the senate about the current water condition and funding problems for the Island View extension project before contacting the Secretary of the Interior (Sally Jewell, former CEO of REI) for funding would be beneficial.
 - Tom Dougherty also noted that it would be valuable to state in the letter “this is what the people want” and to note how valuable this project is for the ability of the communities to be able to compete.

Kabetogama

- A legislative bill passed to restructure the Small Communities Wastewater Treatment Program. There were two portions of interest: The PFA program will consider 1.4% of the Median Household Income (MHI) to be the estimated average residential wastewater cost (this is estimated to be approximately \$52 a month), and the PFA would then provide a grant of up to 80% of the gap between the cost of providing the utility and the calculated estimated average amount.
 - It is noted this bill is for subsurface treatment or a land-based treatment system with a state disposal system permit.
- The next step is to have Scott Harder prepare the new funding and rate structure analysis

Ash River

- The Technical Assistance (TA) Grant must not exceed \$20,000 plus \$1,000 per household, for a maximum total of \$60,000.
- In order to apply for funding from the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) for the TA Grant, the citizens need to form an official board.

Crane Lake

- A large portion of funding fell through with the bonding bill, however there was success in the acquisition of partial funding through the Clean Water Legacy Act and Mineral Tax money (\$800,000) for the Eastern Service District and Bear Island.
- The Preliminary Engineering Report to reflect the money obtained for the Handberg Marine Extension (includes the Barge, dumping, and DNR facility) project is nearing an end. Next week at the CLWSD meeting, the board will consider moving forward with the Project plans and specifications with an anticipation of bidding the project in August 2013 and construction in November 2013.

A revision of a letter of support for the IJC is to be completed and given in the next meeting in August, due to a new larger board.

Upon motion of Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner McBride, the motion to approve payment of the SEH invoices in the amount of \$11,350 for February, March, April, and May was approved unanimously.

The motion to extend the contract between the VNPCWJPB and SEH until April 1, 2014 was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner McBride and approved unanimously. Terry J. Soderberg will coordinate with Randy Jenniges to create a new contract.

The WRDA Act should be looked into, it is worth \$12,000,000 over 6 years.

Letters

- A letter motioned by Commissioner McBride, seconded by Commissioner Nelson is to be written to the senators with request to be put in budget USCOE 569, this letter will be written by Gary and signed by Commissioner Forsman. Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Forsman will hand deliver it to the Senators in Washington D.C. on 6/4/2013.
- It was motioned by Commissioner McBride, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to have Gary to rewrite the letter to legislation to allow VNP to give money to the JPB .
- It was motioned by Commissioner McBride, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to have Gary draft letter of thanks to the appropriate people.

Submitted by: Sara Lindberg, SEH client service manager

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

5/29/13 Board Meeting Signup

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VNPCWJPB Funding Tracker

KOOCHICHING COUNTY				
Project	Total Cost	No. of EDUs	Project Status	Land Concerns
<i>Island View Sanitary Sewer Extension</i>	\$15,000,000	200	<i>Design 95% complete, waiting on funding to bid project</i>	<i>1 ac exchange req'd - not yet complete</i>
	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 & WWTF</i>	\$2,366,100	70	<i>Design 95% complete, land exchange yet to do</i>	<i>Lease or exchange req'd - not yet complete</i>
	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>				<i>Construction Complete</i>
	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 & 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

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	\$8,575,000	Submitted	7.5M for Island View, 1.075M 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

**VOYAGEUR'S NATIONAL PARK CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD
KEY FUNDING AND SUPPORT CONTACTS 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	boba@ci.international-falls.mn.us	Made contact 2/2/13
Address the current water condition and funding issues		Secretary of the Interior	Sally Jewell	202.208.3100	feedback@ios.doi.gov	
Address the current water condition and funding issues	Gary C.	VNP Director	Jonathan Jarvis	202.208.3818	Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov	
Address the current water condition and funding issues		Congress	Tom Anzelc	651.296.4936	sen.tom.anzelc@house.mn	
Address the current water condition and funding issues		Congress	David Dill	651.296.4131	rep.david.dill@house.mn	
Be put into the budget (USCOE 569)	Gary C./Forsman/Nelson	Senate	Tom Saxhaug	651.296.4136	sen.tom.saxhaug@senate.mn	
Be put into the budget (USCOE 569)	Gary C./Forsman/Nelson	Senate	Thomas Bakk	651.296.8881	sen.tom.bakk@senate.mn	