

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Ash Trail Lodge
August 16, 2023

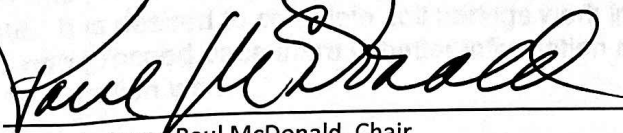
Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St. Louis County), Mike Jugovich (St Louis County), Jason Sjoblom (Koochiching County Commissioner), Destry Hell (Koochiching County)

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Colin Marcusen (SEH), Allie Vollhaber (SEH), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Ryan Logan (St. Louis County), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama Township), Deb Sanders (Ash River Sanitary District), Grant Hauschild (State Senator) Bob DeGross (VNP), Laura Bellasalma (VNP), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group), Arne Wuorinen (Ash River), Mark Hraban (Ash River), Steve Weber (Ash River Sanitary District), Paul Scheirer (MPCA), Mackenzie Wilkinsen-Hanson (MPCA), Justin Ebel (Ash River)

- I. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
 - Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair McDonald.
- II. Public Comments
 - None
- III. Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2023
 - Commissioners Sjoblom/Jugovich motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
 - A. Ash River
 - Design and survey work continues towards final design document review with District in August. The District has hired rate consultant Scott Harder. Presentation provided by SEH on the Ash River Sewer Project for those present. General discussion regarding the project status and current funding application process.
 - B. Kabetogama
 - John provided an overview of the existing Kabetogama Sewer District and current Facility Plan development status for the current phase. Facility Plan is currently on schedule to be submitted to the MPCA in March of 2024.
 - C. Crane Lake
 - No Significant Updates. The wastewater plant project is nearing completion. 2023 ISTS installations ongoing.
 - D. Koochiching County
 - Matt provided a general update for the County and discussion regarding the connection line for the private campground project.

- E. VNP
 - Bob reached out the MPCA regarding the VNP gray water initiative. MPCA is in attendance for the meeting. Bob provided a general park update including notice that their will be a boat launch improvement project set for construction in Kabetogama this fall.
- F. DNR
 - Not Present. Commissioner McDonald will reach out to Shelley requesting her for attendance at an upcoming meeting.
- G. MPCA
 - Paul introduced himself and provided a general background on the steps taken by the MPCA on the gray water initiative for houseboats. They are in the process of developing surveys for houseboat companies and are now developing an FAQ for internal review and eventual distribution. Future meetings and surveys with houseboat companies are pending.
- V. Project Funding
 - No Updates
- VI. Pay Invoices
 - The following invoice were presented by Ryan Logan. \$2,500 (Costin Group) and \$3,148.45 (SEH).
 - Jugovich/Hell motioned to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Other Business
 - None
- VIII. Next Meeting
 - The next meeting will be September 20 (10AM) at the Crane Lake Chapel in Crane Lake.
- IX. Adjournment:
 - Commissioner's Hell/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 11:14 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.



Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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