

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Crane Lake, MN
December 20, 2023

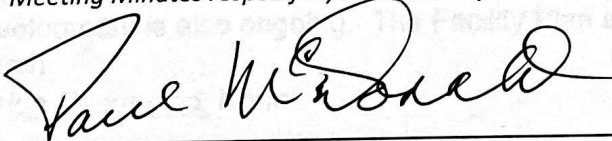
Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St. Louis County), Keith Nelson (St Louis County), Destry Hell (Koochiching County), Jason Sjoblom (Koochiching County)

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), Ryan Logan (St. Louis County), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama Township), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group), Matt Gouin (Koochiching County), Deb Sanders (Ash River), Steve Wieber(Ash River), Colin Marcusen (SEH), Roger Skraba (State Representative), Rachel Loeffler-Kamp (US Senator Klobuchar's Office), John Eloranta (Congressman Stauber's Office)

1. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 10:08 AM by Chair McDonald.
2. Public Comments
 - a. None
3. Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2023
 - a. Commissioners Hell/McDonald motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
 - a. Ash River
 - i. Jason Chopp and Commissioner McDonald provided overview presentation of the Ash River Project and funding strategy. Rachel and John provided feedback regarding the upcoming Congressional Directed Spending Application for the project. General discussion regarding the project and ongoing funding applications.
 - b. Kabetogama
 - i. Braun completed soil completed in November. Facility Plan development is ongoing. Continued work on potential land swap for treatment site.
 - c. Crane Lake
 - i. Jason provided an update from Rob Scott (not in attendance). WWTP Equalization project is substantially complete and operational. There is a list of managed ISTS projects for 2024 and requests for 2025.
 - d. Koochiching County
 - i. No significant updates. Continued work on RV Campground connection project.
 - e. VNP

- i. No updates. Not in attendance
 - f. DNR
 - i. No updates. Not in attendance
 - g. MPCA
 - i. Jason received an email update from Paul Scheirer at the MPCA. The MPCA has published a gray water factsheet for houseboats and cabin cruisers for general public education and consumption. They are work with the DNR data sharing to mail licensed houseboat and cabin cruiser owners directly. The MPCA still plans to meet with houseboat companies over the winter months to discuss this initiative.
- 5. Project Funding
 - a. Jeff provided and update on the the upcoming legislative session and upcoming application for the congressional directed spending application.
- 6. Pay Invoices
 - a. The following invoice were presented by Ryan Logan. \$2,500 (Costin Group) and \$2,354.71 (SEH).
 - b. Sjoblom/Nelson motioned to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c.
- 7. 2024 Meeting Schedule
 - a. The proposed 2024 meeting schedule was presented for review. The meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
 - b. Hell/Sjoblom motioned to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Other Business
 - a. None
- 9. Next Meeting
 - a. The next meeting will be January 17, 2024 (10AM) at the Cook Public Works Building.
- 10. Adjournment:
 - a. Commissioner's Nelson/Hell motioned to adjourn at 11:42 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.



Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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