

Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board  
Meeting Minutes  
SLC Cook Public Works Facility  
9558 Ashawa Rd, Cook  
April 19, 2023

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

Others Present: Jason Chopp (SEH), John Stegmeir (Kabetogama), Mark Denker (National Park Service), Rob Scott (Crane Lake), David Sahli (MPCA), Deb Sanders (Ash River)

- I. Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:
  - Meeting called to order at 10:02AM.
- II. Public Comments
  - None
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2022
  - Commissioners Jugovich/Sjoblom motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. SEH/Advisory Board Representative Updates:
  - A. Ash River
    - Design and survey work continues. The goal is to have 90% of the work completed and submitted to MPCA in the May/June timeframe. There was a discussion regarding some of the challenges with the survey work. Also, discussed financial planning and professional services.
  - B. Kabetogama
    - Work continues drafting facilities plan document. Work continues with the land exchange.
  - C. Crane Lake
    - The wastewater treatment plant project to start back up in May. Anticipate major completion date in early June. Plan to continue ISTS installations weather dependent.
  - D. Koochiching County
    - No updates. The County needs to determine a path forward for the \$200,000 FY22 CWC funding that has been allocated by the JPB.
  - E. VNP
    - Nothing to report.
  - F. DNR
    - Not Present

- G. MPCA
  - There was a discussion on funds, contracts, and pay requests.
- V. Project Funding
  - There was an \$2.0 million approval in Clean Water funds for the JPB project over the FY24/25 period. S.E.H. requested that individual areas provide their inputs by 1 May
- VI. Pay Invoices
  - The following March invoices were presented:
    - i. Costin Group - \$2,500
    - ii. SEH (JPB) - \$1,077.62
  - Commissioner's Jugovich/Sjoblom motioned to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Other Business
  - Summer meeting rotation schedule was discussed and to be confirmed at May meeting.
- VIII. Next Meeting
  - The next meeting will be May 10th (9AM) at the St Louis County office in Cook.
- IX. Adjournment:
  - Commissioner's Jugovich/Hell motioned to adjourn at 11:05 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

*Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.*

*Paul McDonald*

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Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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