

**Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Committee Members Present: Sandra Rummel-Chair, Wendy Wulff-Vice Chair, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Gary Van Eyll

Committee Members Absent: Harry Melander

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Schreiber to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2013 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried.**

1. **2013-307 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for 1-MN-342 Interceptor Reconstruction, MCES Project No. 807616, Contract No. 13P138.** It is recommended that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the 1-MN-342 Interceptor Reconstruction, MCES Project Number 807616, Contract No. 13P138, with Minger Construction, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$4,071,329.40.
2. **2013-308 Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for the St. Bonifacius Lift Station and Force Main Improvements, MCES Project No. 808200.** It is recommended that the Metropolitan Council authorize its General Manager of Environmental Services to hold a public hearing for the Draft Facility Plan for the St. Bonifacius Lift Station and Force Main Improvements, MCES Project No. 808200.
3. **2013-309 Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for Seneca Interceptor Improvements, MCES Project No. 808000.** It is recommended that the Metropolitan Council authorize the General Manager of Environmental Services to hold a public meeting on the Draft Facility Plan for Seneca Interceptor Improvements, MCES Project No. 808000.

BUSINESS

All items on Consent Agenda.

INFORMATION

1. Ground Water Management Areas

Paul Putzier, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided background on groundwater management areas (GWMA), and summarized the DNR's responsibilities. He

explained that the area where the DNR will focus its work is based on hydrogeological boundaries; distribution and type of natural resources; water use; water quality; and jurisdictional boundaries. Initially, the three metro areas will be included, then the work will expand to the rest of the metro area. The working boundary includes Ramsey, Washington, and southern Anoka counties. The Metropolitan Council is a key partner in the process.

2. General Manager's Report

Leisa Thompson noted that there will be one more Environment Committee meeting in 2013, and told committee members to send her any ideas for meetings in 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Susan Harder
Recording Secretary