

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

**Committee Members Present: Sandra Rummel, Chair; Wendy Wulff-Vice Chair; John Đoàn, Harry Melander, Gary Van Eyll**

**Committee Members Absent: Edward Reynoso**

**Committee Members Excused: Lona Schreiber**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

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

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Đoàn to approve the minutes of the (date), 2013 regular meeting of the March 12, 2013 Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

## **BUSINESS**

### **2013-101 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Wayzata Area Improvements – Phase 3, MCES Project No. 802845, Contract No. 12P267**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Wayzata Area Improvements – Phase 3, MCES Project Number 802845, Contract No. 12P267, with Geislinger & Sons, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$2,944,559.

**Motion carried.**

### **2013-102 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the 1-GV-461 Relief Forcemain Project 805720, Contract 13P003**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Đoàn, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the 1-GV-461 Relief Forcemain Project 805720, Contract 13P003, with Minger Construction, Inc. for their bid of \$5,594,622.00.

**Motion carried.**

### **2013-103 Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Processing Improvements, MCES Project No. 807400**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the General Manager of Environmental Services to hold a public hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Processing Improvements, MCES Project No. 807400.

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **1. Water Resources Policy Plan Update - Water Quality and Surface Water Management**

Judy Sventek, Manager of Water Resources Assessment, presented information on the water quality and surface water management policy in the current Water Resources Policy Plan (WRPP). Discussion included the water quality and surface water management goals, policies, and implementation strategies.

Sventek also provided an overview of the roles of federal, state, local agencies, and the Metropolitan Council relative to water quality and surface water management.

Sventek commented on issues and areas of concern that need to be addressed in the water quality / surface water management section of the updated WRMPP. Much has been done to reduce phosphorus from our treatment plants, but improvements need to be made to find a way to balance the impacts of, and solutions for, nonpoint and point source issues. Council staff is also working with watersheds to help define the water quality and surface water management policies and implementation strategies for the new WRPP, and to help refine what needs to be included in local water plans.

Additional discussion will take place at future Environment Committee meetings.

## 2. General Manager's Report

Leisa Thompson informed the committee that National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) has selected Bill Moore to receive its *2013 National Environmental Achievement Award for Distinguished Service*. This award recognizes him for his commitment to the clean water community.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary