

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Peter Lindstrom, Chair; Kris Fredson, Phillip Sterner; Susan Vento; Raymond Zeran

Committee Members Absent:

Wendy Wulff, Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 with the following roll call:

Aye:	5	Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay:	0	
Absent:	1	Wulff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Zeran to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Vento seconded by Fredson to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020, regular meeting of the Environment Committee.

Aye:	5	Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay:	0	
Absent:	1	Wulff

Motion carried.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 2020-213 JT)

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Vento to approve the consent agenda business items.

Aye:	5	Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay:	0	
Absent:	1	Wulff

Motion carried.

1. 2020-213 JT: City of Cottage Grove 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22236-1
Requests that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record attached to the business item and take the following action:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Cottage Grove's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

2. Advise the City that it will need to submit a revised breakdown of regionally sewerred and unsewerred forecasts that reflects the total City-wide forecasts when the County SSTS information is available.

NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

2. 2020-212 JT: Credit River Township 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22100-1

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Fredson that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. That the Council revise the Regional Wastewater System Plan (Long Term Service Area Map) to reflect the timing of Regional Wastewater Service for the northern portion of The Township from a post 2040 to a 2040 timing period.
2. The Plan states that the State Disposal System (SDS) permit for the Territory community treatment system expired in February 2019. When the SDS permit is re-issued, the Township shall submit a copy of the permit to the Council for its records.
3. When the final version of the Wastewater Collection System Feasibility Study is completed, the Township shall submit a complete copy to the Council for its records.
4. The Township shall submit copies of all ordinances related to sanitary sewer service to the Council after Town Board adoption, including the resolution that adopts the Council's Waste Discharge Rules which establishes the requirements for using the Regional Wastewater Disposal System.
5. A copy of the fully executed inter-community agreement between the Township and the City of Savage outlining the terms of wastewater service shall be submitted to the Council for its records. The agreement will need to reflect the City's billing the Township for the costs related to the wastewater treatment of flow from the Township to the City.
6. Due to the age of the housing which is scheduled to be phased off of SSTS and connected to the regional wastewater system, the prevalence of clay tile services is expected to be high. The condition of the existing service between the home and the point of the new connection should be evaluated and either replaced, or rehabilitated to address potential sources of I/I.
7. Each individual phased-out SSTS septic tank and soil distribution system needs to be decommissioned consistent with Minnesota Rule Chapter 7080.2500 (See <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/7080.2500/>).

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Wulff

Motion carried.

3. 2020-221: Interceptors 1-SP-200/201 Rehabilitation, Contract 20P051

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Sterner that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Interceptors 1-SP-200/201 Rehabilitation, MCES Project No. 808823, Contract No. 20P051, with Minger Construction Company Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of ~~\$8,499,173~~ \$8,520,723.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Wulff

Motion carried.

4. 2020-222: 1-MN-310 4th St S Access Shaft and Tunnel Repair Contract 18P259 Over Run

It was moved by Fredson, seconded by Zeran that the Metropolitan Council authorizes an increase in the General Manager's delegated construction contract change order authority for the 1-MN-310 4th St S Access Shaft and Tunnel Repair project, Contract 18P259 from \$392,967 to \$422,967.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Wulff

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. 2020 Water Supply Planning Report to the Minnesota Legislature:

In 2005, the Metropolitan Council was directed by Minn. Stat. § 473.1565 to carry out planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the metropolitan area. The Metropolitan Council fulfills this role by developing and maintaining a base of technical information; developing and periodically updating a metropolitan area master water supply plan; and making recommendations for clarifying roles and responsibilities, streamlining decision-making and approval processes, and funding. The Metropolitan Council does this work in consultation with Metropolitan Area Water Supply Policy and Technical Advisory Committees (MAWSAC and TAC) and in collaboration with municipalities in the metro area.

The Metropolitan Council submits reports to the legislature regarding its findings, recommendations, and planning activities to be included in the Minnesota Water Plan, and five-year interim reports are provided as necessary.

Lanya Ross, Environmental Analyst, presented about this report, including background information and proposed outline:

- 1) Background information (regional water supply context; partners)
- 2) Master water supply plan
- 3) Technical information (projects and programs)
- 4) Recommendations (roles & responsibilities, decision-making & approval processes, funding)
- 5) Outcomes & case studies (what was the water supply picture in 2005 versus 2020?)
 - a. Better understanding of shared resources and challenges
 - b. Successful sub-regional collaborative platform to advance water sustainability goals
 - c. Better management/long-term resiliency of shared resources
 - d. More resources focused on regional water supply challenges
 - e. Better equipped to pursue next steps

Comments & Questions:

Chair Lindstrom inquired if this is something we present to a legislative committee. Staff stated the last time we submitted to the legislative water board was 10 years ago. The report is submitted as part of the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) water plan. We anticipate an invitation to present what we have been doing over the past 5-10 years.

We have a good story to tell on how we can use the money for grants, etc. Look forward to seeing the report.

Committee Member Vento stated that she represents the council on EQB as well as communities who have been affected by Water Gremlin. Looking for ways for us to create greater knowledge for consumers. Need to think about what we are putting down our drains. Thank you to staff who have put this together. Chair Lindstrom stated that the Committee would be interested in hearing feedback from the upcoming EQB meeting.

Committee Member Sterner was wondering if it would be helpful to have committee members present at legislative meetings to show support. Chair Lindstrom stated he would support.

Staff requested for feedback on particular effort/project that we should highlight or a challenge we've undertaken. Chair Lindstrom stated collaboration with MNTAP, UofM sending students to local governments and industry to help conserve water or assist the local government to educate consumers about options to conserve resources. Pointing out the success stories and the work needed regarding contaminants of emerging concern. The Metropolitan Council and communities are addressing plumes and taking necessary actions to resolve.

2. General Manager Report

If Committee members have items they would like brought before this committee, please let leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us know.

Chair Lindstrom encouraged the committee to listen to a podcast or read a Star Tribune column called "Curious Minnesota" published in the prior week.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee Meeting of August 11, 2020.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary